

Sparkles.

MATCHLESS women—maiden aunts.
PEOPLE who live in gas houses had better not throw squibs.

MORMONS ought to be good sailors—they have so much marry-time experience.

THE parsons out west think roller-skating has a tendency to promote backsliding.

NEVER judge by appearances. A ten-dollar dude may have a two-dollar salary.

YOU can always tell a room kept by a bachelor—the windows look kind of frosted like.

FOR ASTHMA AND PHLEGIS. Mix one teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Pain Killer in three tablespoonfuls of syrup, and take two or three teaspoonfuls of the mixture every fifteen minutes, till relief is obtained.

THE Queen Anne style is all right. It is the crazy Jane style that is working the mischief with American architecture.

WHY is a retired woman like the raisins in a boarding-house plum pudding? Because she is seldom seen and never heard.

"THIS is the unkindest cut of all," sadly said the boarder, when the landlady put the neck of a centenarian chicken on his plate.

DOCTORS say drinking too much coffee makes bald heads. Telling the female head of the house that her coffee is "nothing but slops" will also do it.

DRIVE IT AWAY. Drive away all poisonous humour from the blood, yet it develops in scrofula or some chronic form of disease. Burdock Blood Bitters will do it.

IT sometimes happens that a man ransacks the whole house for a pin, and unable to find one drops into a chair in disgust, and is immediately and unexpectedly rewarded for his search.

AN Irishman, speaking of a friend he met in the street, said: "He is so much altered that I scarcely knew him. I am thin and you are thin, but he is thinner than both of us put together."

AN old negro woman, praying for a certain slanderer, said: "O Lord, won't you be kind enough to take the door of his mouth off, and when you put it on again just hang it on the gospel hinges of peace on earth and good will to men?"

Master: "Well, Susan, did you mail my letter as I told you?" Faithful servant: "Yes, sir; but I had it weighed first, and, as it was double weight, I put on another stamp." Master: "Good girl. Only I hope you didn't put it on so as to obliterate the address." Faithful servant: "Oh, no, indeed, sir. I just stuck it on top of the other stamp, so as to save room."

A LADY—a French lady is showing a visitor the family portraits in a picture gallery. "That officer there in the uniform," she says, "was my great-great-grandfather. He was as brave as a lion, but one of the most unfortunate of men. He never fought a battle in which he did not have an arm or leg carried away." Then she adds proudly: "He took part in twenty-four engagements."

EASILY CAUGHT. It is very easy to catch cold, but not so easy to cure it unless you use Haggard's Pectoral Balm, the best remedy for all throat, bronchial and lung troubles, coughs, colds and consumptive tendencies.

A quaint writer tells of a very good prayer which was once offered: A brother was praying with much noise for faith—soul-saving faith, sin-killing faith, devil-driving faith. There was a quiet friend near to him, to whom the noisy brother owed a large bill. "Amen," said the quiet friend: "Amen, and give us debt-paying faith too." My friends, we need that faith nowadays. People do not believe in religion that does not do that. And they might well not believe in it, for he that does not do his duty to his brother whom he has seen, how will he do his duty to his God, whom he has not seen.

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A YOUNG minister and his wife visited the congregation where his father was previously the pastor. He preached on the Sabbath, and, after service, one of the venerable elders, speaking with the young minister's wife, said, "Your husband preached from the same text that his father had the last time he was in the pulpit." "Indeed!" replied the lady: "I hope it was not the same sermon, too." "Oh, no," said the good elder, "his father was a dreadful smart man."

THE PRESIDENT'S SISTER.

MISS CLEVELAND ON THE ROSTRUM—SOME THOUGHTS SUGGESTED BY HER LECTURE.

In June, 1883, Miss Elizabeth Cleveland, present mistress of the White House, delivered an address before the Elmira, N.Y., Female College, which the Presbyterian *Evangelist* pronounced "great,"—a deserved compliment to an excellent woman. It was entitled "Altruistic Faith," and for her illustration she took Chedidja, first wife of Mohammed, who was rich, and much older than he was when she married him. When asked in later years why he did not put her away and take a younger wife, he replied that he loved her best because she believed in him when all men despised him. Chedidja's faith made Mohammed.

There is faith in God, faith in self, and in humanity. The first produces the others. Faith in humanity believes that life is worth living and worth saving. You will have much hunger and thirst; will crave affection when the bloom of youth is supplanted by the ashen hue of age; will cry aloud for help in infirmities, must needs come, because those on whom women rely, though themselves powerless to relieve them of their intolerable aches, pains, prostrations, sleepless nights of agony, and days of distress—because of the narrowness of their code and the selfishness of their purpose—restrain them from resorting to those agencies which may lift women to a plane of greater usefulness, and to a nobler life.

Many a woman lacks the faith of Chedidja. If they had faith in their own reserve of physical power, confidence in the personal experience of others would follow; and instead of a race of suffering mortals—slaves to the prejudices of those whose only interest in them is bounded by their professional fees—we should see nobility of station reinforced by nobility of mind and robustness of life.

The power to rid themselves of the aches, pains and desperate despair which afflict them, "is in women, and ought to come out. You all have a countless amount of testimony." Some one will say to you: "Go on, and you will conquer."

"How?" Do as your sisters have done? Have faith in their indisputable experiences. We want more life and fuller, and need all the help we can get. Man would fail were it not for the Chedidjas. There is much in good digestion to keep a woman sweet and lovable. There is more in thorough action of the great blood-purifying organs—the liver and kidneys, for if they are deranged women cannot have the physical comfort so craved and prayed for. To secure this, the help they need,—the help that thousands have already used, and to which they say they owe all they possess,—is Warner's safe cure. Mrs. Maria C. Treadwell, Stamford, Conn. (President of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union), a well-known leader, says: "It is the only thing that seemed to reach my case." These unprejudiced thousands have blessed the world because they have become Chedidjas, who have felt it their duty to declare their own faith and to inspire their sisters with confidence in the extraordinary up-building energy of this wonderful discovery.

Miss Cleveland has evidently an original and fertile mind, and we are indebted to her interesting lecture, a few thoughts from which we have copied, for a text out of which the above suggestions have grown.

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