

NOTES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. H. BUTLER.—Thanks for your ingenious questions. They may be used some day, but we cannot do so now.

R. L. T., Massena, N. Y.—Back numbers of TRUTH are cheerfully sent when we happen to have them. There were none of the date you wished, however.

J. S., Armadale, Ont.—Cases such as you refer to are often too serious and too much complicated to be met by any general medical directions. By far the wisest and best course is to consult a reliable doctor and put your case in his hands.

E. R., Montreal.—You can compete as often as you like for the various prizes, but the subscription fee must accompany each. We positively cannot afford any such prizes on any other conditions.

G. E. J., Mill Cove.—We cannot possibly meet your wishes about your story. Every competitor, without any exception, must be treated alike. There is positively no partiality or favor. Would like to meet your wishes, but cannot under the circumstances. Your answer received in time, but others were still more entitled to the consolation award.

S. RICHARDSON, Hamilton.—The present winter is known as that of 1884 and 1885 for the simple reason that it extends from the latter end of last year into the present one. If the winter months were from January to July, or any other months between January and December, the winter would be called the winter of the year in which it fell. Next winter will be that of 1885-6.

R. D., Amherstburg.—The motto of the State of Massachusetts, "*Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem*," may be translated, "She seeks peaceful quiet with the sword under liberty."

OLD SUBSCRIBER, Kingsville.—A white silk fur may be rendered darker by dyeing it black.

The Way to do It.

The following highly characteristic story told of the eccentric Grand-Duke Constantine, the late Czar Alexander's eldest son. While residing at Warsaw, Constantine gave a splendid banquet to a number of the great Polish nobles, to each of whom, at the conclusion of the feast, an ordinary tallow-candle was served on a plate by the attendant lackeys. As soon as all his guests were supplied with these peculiarly unappealing objects, the Grand-Duke, who had previously ordered that an imitation candle, admirably executed in marchpano, should be placed upon his plate, rose from his seat and exclaimed, "Gentlemen, let us eat, to the honor of Russia, the favorite national comestible of my country. Look at this. This is the way to do it." So saying, he threw back his head, opened his mouth wide, and inserted therein two inches or so of the dainty in question. As he closed his mouth, however, the expression of his countenance suffered an extraordinary change. One of the noblemen sitting in his immediate vicinity had contrived to substitute his own genuine tallow-candle for the marchpano imitation set before the Grand-Duke, who, on choosing to betray himself to his guests, had himself condemned to chew at least a couple of mouthfuls of good Russian tallow, as an example to all the victims of his delectable jest, none of whom dared to abstain from doing as the terrible Constantine did. Hence it is needless to say that the wretched appropriator of the marchpano candle, while devouring that toothsome side with a joyful heart, baffled suspicion by hideous visual contortions, expressive of choking and nausea.

A studying character do not be blind to the shortcomings of a warm friend or the sting of a bitter enemy.—[Whitehall.

We cannot hardly make a greater mistake than to imagine those have most who have least sorrow, or have the best in what is most like heaven.

It is vain for any one to speak of divine things without something of divine affections. It has not been able to prevail upon himself to be holy, and no marvel if he fail in prevailing upon others.

Exchange Department.

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A rare gold coin, a spade guinea, for the best offer in three weeks. Address H. J. W., 167 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

A printing-press (chase 2 by 3) with two fonts of type, for the best offer of a polytypion or magic lantern. WILLIAM LOTT, Box 1914, New York City.

A pretty colored card, for a postmark from Mexico or Japan; 2 cards, for a stamp from Honolulu, Brazil, Hong Kong, Japan, Guatemala, Nicaragua, China, Australia, or East India. RANSOM BRACKETT, Box 701, Coldwater, Mich.

I will exchange 1 Belgium stamp twenty centimes; one two centime; one one centime; one Cape Good Hope penny; for one Philippine Island, rose color, 1850, and one Ceylon two-cent, 1872, brown color. ARTHUR DAVENPORT, Bradford, Ont., Canada.

I have a copy of the life of Walter Savage Landor, in good condition, which I would like to exchange for a year's numbers of some magazine or story paper. Ballou's or Arther's, or N. Y. Fireside Companion, preferred. Best offer accepted. Write A. J. Cole, Bradford, Steuben Co., N. Y.

Steam engine and boiler, about 1½ horse-power, boiler made of copper, cost when new \$100, guaranteed safe and sound, with safety valve, trycocks, etc. Would exchange for first-class new row-boat, or Rice Lake canoe, delivered here. Might trade for some other article; make me an offer. Address Box 240, Brockville, Ont.

One gain twist rifling machine, in good working order, has wood leader and steel floating rod, with clasp and set screw to hold barrel, is gauged to cut three, four, five, six or eight grooves. Will exchange for bees, high-class poultry, or for others. Also, one nickel plated, 22 calibre revolver, in good shooting order and good shooter. Will exchange for books or for others. All communications answered. R. TANSWILL, Garrattsville, Otsego Co., N. Y.

I have a Cremonese long range rifle, "E. Remington and Son," pistol grip, ventur and wind gauge sights, spirit level and two extra disks. Would like to exchange for good Bb cornet or baritone and well-bound books, or any useful articles. I won rifle as first prize in one competition of Nova Scotia Provincial Rifle Association, where it was valued at \$50.00. It is in good order. Have never used it. Correspondence solicited. ROBERT GASS, Shubutacade, Nova Scotia, Canada.

I have an amateur photographic outfit (which cost \$14 a year ago), consisting of a camera for taking pictures 3½ by 4½ inches, 1 acromatic lens, 1 double dry plate holder, tripod, printing frame instruction book, etc. Also a collection of over 400 postage stamps, valued at \$5.00, including 25 varieties of old Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and other rare stamps. Also a patent screw extension hand bracket-saw, the best made, and as good as new, which cost \$2.50. All of which I will exchange for a good double or single breaching gun, 10 or 12 bore, or for a good printing-press, with type and outfit, size of chase not less than 4 by 6 inches, or for a stem-winding silver watch in good running order. Accepted offers answered. Address H. W. HANINGTON, care of Hon. D. L. Hanington, Q.C., Dorchester, New Brunswick.

A Useful Article.

An umbrella and a cane case is as useful a thing to hang on the inside of a closet door as is a shoebag, and it is built on the same general plan. Heavy linen or a thick towelling with a finish like momic cloth is the material used, and about a yard and a quarter will be needed; but it is better not to buy it in the piece, but select it all stamped at the fancy goods store, as there is then no waste. Upon a black ground, a little over a yard in length, is fastened two long, narrow pockets about thirty inches in length, into which the umbrellas can be slipped. This front part is in one piece, wider than the back so as to give the necessary fullness, hand stitched down on the back through the middle to make the two divisions. A lining for the back, of lasting or satin in some harmonious color, a binding of braid and two loops at the top complete the article. The designs which are at the top of the back piece and down the front of each pocket are pretty, varied, and appropriate, and are embroidered in solid work, or are outlined in stem stitch, or braided as preferred.

The adversities of many furnish success for the few.

Wherever men are struggling and striving and suffering, be sure that the life of Christ is there. For He does not wrap Himself up in His Heavenly home, and look out of the window only, upon this far-off earth; He lives in our nature.

Weather Changes Foretold By Actions of Animals.

The behavior of some animals has long been known as a means of predicting the coming changes of the weather. The lower animals are more significant in this respect than others of a higher organization. Thus snails and frogs are more susceptible of changes in the weather than birds, and it is well known that swallows, peacocks, geese, and other birds, and pigs and some other animals exhibit very conspicuous signs of an approaching change. Snails drink by imbibing moisture through tubercles in the skin, and some time before rain these tubercles are extended and become quite protuberant. Some snails change color from yellow to blue, others climb trees and get on the leaves, on the upper side if the rain is to be short, and on the under side if it is to be long. Swallows fly low just before rain, skimming the ground or the surface of ponds or rivers; blue jays and peacocks cry loudly and persistently; geese act as if washing themselves in water, and "squawk" with great vigor; ants rush hither and thither as if greatly excited; frogs croak clamorously; gnats gather in clouds under trees; pigs squeak and carry bunches of straws in their mouths to make up their beds; dogs curl up and go to sleep; cats lie with their backs to the fire; flies even exhibit greater animosity in teasing their victims, and mosquitoes and gnats are greater torments than ever at other times. Even people feel restless and irritable, and rheumatics feel twinges in their joints and limbs, and old wounds and even amputated limbs suffer severe nervous pains. The reason of it is doubtless due to the greater rarity or lightness of atmosphere which precedes the advent of a storm and the fall of rain, and in some cases also to the special influence of electrical action.

The Sentry at Khartoum.

Death was Gen. Gordon's kindest friend. For many years he had anticipated it as a merciful deliverance from a life of unremitting toil and agony of mind and body. When he was in Abyssinia, King Johannes said to him: "Do you know that I could kill you on the spot if I liked?" "Well," replied Gen. Gordon, "I am ready!" "What! ready to be killed?" "Certainly, I am always ready to die; and so far from fearing your putting me to death, you would confer a favor on me by so doing, for you would be doing for me that which I am precluded by my religious scruples from doing for myself—you would deliver me from all the troubles and misfortunes which the future day may have in store for me." The treacherous black who stabbed him in the back as he was leaving the palace to rally his troops at Khartoum did what King Johannes, abashed by the patience and fortitude of his prisoner, was ashamed to countenance.

Moral Character.

There is nothing which adds so much to the beauty and power of man, as a good moral character. It is his wealth—his influence—his life. It dignifies him in every station, exalts him in every condition, and glorifies him at every period of life. Such a character is more to be desired than anything else on earth. It makes a man free and independent. No servile tool—no crouching cycephant—no treacherous honor-seeker ever bore such a character. The pure joys of truth and righteousness never spring in such a person. If young men but knew how much a good character would dignify and exalt them, how glorious it would make their prospects, even in this life, never should we find them yielding to the grovelling and baseborn purposes of human nature.

He who can collect and arrange his thoughts, to whom Heaven has granted a dispassionate nature, who enters without hatred or love into the great questions of this world with all rational beings on his side, must gain the victory or perish; but, dying thus, at least he dies in good company.

Wit.

When wit is combined with sense and information; when it is softened by benevolence and restrained by principle; when it is in the hands of a man who can use it and despise it, who can be witty and something more than witty, who loves honor, justice, decency, good nature, morality, and religion ten thousand times better than wit; wit is then a beautiful and delightful part of our nature. Genuine and innocent wit like this is surely the flavor of the mind. Man could direct his ways by plain reason, and support his life by tasteless food; but God has given us wit, and flavor, and brightness, and laughter, and perfumes, to enliven the days of man's pilgrimage, and to charm his pained steps over the burning marl.—Sidney Smith.

Facts Relating to the Draft Horses of France.

While some people in America call all horses imported from France Normans, it is a fact that there is no breed in France called by that name by the French people: the name Norman, therefore, is purely American. The principal breeds of France are known as Percherons and Boulonnais. The Percherons are the most highly prized of all French races, and all departments of France go to the Perche for stallions to improve their local breeds. The Percheron Stud Book of France is published under the authority of the French Government and admits only animals of pure Percheron origin and birth, established by their pedigree and the pedigree of their ancestors for generations. The fact that no records of pedigree can be furnished with any of the more common breeds of France, explains the eagerness of many importers in insisting that all horses imported from France are alike, and that pedigree are useless.

It is a well known fact that what a man gives for a horse over from \$500 to \$800—the price of a good grade—is paid for purity of blood; and where the seller is not able to give the recorded pedigree of the animal sold as evidence of additional value, he has no right to ask it. With these facts before him, an intelligent man will buy a horse imported from France unless he is recorded with the pedigree in full in the stud book in France, and the importer furnishes with his bill of sale the French certificate of registration, as this is his only guarantee of safety, a large number of horses of unknown blood being imported to this country and sold as pure bred.

Pennmakers are a bad set. They make people steel pens and they say they do write.

Young Men! Read This.

THE VOLTAIC BELT Co., of Marshall, Mich., offer to send their celebrated ELECTRO-VOLTAIC BELT and other ELECTRIC APPLIANCES on trial for thirty days, to men (young or old) afflicted with nervous debility, loss of vitality, and all kindred troubles, also for rheumatism, neuralgia, paralysis, and many other diseases. Complete restoration to health, vigor and manhood guaranteed. No risk is incurred, as thirty days' trial is allowed. Write them at once for illustrated pamphlet free.

The difference between home and a boarding house is that at one they have pillow-shams and at the other they have sham pillows.

What! Limping Yet?

Why should you go limping around when PUTNAM'S PAINLESS CORN EXTRACTOR will remove your corns in a day. It will give almost instant relief and a guaranteed cure in the end. Be sure you get the genuine Putnam's Corn Extractor, made by Polson & Co., Kingston, for many substitutes are being offered, and in it is always better to get the best. Safe, sure, painless.

CATARRH—A NEW TREATMENT.

Perhaps the most extraordinary success that has been achieved in modern science has been attained by the Dixon Treatment of catarrh out of 2,000 patients treated during the past six months, fully ninety per cent. have been cured of this stubborn malady. This is none the less startling when it is remembered that not five per cent. of the patients presenting themselves to the regular practitioner are cured, while the patent medicines and other advertised cures never record a cure at all. Starting with the claim now generally believed by the most scientific men that the disease is due to the presence of living bacteria in the tissues, Mr. Dixon at once adopted his cure to their extermination, thus accomplishing the catarrh practically cured, and the organism is as mentioned, as cured effected by him four years ago are cured still. No one else has ever attempted to cure catarrh in this manner, and no other treatment has ever cured catarrh. The application of the remedy is simple and can be done at home, and the present season of the year is the most favorable for a speedy and permanent cure the majority of cases cured at one treatment. Sufferers should correspond with Messrs. A. H. DIXON & CO., 25 King-street West, Toronto, Canada, for a full and complete description of their treatment and a full list of their cures.

Good terminal facilities—A pair of stout boots.