

INSURANCE SOCIETY TO PROMOTE WEDDED BLISS.

Leave an Order for a Husband and Avoid Old-Maidship. (New York Herald.)

Insurance against old maidenhood, help for the lovers, hope for the aged and the widows—these are some of the beneficent purposes of the First American Ladies' Self-Assisting Society, recently incorporated at Albany under the laws of the State of New York.

In token thereof and in explanation thereof, the society on Oct. 10 issued the following dodger, which is being distributed widely throughout the east side, and one of which found its way to my door.

The incorporators, whose names appear at the end of the circular, are all working people, some of them middle aged men, with families, among whom the profit is to be divided, after payment of accruing policies.

Notice to the Public! We hereby beg to notify the American public that a society has been organized by the name of the First American Ladies' Self-Assisting Association, for the purpose of protecting and assisting women in their matrimonial affairs.

A good standing member for two years, paying a proposition fee of \$1 and 25c, for a constitution book and 50c. monthly dues, is entitled at the expiration of two years to from \$200 to \$500.

We understand that this circular might impress you as being a fraud or a humbug, but we want to assure the public that we are a legitimate body, acting under the laws of New York State, and that our books are always open for inspection by any one who desires to investigate.

The condition of society at the present time, which forces girls to work hard for a small pittance, barely enough for their living necessities, far less to put away for the future, makes this society an absolute necessity, and we want that the public be slow in perceiving the advantages to be derived and assist in this noble effort.

All information and explanations can be had from the party handing you this circular, or from Mr. —, No. — East — street.

Hoping you will give this matter serious consideration, we remain, fraternally yours, First American Ladies' Self-Assisting Association.

Up, up, up, I wouldn't attempt to count how many flights of stairs, I found Mr. Gustav Yunglieb and Mr. Abraham Walker doing a land office business in one small front room of an east side tenement, the present headquarters of the society, pending the completion of its new offices elsewhere.

The most prominent characteristic of the office was the vociferous scratching of a very bad pen driven violently over a ledger by a middle-aged man of serious mien. Four young persons, three girls and a man, sat around the man of the noisy pen, and the girls looked at the floor and with the ferrules of tightly rolled umbrellas traced out the faded red roses in a much worn Brussels carpet.

Roses, artificial roses, also red and faded, bloomed upon the desk of the scribe, and a pretty young girl stood close by, watching the hand that drove the noisy pen.

All was so serious, so matter of fact, that one might have thought for a gas receipt, when the business looking man stopped scratching and looked up into the young girl's face as much as to say, "What next?"

"I should prefer a man with a dark moustache," hearing which there was a suppressed giggle from the sofa.

"A dark moustache," echoed the scribe. "A dark moustache," scratched the pen. "How old?" asked the scribe. "I am not particular," replied the girl. "Anywhere from twenty to thirty."

"Age immaterial. Twenty to thirty preferred," scraped the pen. "Any old thing will do. Oh, any old thing will do," hummed the male voice from the sofa.

A Serious Business. "Say," remonstrated Mr. Yunglieb, "this is no joke. This is a serious business. This is a corporation doing business under the laws of the State of New York, and here is our charter," flashing a formidable document before the merry quartette.

his explanation almost word for word as he gave it to me: "The chief aim of the society is to help women and girls to find good husbands and establish comfortable homes.

"This society is no joke any more than marriage is a joke. It's a pretty serious thing when a woman reaches middle age and finds herself an old maid, and with no prospects before her but the charity of relatives or the poorhouse.

Love Only Incidental. "Sentiment! Well, I guess not. This is business—strictly business. This society is organized on strictly business principles, like an insurance company or the Ice Trust. I don't understand me; that there isn't any such thing as love and sentiment, but they are incidental, merely incidental, when it comes to a poor girl marrying.

"Marriage for our east side girl is almost dependent upon the dot, unless, of course, she is lucky enough to have a few thousand dollar beauty or clever enough to win the love of a man just by her little tricks and ways. But when girls work hard all day in factories and sweat shops they don't have much time to either practice up on catchy ways or to improve what good looks they have.

"If a girl has relatives or friends to provide this dot and she is half way good looking she needn't worry much about the future, but say she is homely and plain, and has not a cent in the world save her weekly wages.

What Chance Has She? "Not a ghost of a chance. An east side girl has got to have enough money to buy the furniture, and the very least she can comfortably furnish on is \$500. Our scheme for furnishing this necessary \$500 is very simple.

"When a girl joins the society she pays an initiation fee of \$1.25 and fifty cents per month dues. At the expiration of two years she is entitled to from \$200 to \$300, exactly which amount depending upon the strength of the society and the time that her policy becomes due. We call it a marriage policy just as the insurance companies speak of an insurance policy.

We have now 300 members, and expect 400 within the next week—that is counting upon an increase at the same rate as we have been enrolling members.

"Of course it will be necessary to limit the number of marriages, as we will be able to cash only so many policies during a given period. We have stipulated that no more than ten marriages a month shall take place among our members—that is at first—until the girl must have belonged to the society two years at least before she can avail herself of the financial benefits. If however, she marries before that time, and keeps up her membership, paying all necessary dues, she can claim her \$200 at the expiration of her two years' membership, when the \$200 will come in just as good as cash.

A memorandum of all these points is taken when they register as members, and from that time on we proceed in every delicate manner possible, to bring them into the company of their ideal men. We help them to secure escorts to balls and theatres and parties, and in every possible and conceivable way seek to further their matrimonial possibilities.

"But," I inquired, "if at the end of two years she were still unable to find a suitable husband, or having found one, discovers him to be fickle and faithless, what would be her status with the Ladies' Self-Assisting Society?"

At hearing which Mr. Gustav Yunglieb beamed satisfaction. "Now, that's just the beauty of the whole scheme," he said, triumphantly. "If she don't find anybody to suit her, or the fellow 'goes back' on her, she is permitted to withdraw her savings, with interest."

A REVIVAL OF SNUFFING. Much Time Wasted by a Habit of a Former Age. There has been some casting about for the cause of the present expected revival of snuffing, says the Westminster Gazette. It has been suggested that the bicycle may be responsible, as it is impossible to enjoy a cigar on the wheel; but that seems to be hardly correct. Perhaps some cynic of to-day may be inclined to suggest, as Steele did, "When a person feels his thoughts run out, it is natural to supply his weak place with powder."

A serious objection to snuff-taking in a busy age like this is the time it wastes. A noble lord once made the ingenious calculation that "if we suppose this practice to be persisted in for forty years, two entire years of the snuff-taker's life will be dedic'ted to tickling his nose, and two more to blowing it."

He Wanted to Explain. The man up by the front door of the car was badly bowlegged, but no one had noticed it as he entered, and the fact would have entirely escaped observation had he not suddenly queried of the passenger on his left, "You noticed my legs, of course?" "Not particularly," was the reply. "I thought I saw you squinting. My legs are bowed."

"But I want you to know how it came about," continued the man. "I wasn't born this way."

"No, sir I wasn't. It has all come to me from having to hitch along on the kitchen roof and climb through a window when the old woman locks the door out of doors, and want the blame placed where it belongs."

SOZODONT for the TEETH 25c SOZODONT Tooth Powder 25c

PLINY THE ELDER; IS THIS HIS SKELETON?

The noted archaeologist Rodolfo Lanciani writes to the Athenaeum: In July, 1899, certain desultory excavations were undertaken on the farm of Signor Matrone, between the River Sarno and the Stabian gate of Pompeii, near the Molino Flenzo, not for any archaeological or scientific purpose, but in quest of valuable and marketable objects.

The remains brought to light include a set of shops, built in the reticulated style opening on a porch or veranda, which runs parallel with the high road. One of the shops, filled with earthen amphorae, belonged to a wine-seller, a second to a carpenter, a third to a dealer in such implements as a large court opens behind the shops, with an oven in the centre; the place, in short, shows the characteristics of a country inn situated on the Via Stabiana, near the mouth of the Sarno, on the main line of retreat of the panic-stricken Pompeians.

Seventy or eighty fugitives had been found sheltering under the roof of the inn, almost in view of the fleet which had sailed from Miseno to their rescue. The greatest number of them were clustered on the porch, towards the river, where Pliny's Liburna was probably anchored—a poor and wretched lot of fugitives carrying away in their flight only their copera. Six or seven skeletons were found lying in the court near the oven, also with no objects of value; but a party of twenty men, mostly of the lower and middle ranks, were overtaken by death in the middle section of the veranda. Their gold necklaces were still fastened around their necks; bracelets on their wrists; their wrists; precious rings still fitted their fingers.

Among this group of well-to-do fugitives one seemed to occupy the place of honor, a person whose skull betrays a superior intelligence, and of a noble demeanor. He wore a chain of sixty-four gold rings wound thrice around the neck, two armlets on the right arm, a signet ring, and a dagger in the left side. The dagger has a blade of steel, a handle carved in ivory, and a scabbard ornamented with gold and silver. This person was evidently the wealthy fumes of the volcano while sitting against the wall, probably on a sedan-chair or a "lectica," the brass ornaments of which have been found in situ.

The excavations, unfortunately, were carried on with surprising negligence, no descriptions nor photographs being taken of the most interesting details. I can only express, therefore, any opinion on the statement made by Signor Mariano Canizaro (in a pamphlet published on Sept. 15th, 1891, for private circulation only, by the Athenaeum Press of London) that the skeleton may be that of Pliny the Elder himself. Canizaro's deductions are extremely clever, but they are very out of the way.

The skeleton was found surrounded by a vast number of household goods, such as tripods and lamps; with statuettes of domestic gods, some cast in bronze, some moulded in terracotta. Unless these objects belonged to Pompeians, in whose company Pliny probably was at the time of the catastrophe, they cannot be connected with the notion of the gallant old admiral rushing to the rescue of the Pompeians and Herulanians with a lot of clay figurines in his hands.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. A Parrot in a Whirlwind. Here is the latest parrot story: A certain retired General of the Indian army possessed a parrot, and no one was more fond of it than the General's wife. The parrot was a valuable bird, but was rather a nuisance by reason of its extreme talkativeness. One day, while the General was writing his business card of a Miss Greene, he came upon a continual chatter, very disturbing to the writer. At last the General could stand it no longer, and jumping up, he seized the cage of the unhappy bird, which he whirled vigorously round and round, at the same time swearing vigorously. Then he set the cage down again, and allowed for a few minutes to pass, but the parrot, a feeble voice came from the interior of the cage. "General," it inquired in quivering accents, "where were you when that cyclone struck us?"

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. Argumentum ad Hominum—Prof. Syle (pronounced Sill), of the State University of California, cannot tolerate snobberies on the part of his scholars, and any such offence is sure to call forth some keen, sarcastic comment. The other day, while calling the roll of one of his classes, Greene, he paused and expressed his disapproval of the final "e" in her name by saying: "G-r-e-e-n-e, does that spell Green or Greene?"

Miss Greene thought a moment and replied innocently: "S-y-l-l-e, does that spell Syle or Sillie?"—The Argonaut.

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Plattsville, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Some three and a half years ago, The Plattsville Echo, the local newspaper, published quite an extended account of a most miraculous cure of a well-known and highly respected lady, Mrs. J. Barnett, who had been extremely ill for years, and who claimed to be permanently cured by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. This good lady, according to her own statement, had been a physical wreck, with nervousness, rheumatism in the left arm, pains in the small of the back, up the spinal column and back of the head, through the eyes, left side of the body and occasionally the right side. She had no appetite and could not sleep at nights. The physicians had given her up, and in this pitiful and hopeless condition, Dodd's Kidney Pills found her and completely restored her to good health without her fall at the end of 1898, and to-day Mrs. Barnett states positively and in the strongest and most grateful terms that the cure Dodd's Kidney Pills brought her was absolute and permanent; that she is to-day stronger and better than she had been for years before taking the pills. Nothing could be more convincing than this good woman's plain and truthful statement, and it proves beyond doubt the lasting character of the cures effected by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

A Few Points. There will always be enough trouble to go round, and some people would like to see heaven closed on Sundays. Every man believes that he is an exception to some rule or other. A man doesn't have to be generous to give up his rule and then not keep his promise.

A man is never so bad that he can't be worse, nor so good that he can't be better. Vaccination won't keep a thief from taking things.—Philadelphia Record.

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SILVER GIFTS ARE IN FAVOR.

The jewelry stores are showing many novelties in the way of wedding gifts, and by far the most fashionable are those of silver. The white party gilt finish in old Dutch designs. A very beautiful service was among the gifts at a recent fashionable wedding at Philadelphia. The extreme elegance in shape of the sugar bowl with this service was much commented on. It was a perfect reproduction of the pineapple.

As it is in vogue to use odd pieces in silver as well as in China on the tea table, it will be proper to combine the antique and the Dutch silver. Tea caddies make very attractive additions to the tea table in Dutch silver.

The new idea in glassware makes a most desirable gift, and one any bride may be proud of. This elegant glassware is shown in olive and bonbon dishes. A particularly effective olive dish has a design in strawberries in wreath form with a narrow gilt border on either side.

Perhaps the most acceptable of gifts are the beautiful pieces of bric-a-brac in Royal Vienna ware, and the shops are showing an unlimited variety.

These effective bronze electroliers are also there to tempt one, and with their flowerlike globes in orchids, lilies and roses they certainly make a pardonable extravagance.

These electroliers are far more dainty in design and color than the majority of lamps, of which the bride of old was always generously supplied with.

I will not close without telling you of another gift just ordered for a friend of the near future. It is a fruit comote in Dutch silver, supported by three small cupids.

A Left-Handed Explanation. A servant girl, who always attended divine service, but who also could not read, had, from constant attendance, got the service by rote, and could repeat it extremely well. But a few Sundays previous to her marriage, she was accompanied by her sweetheart, to whom she did not like to be known that she could not read. She therefore took up the prayer-book and held it before her. Her lover wished to have a sight of it also, but unfortunately for her, she held it upside down. The man, astonished, said, "Good heavens! why you have the book the wrong way upwards." "I know," replied she, "confusedly, 'I always read so, for I am left-handed.'"

Too Much to Expect. Farmer Swackhammer—I lost my wife yesterday. Farmer Pildecker—No! Dead! Swackhammer—Now! Run away with a lightning rod peddler! Pildecker—No! I offer you my sympathy. "Yes, I never did have any luck a-losin' things. Why, I lost a yaller dog fourteen times before he stayed lost."—San Francisco Bulletin.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the gums, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhea. A Twenty-five cent bottle.

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A BUSINESS SUGGESTION—WHY NOT follow the leaders and convert your business into a company? The Shareholders' Manual gives all information; sixth edition, 200 pages, 25c. Canada Railway News Company, Toronto, Ontario and Imperial Bank, Agents wanted.

Barnum's Monkeys

"All well—all happy—lots of fun". That is the regular report from the monkey cage of Barnum's Circus ever since the keepers began dosing the monkeys with Scott's Emulsion.

Consumption was carrying off two thirds of them every year and the circus had to buy new ones.

One day a keeper accidentally broke a bottle of Scott's Emulsion near the monkey cage and the monkeys eagerly lapped it up from the floor.

This suggested the idea that it might do them good. Since then the monkeys have received regular doses and the keepers report very few deaths from consumption. Of course it's cheaper to buy Scott's Emulsion than new monkeys—and that suits the circus men.

Consumption in monkeys and in man is the same disease. If you have it or are threatened with it can you take the hint?

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