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## PATRONS OF INDUSTRY MEETING.

**A Discourse on the Principles of the Order by a Practical Farmer.**

The Patrons of Industry held their first public meeting in Athens on Friday evening last. A number of villagers and a very fair turn-out of farmers attended, all anxious to learn more of the principles of an organization that has already made its influence strongly felt in the by-elections that have taken place recently.

Mr. Fuller Stevens, of Elgin, was called upon to take the chair, and after a brief explanation of the object of the meeting, he said that Mr. W. Beatty was present and twenty minutes would be allowed him to speak for or against the P. of I. Mr. Beatty declined to take advantage of the privilege, stating that he was present simply for the purpose of gaining a better knowledge of the organization. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Wilson, a practical farmer of Glengarry Co., was then introduced. His address was listened to with interest and unwearied attention, and, perhaps, no political speech ever delivered in Athens met with more general approval from both Reformers and Conservatives. Of course, there were mental reservations on the part of members of the old parties, as his denunciations were levelled at both the Toronto and Ottawa houses of parliament, but his address, in chief, was a condemnation of extravagance in administering the affairs of the country, and in this respect his sentiments were generally endorsed. He said that the primary object of the Patrons was to secure a proper representation in parliament. Notwithstanding that the farmers represented seven-tenths of the population, the country was ruled by lawyers, doctors and merchants, who did not know the needs of agriculturists and could not, or would not, pass laws in their interests. A good many seemed to think that the chief object of the Patrons was to obtain household goods at a low price. This was a secondary matter, and was not practiced in his own county, but he held that it was quite justifiable. His arguments along this line were aptly illustrated by the following story: A few years ago, in Northumberland county, hay was very scarce and sold for $18 per ton. Down in Quebec hay was selling at $11 per ton, and the merchants, liverymen, and hotel-keepers combined and brought in several car loads from that province. The farmers could not and did not object, and now when the shoe pinches the other foot merchants should not feel badly over it. The Patrons did not wish to injure the towns and villages; they desired to educate the farmers up to paying spot cash for their purchases, and when they did this, local merchants could afford to sell at such a profit as would render sending away for goods useless.

Returning to the subject of representation, he said that neither in the Ontario legislature nor the Dominion parliament were farmers represented as they should be. Many rural constituencies, when election time came, went to the towns for candidates. This ought not to be. Among the "sons of the soil" could be found men quite able and willing to present and defend the interests of farmers in the legislative halls of the country. These town and city men had framed and passed laws in the interests of the urban population, leaving the "great sevent s" to bear the burdens unjustly imposed. A lamentable result of this was seen in the influx of country boys to the cities that has taken place within the past few years. The lot of the farmer had been rendered so hard that the boys saw no hope for the future on the farm, so they had deserted the farm and cast in their lot with the more favored denizens of the towns. An instance of these discriminating laws was found in the iniquitous coal oil tax, by which dwellers in country districts were forced to pay a heavy tribute to the oil concern at Petrolea, while the gas and electric lights used by residents of cities and towns escaped taxation. Another instance was found in the fact that the "raw materials" of farmers was heavily taxed, while those of the manufacturer were admitted free of duty. Again, if a farmer's property was worth $6,000 he had to pay all the taxes, notwithstanding that some loan company held a mortgage on it of $5,000. The holder of the mortgage should pay his just proportion of the taxes on the property in which his capital is invested. The capitalists and manufacturers had been nursed long enough and farmers should now be given a chance. Last year the value of the manufacturers' exports was $6,000,000, while that of the farmers was $61,000,000, and he thought that if any nursing was to be done the farmers should receive it. He claimed that both the Grits and Tories were anxious to smash the farmers' organization, and that this feeling had been plainly manifested in the recent elections in North Bruce and South Lanark. In Bruce the Patrons had elected their man, and in Lanark they had made the battle a hard one for the old parties. He expected that in the next Ontario house the Patrons would have thirty members and forty members in the next Dominion House. The Patrons were not banded to defeat any government, but they would vote solid for the reforms demanded in their platform. He then proceeded to read the platform of his party, commenting upon and explaining at length each section. His attack on the Ontario Government for their extravagance was comparatively mild, being confined to $15,000 given as gratuities, to the expenditure in maintaining the lieutenantorial residence at Toronto, and to the indemnity paid to members of the cabinet. Turning to Ottawa, he attacked some of the minor expenditures, showing that the spirit of extravagance prevails there to a large extent. He favors the reform or abolition of the senate, and his sarcastic references to the personnel, services and enormous expenditure of the upper chamber were both amusing and convincing. He left it plainly to be inferred that if the Patrons hit the mark they are aiming at, senators will then buy their own sponges, jacknives, stationery, pocket books and trunks.

Comparing the cost of our federal government with that of the U. S., he said that 65,000,000 people here pay their Governor-General the same salary ($50,000) as the President of the U. S. receives from 65,000,000 people. Here we have sixteen cabinet ministers at an annual cost of $115,000; there the business is done by eight ministers at a cost of $64,000. He wished that a member of the government were present to defend the charge of extravagance in administration which he had made. Mr. Taylor had been with him at Lansdowne, but he thought that one meeting would prove enough for him. He had not time to speak of other features of the Patrons' Platform, but he commended it to the attention of all farmers, mechanics and laboring men, and closed his address with a brilliant peroration in which farmers, irrespective of party, were urged to unite in obtaining for their interests a due consideration and recognition from the parliaments of the country.

## CURIOUS INFORMATION.

The smallest bird in the world is the gold-crested wren.

In Australia many horseshoes are now made of cowhide instead of iron.

Australia is the only country in the world in which no native pipes have been found.

Max Kaufman, a Berlinese jeweler, has made a perfect ivory chariot with movable wheels, the whole weighing but two grains.

Gutta percha was first introduced into Europe from Malaga in 1853. The annual consumption now amounts to 4,000,000 pounds.

Immense as is the value of the gold taken from the California mines since the discovery of the precious metal there, it could all be contained in a room 40 feet long, 20 feet wide and 15 feet high.

A glass factory at Liverpool has "glass journal boxes for all its machinery, a glass floor, glass shingles on the roof, and a smoke stack, 105 feet high, built wholly of glass bricks, each a foot square."

The conquest of Egypt by the Saracens deprived Europe of papyrus, and caused the destruction of innumerable ancient works, the writing of which was scratched out that the parchment might be used again.

Many Chinese temples are provided with a bell at the entrance and when the worshiper enters he gives the rope a pull and rings the bell in order that the deity may be notified of his coming and be on hand to attend to his business.

Oyster cultivation is a very important industry in many parts of the continent. At Arcachon, on the French coast, there is a huge salt water lake open to the sea at high tide and this has become the centre for rearing and fattening the oysters.

## NOTHING SPECIAL.

An African belief is that angels spend their time pulling off the bills of mosquitoes.

Polite was formerly only polished. Cudworth speaks of "polite bodies like looking-glasses."

Madden says that in the British West Indies two centuries ago pins, slices of bread, pinches of snuff, drams of whisky, soap, cocoanuts, eggs, and other common articles were all used as money.

It has been found by the British ordnance department that workmen in the works at Woolwich are turning out as much work in a week of 48 hours as they used to do in one of 54. The quality of the work is said to be better than ever before.

During the recent strike in Glasgow one of the workmen, being asked by a gentleman if they had struck for more pay, replied: "Och, no, sor; it was just this way: Some wan said the walkin' delegate wasn't earnin' his money, and he heard it, and so he ordered us to strike!"

Gallantry to women is nothing but the appearance of extreme devotion to all their wants and miseries, a delight in their satisfaction, and a confidence in yourself as being able to contribute towards it. The slightest indifference with regard to them, or distrust of yourself, is equally fatal.

Krupp, the German cannon manufacturer, employs 16,000 men, who, with their families, number 60,000, and constitute the bulk of the population of Essen, while 30,000 others are located at various branch works. The total number of families benefited by the enterprise is estimated at 250,000.

## OF HOUSEHOLD INTEREST.

Coal is dearer in South Africa than any other part of the world; it is cheapest in China.

Each year the people of Paris eat an average of 21,000 horses, 300 donkes and 40 mules.

It is said that people eat 20 per cent. more bread when the weather is cold than when it is mild.

In Japan a man can live like a gentle man for about $250 a year. This sum will pay the rent of a house, the salaries of two servants and supply plenty of food.

About one third of the weight of an egg is solid nutriment, which is more than can be said of meat, there being no bones or though pieces that have to be thrown away.

Crocodile eggs are much sought after by the natives of Madagascar, their flavor closely resembling a mixture of rancid oil and musk. In the Pacific and West Indian Islands lizards' eggs are eaten in a variety of styles.

Kitchen knives should be cleaned as soon as they are used, and a good scouring soap should be kept in the sink for this purpose. Never put the handle of any knife, if only of common wood, into dish wate to let soak, and do not dry it on the back of the stove, as the heat will loosen the handle.

## TID-BITS FOR WOMEN.

Stylish women in Mexico never wear bonnets.

The star sapphire shows in its depths a white star with five rays.

The Prussian army contains five women who are regimental chiefs.

Don't be conceited, and above all don't make yourself the hero of your own stories.

On an average 27,000 widowers remarry as against 18,500 widows in the course of a month.

By far the greatest number of the newest fans are in the French style, and those that take our fancy most are of Louis XVI. period.

If women could ever learn that it is quite possible to combine affability with dignity in commonplace, daily intercourse with their fellow-creatures, this would be a far brighter and more agreeable world.

A perfectly formed female foot is now a rara avis. The world appears to have adopted the Chinese idea that the smaller the foot the prettier it is, and the result is that perfectly moulded feet are cramped and abused until not a line of beauty is left.

## SIDE REMARKS.

Unresponsive.—Jack—"Why don't you call on Miss Swellery any more?" Fred—"She won't respond."

An Enigma—He—"I love you." She—"Well, what are you going to do about it? You've got no money."

Their Knowledge.—Mr. Keeper—"I've known that fellow time out of mind." Mr. Lender—"I've known him money out of pocket."

A Bad Habit.—Kittie—"I heard to-day you married your husband to reform him." Sarah—"I did." Kittie—"Why, I didn't know he had any bad habits." Sarah—"He had one; he was a bachelor."

He Had His Reasons.—Higgins—"My daughter is the best pianist in town." Wiggins—"Does she practice much?" Higgins—"Six or eight hours a day." Wiggins—"Thank you. I was about to rent that house next to yours."

**No Infant Prodigy.**

Mrs. Chugwater—Josiah, lay down your paper a minute.

Mr. Chugwater—Well!

"If a bolt of lightning should start to travel round the globe—Josiah!"

"Well!"

"Lay your paper down just a minute and listen. If a bolt of lightning should start to travel round the globe from west to east, the way the earth revolves, you know, would there be any difference in the—Josiah!"

"Well!"

"I say would there be any difference in speed? Which bolt of lightning would get around the earth first?"

(Picking up his paper again.) "Samantha, do you take me for a lightning calculator?"

## A WOMAN'S OPINION OF MAN.

Men are misers to their wives.

No man can define love. Woman lives it.

Man is naturally selfish, domineering and mean.

A man's heart is cheaper than a woman's.

Man's love is like the moon's phases—changing daily.

The best way to manage a man is to let him alone.

No man ever tells his wife her maid is good looking.

Men think women are fools—women know men are.

Man is devotion before marriage and indifference afterward.

You cannot recognize the lover six months after he is married.

The men make marriage a lottery—there are so many blanks among them.

When a man vows he loves you only, it maybe that he has another woman's picture in his pocket.

Man talks about his honor—there is little of it in evidence in his treatment of woman.

Men always expect more from women than they are willing women should expect from them.

Marriage is to man a partnership in which he assigns his wife the harder work and the less pay.

## SMILES BETWEEN SERMONS.

A hasty retreat is sometimes hard to beat.—Galveston News.

The spinster can at least lay claim to self-possession.—Yonkers Gazette.

The product of the playwright does not always work right.—Glens Falls Republican.

Few men are conceited enough to be satisfied with the hang of their trousers.—Milwaukee Journal.

Tagleigh—That girl in the play did the dude to perfection. Wagleigh—Who was the dude?—Hallo.

There are two letters in the alphabet more likely to go astray than the others—Xs.—Lowell Courier.

The Salvation Army is after Ingersoll. This won't do. The thing is to get ahead of him.—Philadelphia Times.

Hicks—Snider says he hates a humbug. Wicks—Well, there is nothing egotistical about Snider, is there?—Boston Transcript.

The man who gets his jag on before the parade is in a fix when his people ask him what the show looked like.—Picayune.

Blobbs is trying to figure out the amount of energy utterly wasted by the average cat in chasing her tail.—Martha's Vineyard Herald.

## ABOUT PRISONS AND CRIMINALS.

East St. Louis has 25,000 population and 34 policemen, who, in 1892, made 4,024 arrests.

The greatest number of prisoners in any one day in St. Louis during 1892 was on September 25, 176.

The California penitentiary has one prisoner 98 years old, two aged 75, one 74, one 73, one 72 and two 71.

Brooklyn has 978,394 residents, 1,425 police, and last year had 89,856 arrests, nearly one-half for intoxication.

Florida has no state prison. The convicts are leased and subleased to individuals in various parts of the state.

Maine has 135 convicts who are employed in the manufacture of carriages, harness, brooms, furniture and clothing.

In the government prison at Yuma, Arizona, there have been only four female prisoners committed during sixteen years.

The New York state prison at Albany has 1,263 inmates. The expenditures of the institution exceed the income over $100,000 a year.

Illinois has 1,420 convicts, 86 per cent. of whom are under 40 years of age. Of the Illinois convicts only 10 per cent. are uneducated.

## PERSONALS.

John McDowell, of Batesville, Ark., has taken a St. Louis paper for fifty-seven years.

Miss Mary Cook, who died a few days ago at Alliance, O., aged seventy-five, had been a teacher nearly all her life, and had accumulated a fortune of one hundred thousand dollars.

Otto Ehlers met a Chinese prince in the Laos state who received callers seated on a throne in the kitchen. He is content to let his wife run the affairs of the kingdom, but insists upon being around when the palace cooks are preparing his meals.

A. E. Burr, of Hartford, completed fifty-five years of journalistic life recently. He is the oldest newspaper man, by actual years of service, in New England, and is still a daily occupant of the responsible editor's desk in the office of the Hartford Times.

Mrs. Peter McPherson, of Muncie, Ind., attended a party at which there were thirteen guests. Some one, superstitiously inclined, remarked that before many weeks some one of the number would die. Mrs. McPherson at once felt ill and died January 2.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT.

He who forgets his own friends meanly to follow those of a higher degree is a snob.—Thackeray.

The devil knew not what he did when he made man politic; he crossed him off by it.—Shakespeare.

Do not accustom yourself to consider debt only as an inconvenience; you will find it a calamity.—Johnson.

No true and permanent fame can be founded except in labors for the happiness and good of mankind.—Charles Sumner.

If your eye is on the Eternal your intellect will grow, and your opinions and actions have a beauty which no learning or combined advantages of other men can rival.—Emerson.

In troubled water you can scarce see your face, or see it very little till the water be quiet and stand still; so, in troubled times you can see little truth; when times are quiet and settled, then truth appears.—Selden.

## MARRIAGE LAWS.

Emperor Tiberius made an edict against the marriage of men over 60 and women over 50, but so strenuous were the objections of widows and widowers that the law was soon repealed.

For a clergyman or registrar in England to celebrate a marriage in a private house, except by private license from the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a felony, and punishable by severe penalties.

The Scottish marriage law is so loose that if a lady living with John Smith is addressed in the presence of Smith as Mrs. Smith, and answers to the name, the courts have decided that she is legally his wife.

## DIVORCE LAWS.

A decree was granted in Massachusetts because "the defendant keeps this plaintiff awake most of the night quarreling."

One Greek state had a law that if a man divorced his wife he could not marry a woman younger than the discarded partner.

Roman law allowed divorce for three causes: The Scriptural reason, designs on a husband's life and the possession of false keys.

A New Jersey wife got a divorce because "the defendant, the husband, sleeps with a razor under his pillow to frighten this plaintiff."

A Virginia wife was set free because "the defendant does not come home until 10 p.m., and then keeps this plaintiff awake talking."

A Tennessee court liberated a wife because "the defendant does not wash himself, thereby causing the plaintiff great mental anguish."

## PUNISHMENTS FOR CRIME.

There are three ordinary modes of execution in China—slicing to pieces, decapitation and strangulation.

Prisoners when arrested in Morocco are obliged to pay the policeman for his trouble in taking them to jail.

The regular employment of Hawaiian prisoners for many years has been the making of a road up the volcano of Kilauea.

The most common offense in Jamaica is obscene and abusive language. Over one-fourth of the arrests last year were for that offense.

# THE ARIZONA KICKER.

## HE ALLOWS A SUBORDINATE TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC.

**How the Agricultural Editor Blows the Bellows—Some of the Distinguished Citizens of His Town are Punctured—The Conquering Hero.**

This article is not written by the editor, publisher and proprietor of the Kicker, who is also Mayor, Territorial Senator and a candidate for the Postmastership, but by his agricultural editor, whose salary is $7 per week and whose duties mainly consist of writing up biographies of the cactus and hunting for a new breed of mule grass. The proprietor left for Tombstone the other day to meet an editor who had challenged him to a game of draw poker—best three out of five—$50 ante and no limit to the game. Our chief will return home with his hat on his ear and his mule on a dead run—a conquering hero. We know it because he can do more bluffing on a pair of deuces than any man in Arizona on three aces. He will not only return with all the cash the Tombstone editor can rake and scrape, but with a valid mortgage for at least $1,000 on the newspaper outfit.

Having been left in charge of the Kicker office for a week, we shall proceed to make this issue an ideal one. In the first place we desire to pay our respects to Colonel Sanniderson, whom the people of this town were idiotic enough to make city clerk. He was never elected "Colonel" of anything except a demijohn. We don't know what State prison he hails from, but we feel morally certain that he had from three to five years more to serve when he escaped. On various occasions he has visited the editorial rooms of this office and given us the cold cut, and we now take pleasure in denouncing him as a snob, a cad and a conceited idiot. Should he want anything of us before the editor returns, he will find us in the main sanctum, our heels on the desk, and a double-barreled shotgun leaning against the wall within reach of our right hand.

Next on the list comes the fat and fussy Judge Gildersleeve, whose object in coming to this locality was doubtless to lose his identity. We don't know whether he stole a horse or a cow or ran away from his family, but he looks like a man who'd commit all three offenses and rob a blind man to boot. If we can get the members of the vigilance committee together this

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week we shall advise that the Judge receive official notice to skip. When he sat in his office one day last week and observed in our hearing and for our benefit that an agricultural editor who couldn't command a salary of over $7 a week was poor guano for mule grass, he forgot that the wheel of time turns slowly round, but turns just the same.

When we entered this town last summer, dead broke and a blister on every toe, that blatant idiot known as Joe Williams, who now represents the First Ward as Alderman, was jimmy drunk, as usual. He not only made sport of us as a tenderfoot, but offered us half a dollar a day to go into a cage and be exhibited as "the wild-eyed lunatic from New England." Even after we had struck a job at the munificent salary spoken of he held us up to ridicule on the street and called us a red headed cactus. Alderman Williams, as we have his record before us, is a thief, embezzler and deadbeat from Iowa, and we'll wager dollars to cents that he is arrested and taken east within two weeks.

Should the alderman come rushing over here, eyes bulging out and hair standing up, to square himself, he will discover an agricultural editor dead to the call of mercy. He will open the door to find that shotgun looking into his left eye.

About two months since Mrs. General Caruthers of Apache Heights gave a swell birthday party. She had been introduced to us. While we are no hand at scraping and bowing and paying fine compliments, as is true of most agricultural editors devoted to their profession, Mrs. Caruthers knew us to be respectable and worthy of an invitation. She not only gave us the cold cut, but we overheard her observe that it would embarrass her very much to have a person at her banquet board pull a pillow case from his pocket to wipe his mouth on. We bowed our head and received the cruel blow in silence. It jarred us from top to bottom, and we have not felt well since, but the big wheel has also turned for Mrs. Caruthers. We now beg to announce the fact that for several years previous to her entry into high society in this town she sang sad songs and passed around a poor brand of lager beer in a concert hall in a town on the banks of the historic Mississippi River. Her husband, who has also taken occasion to snub us three or four times a week for the last two months, is a gambler, confidence man and all around swindler, and we don't know grass seed from grizzly bears if he doesn't find it a good thing to make a change of climate in less than a fortnight.

A continuation of this list will be found on our fourth page, and we surmise that it will prove interesting reading. When the editor and proprietor returns he won't do any shooting—not at us. He will find our resignation lying on the editorial table, but we shall be far away. We are an agricultural editor who knows his business.

M. QUAD.

**The Father-in-Law This Time.**

After the ceremony, groom—"I say will you see the minister for me? I—I quite forgot the wedding fee." Father-in-law—"Young man, you are beginning early. I expected you back from you wedding tour before this began."

**Sure Sign.**

"How do you know that De Vere is not in love with Mabel Sweetbriar?"

"Because I heard him tell her the other evening when they came from church that he knew of a short cut home."

## FINANCE NOTES.

The amount of money received and expended for the relief of the miners during the recent general strike in England was £101,714.

French imports decreased 251,330,000 francs in 1893, as compared with those of the preceding year, and the exports decreased 251,116,000 francs.

Eastbound trunk line shipments of breadstuffs and provisions from Chicago for the year 1893 were 2,162,236 tons, against 1,735,092 tons in 1892.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of New York, reports for year 1893 gross earnings $1,193,338, increase $230,763; net $581,678, increase $106,541, and a surplus over interest and dividends of $9,648.—Bradstreet's.

## FOREIGN STATISTICS.

In the Hong Kong prison 115 cases of prisoners fighting with each other occurred during 1890.

St. Petersburg's population is 1,000,000. There are 2,165 police, who in 1890 made 76,002 arrests.

In Glasgow last year 577 persons were arrested and fined for failing to sweep their steps or pavements.

Paris has 2,344,000 population and 7,154 police. Total arrests in 1890, 96,842, of which 26,822 were for drunkenness.

The City of Mexico has 451,000 people and 2,302 police. The arrests last year were 52,223, over one-half for intoxication.

## AN EXPLANATION.

**Had You Been the Offender Would It Have Been Satisfactory?**

"Why, look here, De Forhm, what are you doing in a smoking-jacket at an evening party?"

"Well, you see, my man put it in my valise instead of my Tuxedo, but I thought that people here would be too well bred to appear to notice anything peculiar in dress."—Harper's Bazar.

**In a New Light.**

The young woman was trying to persuade her father to give his consent to her accepting a very worthy young man he did not want her to marry, and he was stubborn.

"But, papa," she insisted, "he is the man of my choice."

"Well, he isn't the man of my choice, and you shall not marry him," he persisted.

The girl grew firm at once.

"Now, look here, papa," she said. "Some day my daughter will probably come to her father, as I'm coming to you, and she will ask him what I am asking you, and he will refuse as you are doing. Then my daughter will say coaxingly to her father, 'but, papa, you were mamma's choice,' and then in reply to that would you like to have that man say to your granddaughter, 'No, I wasn't. I was your grandfather's choice?' Answer me that. Do you think it would be a pleasant thing for that man to say to your granddaughter?"

The father blinked two or three times and rubbed his dome of thought.

"Um—er—um—" he hesitated. "It hadn't quite struck me that way before. I guess you can have your own way about it," and up to date nobody has heard any cause to regret the girl's successful argument.

**Another Broken Heart.**

He loved her with the passionate devotion of a man who hasn't a ghost of a show, but doesn't know it.

She had hinted and hinted that he was not in it, until her hinter was in need of repairs, but he wouldn't take a hint.

He wouldn't take anything, not even his departure.

One night, when the clock was so tired it could scarcely raise its hands, he ventured to put the matter to a final test and ask her to be his.

She felt the impending doom, but could not escape it, and she nerved herself for the shock.

"Miss Celeste," he twittered persuasively, "I'm clean gone on you."

That was the preliminary, and he used the familiar colloquial style as a strategic general deploys skirmishers before the real battle begins.

She looked far over his head into the dreamy fields of vacancy.

"On me?" she said, in questioning cadence. "On me? What's the matter with from me?"

Then his heart broke, and she thought it was a suspender button losing its grip.—Poughkeepsie News.

**When Children Grow.**

The British Medical Monthly offers some interesting statements, which our readers may test for themselves if they will, as to the times of growth of the human body.

The year of greatest growth in the boys is the seventeenth; in girls the fourteenth. While girls reach full height in their fifteenth year, they acquire full weight at the age of twenty.

Boys are stronger than girls from birth to the eleventh year; then girls become physically superior until the seventeenth year, when the tables are turned, and remain so.

From November to April children grow very little and gain no weight; from April to July they gain in height, but lose in weight, and from July to November they increase greatly in weight, but not in height.

**A Husband's Rebuke.**

"How do I look?" said Dr. Kallowmell to his young wife as he exhibited his new suit.

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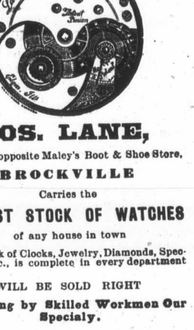


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