

A CRITIC OF TROUSERS.

The Masculine Garment is Bitterly Assailed.

An unsparring enemy of trousers has arisen who will have none of the specious arguments urged in favor of those garments by a tailors' paper, quoted by the other day, says the London News. He says (and we are glad to see that he treats the subject with a proper earnestness): "The epoch of the trouser is certainly the most miserable epoch in English history, when we consider the disastrous wars it has seen, the great strikes and armies of unemployed, and the alarming increase in insanity. The costume of the ancient Romans had nothing to do with the downfall of their Empire. That costume was in vogue long before the birth of Romulus and Remus, and was worn by the whole of the civilized world during the rise and progress of Rome and for centuries after its downfall."

Again, as to the argument last our soldiers at Waterloo were losers, he points out that the victories of Wellington were chiefly due to the prowess of the killed Highlanders, those petticoated devils that Napoleon dreaded, and there is not any doubt that the victory of Trafalgar was due chiefly to the genius of Nelson, who wore knee-breeches."

As to the allegation of increased ability in the arts and sciences in this trousered age, "What art productions of this epoch can compare," he asks, "with the incomparable productions of the Renaissance? The productions that we are just beginning to understand was well known to the Knights Templars, the Rosicrucians and the monks of the middle ages, who wisely conserved it to themselves to use for the benefit of the people rather than allow it to be widespread and used for criminal purposes by hypnotists and other charlatans as at the present time. As for literature, it is simply absurd to compare any writers of this period (except perhaps Tennyson) with Shakespeare."

Dear Mother

Your little ones are a constant care in Fall and Winter weather. They will catch cold. Do you know about Shiloh's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, and what it has done for so many? It is said to be the only reliable remedy for all diseases of the air passages in children. It is absolutely harmless and pleasant to take. It is a tonic and a cure for all ailments. The price is 25c per bottle, and all dealers in medicine sell it.

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This remedy should be in every household.

Rain Caused by Artillery Fire.

The late war in the far east is providing further data for those who believe that rain can be brought on at will by the use of artillery fire, in which direction in the arid deserts in the western States. According to an official report by General Kouropatkin during one of the south of Mukden the incessant firing brought on a torrential downpour of rain, although the sky had been previously free from clouds. The French General Chapelle, who was following the Russian operations in Manchuria, confirms this phenomenon, instancing other occasions when the same thing happened to his own personal knowledge.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. SUMMERS, Box 8, Windsor, Ont., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her to-day if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child; the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

The Principal Motor Power.

Rounder—So you want me to go in business with you. As I understand it, I am to furnish the capital and you the experience. Rounder—No, sir. You are to furnish the capital and I am to furnish the nerve.

EYES AND NOSE RAN WATER.

C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had Catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Ascher's Catarrh Powder, and since then the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. It relieves in ten minutes." 10 cents—17

What Kansas Owe the Hen.

Nightingales, larks, swans and such poetic fowl have been hailed and hymned until the world is very weary of them. Where is the robust American bard who will write high with joyous pen, and harmless, necessary hen? Why do our children read about those fabulous geese of the Roman capital? The hens of Kansas are worthier subjects. There is one year's work of them: \$7,226,111 worth of eggs, which, as a Kansas economist does well to remind the world, is interest at 5 per cent. on \$14,522,220. To say nothing of "broilers" and other by-products. Kansas hens make more money for Kansas than do her sheep, wool, barley, flax, fruit, sorghum, oats, potatoes. The hen should be the bird of freedom.

London Strap Hangers in Revolt.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

To certain American institutions the Englishman takes kindly. There is, however, one disease introduced into London by the people not only object, but against which they are preparing vigorously to fight. This is the overcrowding of cars on the new Yerkes system. The "strap hangers" are in full revolt. They will have seats or know the reason why. After the English fashion this movement has been of slow growth. It began, of course, with innumerable "kicks" by individual Londoners and a flood of letters to the Times. Then came organization, and now is promised an appeal to the courts by three associations formed expressly to step overcrowding in the cars.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for Children Teething. It soothes the child, soothes the gums, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea.

SOME GOOD ADVICE.

Keep good company or none. Never be idle; if your hands cannot be usefully employed, set to the cultivation of your mind. Always speak the truth. Make few promises; live up to your engagements. Keep your own secrets; if you have any. When you speak to persons, look them in the face. Good company and good conversation are the very signs of virtue. Good character is above all things else. Your character cannot be much injured except by your own acts. If any one speak evil of you, let your life prove it false. Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors. Ever live within your income. When you retire to bed think over what you have done during the day. Make no haste to be rich; if you would prosper. Spend and steady gains give competency with a quiet mind. Never play at games of chance. Earn money before you spend it. Never run into debt unless you see plainly a way to get out of it. Never borrow if you can avoid it. Never speak ill of any one. Be just before you are generous. Read over the above maxims at least once a week.

TALE OF A CAT.

Once there was a little cat. He enjoyed hot milk for breakfast. He liked to play all the time. He thought it great fun to make beds. He would scamper under every piece of under-sheet to counterpane. He would hump himself at the pillows as if to annihilate them. He would tear under the bed and out again for no reason at all. He would rush up and downstairs like a whirlwind. He would climb the rubber tree much to the sorrow of the "rubber." He would run up the portieres as nimble as a little mouse. He loved to jump at the lace curtains and swing till he was dizzy. Once in a while he caught a mouse, and then, alas! he showed his cruelty. To handle a string was to challenge him for a "wrestle" that was likely to end in scratches. But he's getting a big cat now and gives promise of achieving the most imposing feline dignity.

Like a Flower.

(Chicago Chronicle.) The soul is like a flower. That always seeks the light; It climbs forever upward From out the soil of night.

The weeds of doubt are many That clog like weeds the way. But faith is like the sunlight And hope is like the day.

The soul is like a flower And love is like the dew; This life is but a morning To some glad day for you.

THAT CUTTING ACID that arises from the stomach and almost strangles, is caused by fermentation of the food in the stomach. It is a foretaste of indigestion and dyspepsia. Take one of Dr. Van Stan's Pineapple Tablets immediately after eating, and it will prevent the distress and aid digestion. 50 in a box, 25 cents—15

Sad.

November Smart Set. The Father—Is it necessary for you to give the girls so many advantages? The Mother—It is if you wish them to amount to anything. Why, at present they are not even ashamed of you.

"God created the first woman," says the Cynical Bachelor; "but the devil was hanging around and swiped the pattern."

WALL STREET MEN.

Their Ethics Are Delicate, if Peculiar—Their Power.

and who these mighty men of Wall Street? What are their natures, purposes, ideals, methods? What is their work after it is done? In private life it may be, and probably is, the fact that most of these Wall Streeters are honest after their own standard, and scrupulously exact. That is, they observe the rules of the game, the ethical code of the public, and from each which concern him is vast and ready. There other, is done with the nicest regard for the proprieties. The rascality, of the sort called "eminently respectable."

How to get his pound of flesh without drawing blood was the puzzle of Shylock; how to rob a compatriot and dearly beloved brother without violating the laws against robbery is the conundrum upon which the Wall Streeteer constantly whets his brain. And he goes to church with audience in can business man in his highest state of development. His knowledge of the affairs every Sunday in a most decent and commendable way.

In Wall Street will be found the American who is awake from his shoe-strings up. He can go to the marrow of business matters as unerringly as a foxhunting tells fox from hare. He is a masterful man, and he knows it.

He controls those who control Presidents and Cabinets. He writes no editorials, but he owns the man who does. He makes no stump speeches, but he can buy all the stump-speakers, at the back of the big screen; and grins sardoniously at the puppet; he pays the man who pulls the wires—Tom Watson, in his Magazine for December.

IT MUST BE WELL FOUNDED

Steady Growth in Popularity of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Made by Cures Like That of Simon V. Landry—He Tells about It Himself.

River Bourgeois, Richmond Co., C. B.—Jan. (Special)—Among the many in this part of Canada who have relief of aches and pains and weakness and made strong and able to do a good day's work is Mr. Simon V. Landry. Mr. Landry has numerous friends here who can vouch for the story he tells of his cure. "I was bothered for over a year," he says, "with lame back, weak legs, palpitation of the heart, general weakness and shortness of breath; in fact I could not work and was a total wreck. I could not get any relief until I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. But they did me good and no mistake. I used three boxes and I'm back at work again. It is the cures they make that make Dodd's Kidney Pills so popular. Their popularity has grown steadily for thirteen years. It must be well founded.

An Ancient Puzzle. The following interesting and ingenious puzzle was found some years ago in a remote village of Devon, England. It was inscribed in ancient Roman characters on a curiously shaped stone of black basalt and aroused much interest among the local antiquarians:

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An Eye for an Eye. (Philadelphia Ledger.) "Mr. Speaker," said the Congressman, "I have tried vainly to catch your eye and—"

"Sit down!" thundered the speaker. "I have tried vainly to catch your 'eye' several times when it was needed."

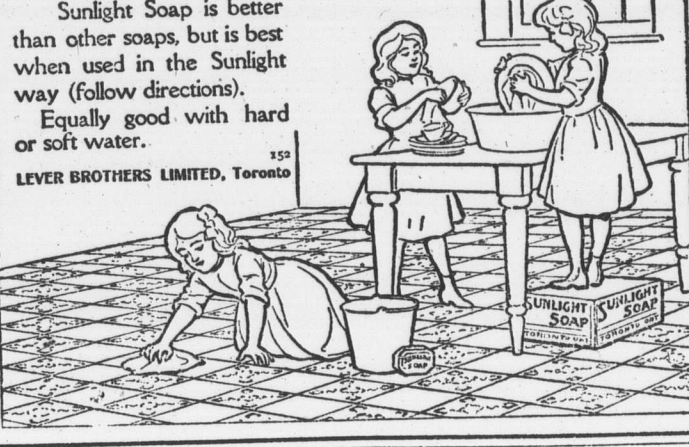
Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Borely Finds an Opening. (Boston Transcript.) Griggs—Borely has got a job at last. He's working now in licks' livery stable.

Griggs—What doing? Griggs—He has some horses that won't take the bit, so Borely has to talk to them till they yawn.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

Wash oilcloths and linoleums with warm water and Sunlight Soap, rinse clean and wipe dry. The colors will be preserved and the surface unharmed. Common soaps fade the colors and injure the surface. Sunlight Soap cleans, freshens and preserves oilcloths and linoleums. Sunlight Soap washes clothes white without injury to the most delicate fabrics, or to the hands, for it contains nothing that can injure either clothes or hands. Sunlight Soap is better than other soaps, but is best when used in the Sunlight way (follow directions). Equally good with hard or soft water.



Only a Baby. Only a baby, the people said. As the bell tolled soft for the passing dead; Only a baby a few months old. Did it matter to them if she were cold? Only a baby, and yet it could be. That little life was a world to me. And all the day long I must often weep. Till the night comes on and I fall asleep. Then I feel the touch of her finger tips. And I see the smile on her little lips: But I wake again with a sudden start— No baby's head near my lonely heart. J. A. Smith, Barrow, Ont., in Scottish-American.

Swearing and Strange Oaths

The Westminster Gazette, which has been indulging in a prize competition on Swearing, Strange Oaths, says: "We have received many interesting and some learned essays on swearing, and one or two collections of more or less strange oaths, but no one writer has quite realized the essay we suggested. The oaths in particular were unsatisfactory. Shakespeare's supreme effort in Macbeth, often quoted by our competitors, is, after all, a curse. One competitor alone makes a really practical suggestion: 'Why should we not say, as Punch once suggested, 'Noretteri and Zambri! How cold it has been?' This might easily be developed—e.g., at a picnic, 'Benoit! A. B. Orange, Captain Leonard Bell, S. Cunningham, and H. F. C.; and the prize of two guineas is awarded to Mr. Richard E. Crook, 16 Trinity College, Dublin, for the following: 'The first remark to be made with regard to profane swearing is that popular ethics on the subject are in a thoroughly chaotic state. The ordinary Sunday-school condemnation of the habit is as inconsistent as the public condemnation of gambling which leaves the stock exchange untouched. For surely the first thing to be recognized about the man who swears his train and says: 'D—' is that his language has no conscious reference to any theological dogma. If the man who utters three words, two of which 'Webster's Unabridged' and 'the first'—emphatic monosyllable, had really 'visualized' St. Paul's conception of a gron-ling and 'travelling' Universe (including Webster's Unabridged), I for one would find a unique interest in his viewpoint. But let any reader ask the next man in the train who speaks of 'the deuce' exactly what the result will be pure blank. The obvious fact is not recognized in current ethics. The broken collar button, the suddenly punctured tire, the produce train missed by half a minute, these conditions may take several forms. Some people let their emotions explode down 'ticket-of-leave' channels. The present writer was once installed in a present writer was once installed in a home wherein the domestic encumbrance was an aggressive adherent of the Salvation Army. When diplomatic relations with the mistress reach breaking point, these distorted forms of 'the deuce' or the overhead strain of 'His life everlasting'; 'his heaven below.'

Sarah in a Tent Show. (Houston, Tex., Post.) Sarah Bernhard is threatening to tour Texas in a circus tent. If Sarah will get a small menagerie, a few acrobats, and a couple of clowns and fix the price of admission at 25 cents she might make a great hit in Texas.

When RHEUMATISM DOUBLES A MAN UP physician and sufferer alike lose heart and often despair of a cure, but here's the exception. Wm. Feg, of Norwood, Ont., says: "I was nearly doubled up with rheumatism. I got three bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure and they cured me. It's the quickest acting medicine I ever saw."—15

Poor Kind of Majority Rule. (Cleveland Leader.) Do we realize how much and how often majority rule is made a mockery—a far-off marsh light flickering elusively over the bog of corruption? For example, past, present and prospective, take the question of abolishing the system of fees for county officials. It has become \$50,000 a year by letting subordinates do the simple duties of public "snaps." It has long been a scandal. It is past open apology or defense. Yet it will not be abolished without a hard fight. Practical politicians are not sure that it will be uprooted at all. Is this majority rule?

Must Have Been Tough. (Buffalo Enquirer.) Mrs. Bings—Did your husband smoke the cigars you gave him for Christmas? Mrs. Bangs—I made him.

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An Indian Territory Song. The Chickasha (Ill. T.) Express reprints from one of its Territorial exchanges: "Sing a song of pestilence, a fellow full of rye, four and twenty serpents dancing in his eye; when his eyes were opened he shouted for his life. Wasn't he a pretty clump to go before his wife? His hat was in the parlor, underneath the chair; his boots were in the hallway, his coat was on a chair; his trousers in the kitchen, his collar where he was himself; when the morn where he was himself; when the morn was breaking, some one heard him call—his head was on the ice box, which was the best of all."

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DON'TS THAT WILL AVOID AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS.

Don't allow your chauffeur to drink liquor while in charge of your car. If running your own car avoid run yourself. Don't run on the wrong side of the road except at narrow, intersecting streets. Don't try to see how close you can run to pedestrians. Give them even more room than they require. Many walkers have heart trouble. Don't take any kind of a turn or curve at twenty miles an hour; better go four miles and be able to do it again. Don't put oil on your registration number and throw dust on it. An honest man isn't afraid of identification. Don't toot your horn in passing horses unless approaching from behind, and then not unless absolutely necessary. There still are some spirited animals. Don't run away from Gabriel horn continually in a city street. A little of it is music; too much is a disagreeable, irritating racket. Don't forget to light your lamps one hour before sunset; then you will have more chance than the wagon ahead without lights—and be within the law. Don't grab at the things that concern the chauffeur, and don't take a passenger again who has grabbed once—if you ever are able to go out again. Don't run away after running down anybody; you'll stand a better chance if you stay. Don't ever act like anything but an intelligent gentleman.—The Outing Magazine for January.

HEART RELIEF IN HALF AN HOUR.

A lady in New York State, writing of her cure by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, says: "I feel like one brought back from the dead, so great was my suffering from heart trouble and so almost miraculous my recovery through the agency of this powerful treatment. I owe my life to it."—19

Testing a Building's Safety.

When you suspect that anything is going wrong with a public building, say St. Paul's Cathedral or the Abbey, and a crack appears you paste brown paper across the crack. The least bit of movement tears the paper and then you know whether the mischief is stopped or whether it is continuing. There is also an electrical apparatus for measuring vibration that can not be noted by natural observation.

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Literally. (London Globe.)

"You know Smith, the millionaire, don't you?" inquired a friend of a doctor. "Yes," said the doctor. "He's a patient of mine." "Pretty wide awake sort of man, isn't he?" "That exactly describes him," said the doctor; "I am treating him for insomnia."

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