

Sparkles.

A SNOW-PLOUGH is like a bad habit,—a good thing to cut adrift.

CATTLE, when bitten by a rabid dog, are sent to the boneyard; men to Pasteur.

SOMEBODY thinks that the rooster is like an early spring flower, because he is a crow-cus.

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"WHAT is your idea of love, Mr. Sin-nick?" "Three meals a day and well cooked."

"PETROLEUM has declined twenty-one cents," says an exchange. Standing out for the whole quarter, probably.

CANON FARRAR came to this country for a rest, and took away \$25,000. He will take the rest on his next visit.

THE question is discussed out West whether Chicago or St. Louis is the wickedest city in the United States. Cincinnati is the cinfullest.

DYSPEPSIA.—This prevalent malady is the parent of most of our bodily ills. One of the best remedies known for Dyspepsia is Burdock Blood Bitters, it having cured the worst chronic forms, after all else had failed.

"BANK the walls," says an agricultural paper. That is all right for the country, but in the city it would be far wiser to wall the banks.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

In Liver and Kidney Troubles.

Dr. O. G. CILLEY, Boston, says: "I have used it with the most remarkable success in dyspepsia, and derangement of the liver and kidneys."

THERE are four tailors in the New York legislature. There will probably be some measures introduced about the close of the session concerning breeches of the peace.

"THEIR NAME IS LEGION," may be applied to those who die annually of consumption, although science has of late years sensibly diminished their number. It is gratifying to know that at the general use of Dr. WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY is largely instrumental in attaining this end.

A NORTH Carolina woman, just dead, is said to have been 130 years old. Persons knowing the habits of women in telling their age estimate that this North Carolina woman must have been at least 750.

A STRANGER stepped into a lawyer's office the other day, says the *Wilmington Star*, and inquired: "Is this the water office?" The lawyer answered promptly: "No, sir. This is the wind office; the water office is next door."

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A MODERN wit defines the difference between men and women: "A man gives forty cents for a twenty-five cent thing he wants, and a woman gives twenty-five cents for a forty cent thing she does not want."

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "I send you a little poem called 'The Lay of the Lark.' If accepted let me know." And the editor replies: "Rejected, with thanks. If you will send a few specimens of the lay of the hen we will accept."

Gold Fields,

that pan out richly, are not so abundant as in the early California days, but those who write to Hallett & Co., Portland, Maine, will, by return mail, receive, free, full information about work which they can do, and live at home, that will pay them from \$5 to \$25 per day, and upwards. Either sex, young or old. Capital not required; you are started in business free. Those who start at once are absolutely sure of snug little fortunes.

LITTLE Bess: "Tommy, do you think Noah took bees into the ark?" Master Tommy: "Why, of course he did." "But wouldn't they have stung Noah and the animals? Where did he keep 'em?" "I don't know. In the arc-hives, I guess."

JONES: "Smith, you are the laziest man I ever saw." Smith: "Correct." Jones: "They say you sleep fifteen hours out of every twenty-four." Smith: "Correct." Jones: "What do you do it for?" Smith: "In order to economize. You see it costs nothing to sleep, but the moment you wake up expenses begin."

A HELP TO GOOD DIGESTION.

In the *British Medical Journal* Dr. W. Roberts, of England, discusses the effect of liquors, tea, coffee and cocoa on digestion. All of them retard the chemical processes, but most of them stimulate the glandular activity and muscular contractions. Distilled spirits retard the salivary or peptic digestion but slightly when sparingly used.

Wines were found to be highly injurious to salivary digestion. On peptic digestion all wines exert a retarding influence. They stimulate the glandular and muscular activity of the stomach. Effervescent wines exert the greatest amount of good with the least harm to digestion. When one's digestion is out of order everything goes awry, unless, as in the case of T. T. Seals, of Bellaire, Ohio, who had bad dyspepsia for seven years, the digestive apparatus is kept in apple-pie eating order by Warner's Tippecanoe, the best appetite producer and regulator in the world.

Tea, even in minute quantities, completely paralyzes the action of the saliva. The tannin in strong tea is injurious. Weak tea should be used, if at all. Strong coffee and cocoa are also injurious if used in excess.—*The Cosmopolitan.*

"PURE GOLD" STANDS THE TEST.

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We direct attention to the advertisement of Petley & Petley's Great Winter Sale. As it is a rule with this firm never to carry goods over from one season to another, great bargains are offered in order to clear out the entire stock of winter clothing during the next six weeks.

AN old lady was viewing the exposed stock of some burnt-out dry goods store a few days ago. The burnt-edged bales were all strewn across the sidewalk. Above was a sign: "Another Sacrifice." "Another sacrifice?" said the old lady. "Yes. Burnt offerings!"

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Mrs. VAN HEMPEN (making a party call): "The past week has been quite gay in society circles, Mrs. De Campe." Mrs. De Campe: "Yes, quite so." Mrs. Van Hempen: "There was your entertainment on Tuesday evening, and also a party at Mrs. Smythe's on Thursday evening. And, by-the-way, what a pleasant affair the latter was! Mrs. Smythe always entertains so delightfully."

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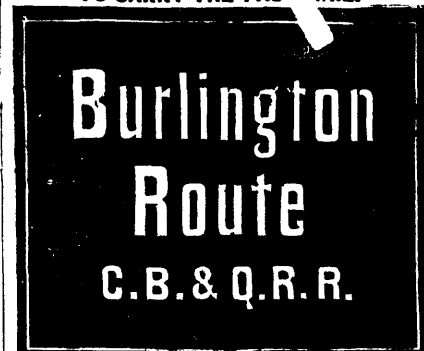
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