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For Buying Refrigerators

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FOR HOPE

Mrs. McKinley's Condition Reported Improved Late Last Evening.

Patient Rallied Yesterday—The U. S. President Almost Constantly at The Bedside.

San Francisco, May 16, 10 p. m.—Dr. Hirschfelder and H. T. Scott have just left the Scott residence, Dr. Hirschfelder has gone home for the night. He said that he felt that Mrs. McKinley was decidedly improved. Mr. Scott said he felt much pleased over her condition.

At 8.45 p. m., Secretary Cortelyou gave out the following statement: "Physicians in attendance on Mrs. McKinley report her condition as decidedly improved since morning, pulse and temperature satisfactory. Patient resting well."

Among the callers to-night were Admiral Casey and Captain Wilson of Gen. Shafter's staff.

At this hour the lights in the building are out with the exception of the one in the telegraph room.

This morning shortly before dawn, Mrs. McKinley sank rapidly, and it was feared that she would die before restoratives could be administered, but she responded to the powerful heart stimulants that were given to her and during the day improved to such an extent that hope of her recovery, slight though it was, revived.

The new treatment for low vitality, salt injections into the veins, was administered. But her life hangs by a thread.

COULD NOT SURVIVE ANOTHER SINKING SPELL.

She has taken no solid food since she reached here on Sunday, and the physicians do not believe she could survive another sinking spell such as she experienced this morning. She suffers little and bears up bravely. During her periods of consciousness to-day her mind has been clear. The president is constantly at her bedside, and although worn by his long vigil, is standing the awful strain with remarkable fortitude.

Every banquet and public function, planned in his honor here, has been abandoned, and the city, with heavy heart, is watching Mrs. McKinley's battle for life.

If the end should come the president and his party will be ready to start back with the remains within 24 hours. The train which brought them here will be used on the return trip and all arrangements have been made to go back by the shortest route, the Central and Union Pacific to Chicago, and thence via the Pennsylvania to Washington. If Mrs. McKinley should improve, it is believed she will be able to travel before a week from the coming Monday.

All the members of the cabinet, with the possible exception of Secretary Long, will remain here to the end. His daughter is very ill at Colorado Springs, and he is very apprehensive that he may be called there at any time.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.  
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## POLICE COURT DOINGS.

At the police court this morning Frank Abram, who has recently returned to Chatham, pleaded guilty to stealing a watch and a coat from his mother in 1899. Judge Houston suspended sentence. Sarah Enos was charged with slapping Stanley Hasey. The evidence showed that there had been no slapping, and the judge asked to see the lad Stanley, a curly headed youngster of four. The boy, however, objected and squared off to P. C. Dodson in true pugilistic style. Jim laughed and let the boy have his way. Judge Houston said the lad evidently needed no protection against the neighbors and dismissed the case.

Mrs. Connolly, who pleaded guilty last Friday to child desertion, was released on suspended sentence.

## Testimonial

Chatham, Ont., March 30th, 1900  
P. S. Coote, Esq.,  
Manager The Chatham Gas Co.,  
Chatham, Ont.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 29th inst. Our gas range has been in use at my house for several years and has always given perfect satisfaction, besides being a great convenience, it has been very economical in fuel, not costing more than one-third the price for wood or coal. I may say it is used for every thing that a stove could be required for and does the work admirably.

Yours truly,  
S. F. GARDINER.

## SOME DELICACIES

Specimens of Those Used by the Folk of the Fiji Islands.

"Here is a specimen of favorite table delicacy of the Fiji Islanders," said the man who kept the delicacies shop, "and I will make the whole batch of it a present to you if you will eat a half-inch square of it."

He removed several layers of heavy paper from the parcel he produced, and as the contents of the parcel were gradually brought nearer to the open air an aroma as of a whiff from a mess of rare-ripe sauerkraut, garnished with bits of pungent Limburger cheese, made its presence known. The reporter retreated a few paces. The storekeeper took a large roll from the paper wrapping, and unwinding an inch or two of curious looking leaves with which it was bound, revealed a dark brown substance of a consistency of cream cheese. He cut off a piece with his knife and ate it, ostensibly with relish. The reporter drew near enough to investigate.

"What is it, anyhow?" he asked.

"This is the famous mairal of the South Sea Islands," replied the delicatessen man, "and it is too palatable by far for any one to mind a little thing like its smell. It was sent to me by Dr. Rawson, who has lived on one of the islands for several years. People generally think that the South Sea Islanders are cannibals, but that isn't so. They quit that long ago. Fruit is their food staple now, and this mairal is the favorite edible."

"I didn't suppose before," remarked the reporter, "that there could be anything much more awful than cannibalism."

"That's all right," said the storekeeper, "but wait until you hear how this is made. This is simply a lot of bananas, yams and a fruit they call the taro, all pounded together until they become a thick and vile-looking paste. The paste is wrapped up tightly in layers of dried leaves of the banana tree, in rolls like this and is then buried in pits on the sea shore, dug between high and low water mark. It is left there to rest and ripen for one year, with the salt water filtering into the pits upon it, as the tide flows and ebbs. By that time it has reached the delightful stage of maturity that you may have observed in this specimen. After being dug up the packages are steamed for an hour or so, and the mairal is then ready for use. Try a piece."

"Dr. Rawson writes me," said the delicatessen man, as he took another bite of the paste, "that the South Sea Islanders have another delicacy that he would have liked to send me specimens of, but owing to the nature of it he was unable to do so. He calls it a suli. It is a fish four or five inches long, which the natives eat alive. When a Fiji Islander feels as if he would like a dozen raw he doesn't have to go to the counter and order 'em, as we do oysters here, he saunters down to the seashore, and with a little net scoops out his suli and bolts it before it has time to know what has happened to it. The beauty of lunching on these fish is, the Doctor says, that you don't have to chew nor swallow. You throw your head back, open your mouth and drop the suli into it, head first. The suli gives a wriggle and goes down as slick and easy as an oyster. I'd like to have just one dozen sulis now, after which, I think I could better enjoy this suli, which is one of half a dozen the Doctor sent me."

The suli was a cigar, five inches long, tapering from a broad, flat end to a point as sharp as a lead pencil point.

"This is the only thing they smoke in the South Sea Islands," said the storekeeper, "and some people might not like the flavor. Every citizen down there has his fireplace in his house for the curing of the wrappers for these cigars. Coconut husks are always smoldering in the fireplace, which is a spot on the bare ground in one corner of the house, surrounded by a few stones. The cigar wrapper is dried banana leaves. The cigar filler is leaf tobacco, which is dried in the sun, and when wanted for cigar-making is held over the coconut husk fire until it becomes crisp. It is then rolled in the banana leaf until it gets into this shape."

"They have an economical way of smoking among the Fijis, and a party of half a dozen will spend a convivial evening and use up only one cigar. They take turns at it, and it goes a good way. I think you will agree with me, if you have a try at this fragrant suli, that one of them could not be divided up between fewer than six smokers without fatal results."

The suli was lighted. The fragrance wafted from it was like that wafted from a fire in a rural backyard in spring cleaning up time. The delicatessen man handed it to the reporter. The reporter ventured on one wig and hastily handed the suli back.

"What is it like?" asked the storekeeper, holding the suli poised.

"It leaves a sensation in your mouth," replied the reporter, "as if you had chewed a green persimmon and scattered red pepper in the pucker."

Mrs. T. Was Very Sorry.

"Mary," said Mr. Thomas, when a silence fraught with unpleasant meaning had followed his first altercation with his young wife.

"Yes," said Mary, interrogatively.

"When a man and his wife have had a difference," said Mr. Thomas, with a judicial air, "and each considers the other at fault, which of the two do you think should make the first advances toward reconciliation?"

"The wiser of the two," said Mrs. Thomas, promptly, "and so, my dear I'll say at once that I'm very sorry."

It occurred to Mr. Thomas that it might have been as well for him to make the first advances, but he thoughtfully refrained from saying so.

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In view of the enormous quantity of baggage that will be shipped to Buffalo during the Pan-American Exposition, and which will tax the terminal facilities to the utmost, the following suggestions are given by the Grand Trunk Railway System to aid the tourist and the traveller in checking their traps.

All baggage should be plainly marked with owner's name in full, and permanent or home address. All baggage should be in good order before being checked, and on account of the large amount which will be shipped it would be advisable not to check satchels, bags, or any small baggage. Another important feature which the passenger should be careful to do is to identify and check his own baggage at the starting point. It should not be delegated to hackmen, expressmen, or others, and in no case should it be done by an "obliging friend," or chance acquaintance, as experience has demonstrated to the railways that in a large majority of cases, estrays, loss of baggage, or other complications, are the result of the owner failing to act for himself. Passengers should keep a memorandum of their check numbers. A representative of the Transfer Company at Buffalo will pass through all trains approaching the city or be at the depots to give transfer checks in exchange for railroad checks for the delivery of baggage to all hotels, boarding houses or private residences. All baggage should be checked to Buffalo and not to the Exposition grounds, as there are no facilities for handling baggage at the latter place. Baggage should be claimed by passengers immediately on arrival to save storage charges. If all these suggestions would be followed out by persons checking baggage, it will save not only the baggage-master, but themselves from a large amount of inconvenience and trouble.

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