

## Stroller's Column.

Some weeks ago the Stroller answered an advertisement of a Chicago publishing house and sent a postoffice order amounting to 79 cents for a publication entitled "Tips to Men." The book arrived by the last mail and, while the Stroller has not had sufficient time to carefully peruse it, he can readily see that it is a great boon; that he was not bilked out of his 79 cents.

As far as examined, the book is indeed a fountain, well-spring, so to speak, of information. It is complete and concise on all points from "How to Acquire Wealth Without Menial Labor" down to "How to Carry a Fishing Rod past the Minister's House Sunday Morning."

It tells how to enter a saloon without attracting the attention of all the ladies on the street and how to come out without attracting the attention of the police.

Its revelations regarding the manufacture of liquor and how to mix a drink with one hand tied is alone worth the price of the book. The chapter on "Bar Etiquette" is also excellent, as it is a matter on which many of our leading drunkards are lamentably ignorant.

Four pages are devoted to "How to Address a Bartender and feel free and self-possessed in his presence."

It also tells how to make a good, everyday drink without the use of alcohol but by the use of aloes, tobacco and Rough on Rats. It also tells how to make cider 1200 miles from the nearest apple. The book says if its receipts are followed the imbiber will never become inebriated. (There is a likelihood, however, that he would be in New Jerusalem soon after concealing a few fingers of it.)

The book mentions two hundred and eighty-four ways to hoodwink a wife and guarantees each of them to work if she is looked straight in the face at the time. If this is true, (the Stroller has not tried it yet), it is wonderful what a triumph man's knowledge has wrenched from obdurate conditions.

The only chapter is the book that is peculiarly adopted to young men is the 22nd chapter entitled "How to win the affections of the opposite sex at fifty yards." This is a great boon, for many a young man has had to work hard every other night for a year to win the heart and hand of a noble young woman. Now it can be done at one sitting.

But the plain receipts that are needed every day is what pleases the Stroller above all other features of his new book. Its "Five Hundred Reasons Why a Man Should not Miss a Prize Fight" is a tremendous boon to the man who sometimes has to skirmish around for one.

No married man should be without a copy of the book, but do not think the Stroller is going to loan his. However, anyone so wishing can call and copy off sections of it that are applicable to his peculiar conditions. The chapter on "Breath Eradicator" should not be overlooked.

By the time you get in from the creeks and are ready to start out in July, Bertha, the Stroller will have devised a scheme whereby a separation can be accomplished; but it will

be more for your husband's sake than yours.

If the Stroller had you, he would get you shanghaied on some sailing vessel bound for Hong Kong. He is going to keep tab on you so long as you are in this country and if anything happens to your husband you will be the one that will be hornswoggled.

West Superior, Wis.,  
April 6, 1902.

Dear Stroller—

I have just received your paper which contained my ad., and I wish to thank you for it, and say that I think I enjoyed the (roast) as much as you did, but I did not recognize the photo, and I think you must have done justice to your midnight lunch to have it throw you in such a state as to have the nightmare so badly, and it nearly threw me into the same state at the very sight of it. And perhaps for my own benefit I had better describe myself. I am a bachelor girl, somewhere between 20 and 70; not too old to love, nor too young to appreciate a man of wealth. I am five feet three inches tall; weigh 109. I am a trifle dark, although not altogether shady, and if there is any one in Dawson that would like to see the writer all they need do is to send me a pass, and I will leave the city of Destiny and go to the land of Nuggets, where perhaps I could pour out my goodness all over some wealthy man. And I must sincerely hope you won't indulge in that midnight lunch again, for it might prove fatal.

But while my heart is full of laughter

O'er the way the Stroller's column runs;

I will at this moment's writing Calmly say—your will be done.

MISS A. L. BURNETTE,  
West Superior, Wis.

Oakes avenue, 1016.

The plot thickens. The foregoing letter, in which was enclosed a geranium leaf the odor of which carried the Stroller back to his youth when everything wore a roseate hue and life was one continuous round of red lemonade, was received by him in the last mail. It caused him to think of his old home way down on the Swane river where the fragrance of orange blossoms and notes of mocking birds fill the air and where the vail of the pickaninny, as it disappears beneath the scrub-covered surface of a green sink in the jaws of the alligator, is heard in the land.

When the Stroller inserted a modest little advertisement of "Husband Wanted" six weeks ago for the young lady of West Superior, and also had a cut made of the young lady as she presented herself to his imagination, he wotted not that anything further would be heard of it. A copy of the paper was mailed to the young lady and the letter published above is the result.

The matter is becoming serious, but if the bachelor girl can answer the following questions satisfactorily the Stroller believes he will be able to provide her with a meal ticket:

Can you build soup dough bread?

Can you make flap jacks other than those of the door hinge variety?

Can you start a fire without kerosene?

Can you open a tin of Oregon horse meal?

Are you built for gum boots?

These questions satisfactorily answered, the Stroller believes he has

a man in view who will take a chance at you. He is not much himself, so he has but little to risk.

### More Blame for Buller.

London, April 17.—All the official dispatches referring to the defeat sustained by the British troops under Gen. Buller at Spionkop, Natal, January 24, 1900, were made public today. Those hitherto unpublished merely emphasize how hopelessly muddled were the preparations for that engagement. The controversy between Gen. Buller and Gen. Sir Charles Warren is proven to have been even more bitter than previously hinted at, while a news extract from one of Lord Roberts' dispatches brings additional censure on Gen. Buller. Lord Roberts declared that Gen. Buller's endeavor to put the responsibility of the defeat on Gen. Warren was not justifiable. Roberts holds that it was Buller's duty to intervene when he saw things were going wrong. This remark was caused by a dispatch from Buller, in which he says:

"I saw no attempt on the part of Warren to either grapple with the situation or command his force himself. We lost our chance by Warren's slowness. He seems to be a man who can do well what he can do himself, but he cannot command. I can never employ him again in an independent command. I ought to have assumed command myself when I saw things were not going well. I blame myself now for not doing so."

Buller explains that he failed to supersede Warren because it might have discredited the latter with the troops, which was an especially serious matter, as, if Buller had been shot, Warren would have succeeded to the supreme command.

The question of the responsibility for the actual retreat from Spionkop is shrouded in a maze of dispatches proving that a mistake was made in sending a heliograph, and that there was a general desire to shirk the onus. Beyond this washing of dirty linen, nothing appears to have been accomplished by the publication of the dispatches.

### Pay Your Bills.

Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to The Alaska Commercial Company that accounts remaining unpaid May 15th next will be placed in the hands of the company's solicitor for collection.

### WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROUTE.

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