

THE PHILOSOPHER OF THE SHEARS.

"Did it ever occur to you," asked the educated barber, "how much a man who stands in a tonsorial establishment all day may learn? Now in this neighborhood there come here regularly gentlemen of refinement and culture. We cater to no other class. It keeps me busy reading to have enough topics on hand to talk about. The barber is not responsible for all the conversation in the shop. As a matter of fact, he does not start the conversation in most cases. No, sir; I would not presume to engage a gentleman in conversation unless he first began it. The up-to-date barber must know all about the last interesting murder case, and when a customer says, 'Now what do you think of that—do you think the tall man with the red beard or the short man with the black mustache did the shooting?' the latter artist must be able to give a quick and intelligent answer.

"The operator at the next chair to me had an embarrassing experience just now. One of our best customers came in, and it was evident to me that he felt very strongly about revelations concerning society persons being blackmailed. My associate, I saw at a glance, was not in touch with the situation. I gave him a signal to say yes and he could make no mistake. So he started up assenting vigorously, saying that it was a shame and that the rascals should be brought to justice. He did it very well, and after we were alone I heartily congratulated him on his exploit, at the same time putting him in rapport with the situation. The gentleman who just went out knows all about automobiles, and the way I have been studying the inside of those vehicles required mental effort. It pays, too, for I go to shave him at his house, and a barber who can talk disconcertingly about carburetors and spark plugs and such things is valuable conversational aid—and gets a liberal tip.

"Yes, sir, the modern barber is all things to all men. Every customer has something which he likes to talk about and he starts up a topic often to lose his enthusiasm or to express his indignation. If the Giants have lost and he feels that the situation with regard to the pennant is disgraceful, the baseball enthusiast finds in the barber an intelligent and appreciative listener to opinions about umpires and managers and ice wagons and bunches of errors.

"One of the favorite topics of conversation which engages the attention of the regular customer is the nationality of his barber. For that reason I always keep posted on everything pertaining to Italy, for although I was not born there I am so Italian in my appearance that the gentleman think that I only recently landed. I am well versed now in Roman history, the sciences of Florence, and the Italian school of music. That answers very well for at least three customers, one an Italian banker, another an architect and the third a German professor of music who is often pleased to tell how Wagner excels anything in the way of Italian operas ever produced.

"That young man who just went out is connected with a neighboring dancing academy. It is fortunate that I saved that clipping about the new waltzes. Anticipating that you would be in soon I read it with great care. I think it should be good for a shampoo, a facial, massage and a ten-cent application of the newest hair tonic.

"Barbers are good conversationalists because they have the pleasure of meeting so many men of education and culture. Every man has some subject in which he is especially well informed, and he is always glad to enlighten the barber. In that way, sir, this upholstered chair becomes a college, and the latter is a dissertation and the pass of a razor may in itself comprehend a learned thesis. The humble shop becomes a university, a hair cut is a caesure, and a shampoo the equivalent to a lecture at the Sorbonne. I have taken a course in literature in that I have shaved Mr. William Dean Howells many times, and I am interested in a special branch of surgery also, for a distinguished specialist always comes to my chair. All men are glad to talk to the barber about the matters uppermost in their minds, so he not only learns, but is able to pass along some of the ideas which he acquires."

THE RUSSIAN ARMADA.

News from the Baltic, Lake Northern winds, From the Atlantic, Chilled British minds, Roused sleeping heroes, Gager to fight, Such lawless Necees, Cowards of might, What! Love the merits, Our Nelsons gained? No, ronder tars, Still rule the main, So, Russian brawlers, Careless not be, Touch not our travelers, When on the sea, Make not the same mistake, For we are wide awake, Millions are shattered, Crushed on the ocean, Hammered and battered, Lost in confusion, Millions of dollars, Wrenched from the peasants, Slave, curbed and collared, By their rich tyrants, Are, like Armadas, In history's scope, Sunken forever, Like Russian hope, Gone Russian prestige, Swamped down by whom? Wrong has no vengeance, Right can't entomb, For there's a ruling power, Greater by far than ours, Herk! Herk! Hear the walling, Of zealous races, See! They are quailing, Fearing Jap faces, Sounds, like the bellows, Of angry ocean, Strike against the yellow lighter in motion, What? Are ye blinded, 'Cept for thy Empire? Waka single-minded, Japs peace desire, Who in your struggle, Empire Celestial, Morse can muffle, Myths oriental, Who so than yellow kin Can drive out heathen sin, Eastern monarchies, Must ye have rials, Let all your thoughts be Self-preservation, Must ye love freedom, But for thy kingdom, For help ye seldom, To soldiers in thraldom, 'Cept thy martyrdom, 'Chin thee a providence? Ah! how ye love to see, Souls dwarfed in slavery, When such deeds bring to thee, Gold, prestige and power, Oh, Russia! now's the hour, Let thy sounding tows, Brown out thy victory, Ring to all liberty, —J. H. Hagus, W. M. J.

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Dying Made Easy. One of the modern schemes of physical development that has won favor is a systematic method of breathing. A certain inquirer who was interested in the principles of this system recently wrote to one of its professors for a descriptive pamphlet. One of the rules on the first page read as follows: "After the morning bath take a deep breath, retain it as long as possible, then slowly expire. He decided not to try the system.

Getting There. A man with a good thing to sell is like a man with a good thought in his head. The idea will profit nothing unless it be put before the world in some rational and effective way. So, too, must the world know about a commodity before it will buy. A man with a fine light may hide it under a bushel; a man with an A1 idea may secrete it under his hat, and a man with the raw material of a fortune at his disposal may flock by himself so long as he lives and finally die poor.

Misery of Mal de Mer. Two congressmen, discussing the discomforts of travel, happened to branch off to the subject of seasickness. One of them said: "Talk about seasickness; the fellow that travelled with me on my last European trip beat anything I ever met in all my experience here. I tried all sorts of remedies on him, but without avail. He kept repeating, 'Oh, but I am so sick—I am so sick.' Finally I cried out, 'Can't you keep anything on your stomach?' Only my hands, Tom; only my hands!"

HOW DR. VON STAM'S PINEAPPLE TABLETS GIVE INSTANT RELIEF.—They're handy to carry—take one after eating—or whenever you feel stomach distress coming on—sufferers have proved it the only remedy known that will give instant relief and permanent cure—no long tedious treatments with questionable results—best for all sorts of stomach troubles. 35 cents.—36

The Witty Vicar. Perhaps few experiences of life are harder to bear than when an appeal of another out of the fullness of one's heart is received with an utter lack of sympathy. A dishonest gardener had received notice of discharge, and after an unsuccessful attempt to vindicate his character, by plausible platitudes, said mournfully to the vicar: "Ah, sir, you will miss me before I be gone half an hour!" "I shan't mind that," answered the vicar, cheerfully, "if I don't miss anything else!"—Answers.

Canadian Hair Restorer. Will restore gray hair to its natural color. Stops falling hair, causes it to grow on bald heads, cures dandruff, itching and all scalp diseases. Contains no oily or greasy ingredients. By its use the hair and whiskers become thick, glossy and luxuriant. Price, mailed, 75 cents and three 2 cent stamps, or \$1 and six 2 cent stamps. Have no agencies. Must be ordered direct from manufacturer. We manufacture medicines for all diseases for men and women. Write immediately for full particulars, sealed.

THE MERWIN CO., Windsor, Ont.

The Better Way

The tissues of the throat are inflamed and irritated; you cough, and there is more irritation—more coughing. You take a cough mixture and it eases the irritation—for a while. You take SCOTT'S EMULSION and it cures the cold. That's what is necessary. It soothes the throat because it reduces the irritation; cures the cold because it drives out the inflammation, builds up the weakened tissues because it nourishes them back to their natural strength. That's how Scott's Emulsion deals with a sore throat, a cough, a cold or bronchitis.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto, Ont.

DON'TS FOR POLICEMEN. Issued in Chicago, But Equally Applicable Here.

Chief O'Neil, of the Chicago police, has just issued a new book of rules, which includes the following "Don'ts" for patrolmen. These should prove of local interest in view of the recent shakedown: Don't gamble. Don't get drunk. Don't accept a gift. Don't sleep on duty. Don't lounge on post. Don't smoke on duty. Don't be immoral. Don't mistreat a prisoner. Don't carry an umbrella. Don't get in the hands of the loan sharks. Don't use coarse, insolent or profane language. Don't gossip about members of the department. Don't neglect to be always tidy and neat. Don't neglect to pay your just debts. Don't recommend lawyers to prisoners. Don't criticize the official acts of superior officers. Don't refuse to take all stray animals to the pound. Don't neglect to give your name and number when requested. Don't forget to salute your superior officers. Don't let a lawyer in a cell with his client. Don't drive the patrol wagon faster than a brick trotter. Don't fail to participate in the manoeuvres of the drillmaster. Don't apply for a warrant if some one hits you, unless the chief approves. Don't arrest a person for making a noise unless it is gross or offensive. Don't use baton except in urgent cases of self-defense. Don't permit your friends to elect you a delegate to a convention. Don't use more force than absolutely necessary in making an arrest. Don't permit lighted candles in bars full of hay or straw. Don't permit anyone to go in swimming without some kind of clothes on. Don't forget to read the new rules.

THIS MESSAGE IS FOR WOMEN

Dame Bradette Cured of all Her Pains by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

suffered for Years Before She Found Quick Relief in the Great Canadian Kidney Remedy.

St. Rose du Degele, Temiscouata Co., Que. Aug. 28.—(Special).—Suffering women all over Canada will read with feelings of interest and relief the experience of Dame Bradette, of this place. "It gives me pleasure to be able to tell," says Dame Bradette, "that I am cured of all the ills I suffered for a number of years. I found in Dodd's Kidney Pills quick relief from all my pains. I only had to take one box to bring back my health, and in five months I have had no return of my trouble." Those troubles known only to women always spring from disordered kidneys. The female organs are entirely dependent on the kidneys. Dodd's Kidney Pills never fail to cure the kidneys. That is why they always bring health, strength and cheerfulness to weak, run-down, suffering women.

Hay Loft in Automobile Barn. A Philadelphian who has a country house near his home city recently acquired an automobile. For its proper accommodation he built a barn near his house. When the structure was completed a party of friends invited to inspect it noticed that the barn was a two-story building. They wanted to know what he intended to keep in the second story. The owner's explanation didn't explain, but his wife revealed the reason for the second story. "You see," she said, "the second story was intended for a hay loft and it was not until the thing was built that either Henry or I realized that an automobile would fit in."

PRIME CAUSES OF SUICIDE.

Avoidance of Physical Labor a Large Factor in Shaping Conduct. Throughout the literature of suicide one will find that the attitude toward wage-earning and work is a larger factor in shaping serious conduct than being forced to work after a period of leisure, the mad desire to get money by trickery and gambling devices, the scorn with which manual labor is regarded by the "successful," is emphasized by the stories of the newly rich becoming suddenly poor, and who then dejectedly escape into the unknown and live on pension and polite beggary.

THE CARE OF BOOKS. Books, like friendships, require careful treatment if they are to live long and prosper. Exposing books to heat or strong sunlight warps the binding. Corners should not be turned down or leaves folded in halves. Dragging a book out from the shelf by the binding at the top is hurtful. If books are wedged in too tightly in a case they become shabby. Bookcases should not be placed against walls on account of the probable dampness.

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA. In going to above points take direct route, Lehigh Valley Railroad. Five fast express trains daily, from Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls. Trains of G. T. R. make direct connection at Suspension Bridge. The Lehigh Valley has three stations in New York uptown, near all first class hotels and business houses; downtown, near all European steamer docks, saving passengers for Europe a long and expensive transfer. Secure your tickets at New York or Philadelphia via Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Executing a Monster Elephant. The Indian elephant named Fritz in the Zoological Gardens of Berlin, was Europe's largest animal until it finally had to be killed by a distemper. Dr. Schilling was appointed hangman. First he tried strangulation by means of ropes and pulleys. But the ropes broke and the elephant remained intact. Next he tried poisoning. The animal was given food of fresh bananas, which was decontaminated with arsenic. The bananas were dipped in carbolic acid—but no amount of coating could make Fritz "go" them. Finally shooting was tried. The heaviest big game gun was procured and a shot was fired into the left armpit. The elephant merely looked around in surprise, the bullet having flattened against the shoulder blade. Then a Maxim gun was pulled up. A fusillade of projectiles was pumped into the head, under the right armpit. The elephant went down like a house. In its death struggle, which was studied by many scientists, it broke all its chains and reduced part of the iron fence in the paddock to scrap iron.

A Perfume That Smells. The perfumer took from his desk a small flask of copper. "In flasks like this attar of roses comes to us," he said. "Attar of roses is worth from \$10 to \$25 an ounce according to the market. This flask is empty now, but in it a little odor still lingers." The visitor smiled delightedly. He had never smelt pure attar of roses before. Now he unscrewed the stopper, and closing his eyes with an ecstatic look he applied his nostrils to the flask. But out for an instant. Then he threw back his head, twisting his features into a grimace of disgust, and he exclaimed:—"Garbage! Bone yards! Glue factories!" The perfumer laughed. "All essential oils smell like that," he said. "Yet no good perfume can be made without them."

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There are very few cleansing operations in which Sunlight Soap cannot be used to advantage. It makes the home bright and clean.

What Would Happen? Were the British soldiers to leave India to-morrow, as the Roman legions once left Britain, there would be witnessed an immediate and furious outbreak of racial and religious hatred between the innumerable devotees of Brahmanism and the sixty millions of Moslems, between the Gurkas, who are the Buddhists, and the Sikhs, who have a creed of their own. The vast peninsula, which stretches from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin and from Afghanistan to Burma, would be transformed instantly into a shambles and a hell. Ultimately, no doubt, Russian armies, descending from the mountains in the guise of liberators or the allies of a faction, New York or Philadelphia, et debellare superbos—Spare the submissive and ward down the proud.

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

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—100 acre farm. Good soil, conveniently situated. Price \$1,800 cash. Apply ERNEST W. SMITH, Fort Sydney, Ont.

FOR SALE. TWO ELECTRIC MOTORS. Direct current, 1 1/2 and 3 horse-power. Dress Box 10.

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TELEGRAPHY

The plan citizen is booked for all sorts of trouble if he takes with deep seriousness—a habit of the plain citizen—all we are hearing these days about "impure food." We learned that our coffee is tainted with some kind of an acid that just glories in chewing up the nerves and membranes and furnishing phy-sicians with new clinical subjects for the pro-sis class. The oatmeal contains a liberal percentage of sawdust secured from trees that grow in a marsh where the original malaria germ has its habit. The milk is a silent partner of the typhoid germ and rolls are shortened with a hard substitute made from cottonseed oil produced from cotton that is full of boll weevils. The man who dodges these and other attendant evils at breakfast and is allowed to live until dinner finds prussic acid in his soup, strychnine in his olives, deadly phosphates in the soup, sure death in the cheese and borax in everything.—Washington Post.

WARRIOR WEBS.—Through damp, cold and exposure, many a brave soldier who left his native hearth as "fit" as man could be to fight for country's honor, has been "invalided home" because of the violence of the battle ground—rheumatism. South American Rheumatic Cure will absolutely cure every case of Rheumatism in existence. Relief in six hours.—88

Babies Mixed on Bargain Day. It was a bargain day on Sixth avenue, New York, and twenty baby carriages, all properly checked, were ranged up in front of a department store while the mothers were inside buying things they didn't need. Suddenly a baby at one end of the line stood up, tumbled over against the next carriage, and in a moment all the carriages went over like ninepins, sending the kids sprawling about the sidewalk. It took a long time to identify them, for an attendant had put them back indiscriminately, and they were not checked like their perambulators. This thrilling incident shows that the only sure way to avoid similar catastrophes would be to brand each child with a number and hang a corresponding number round the mother's neck, like a bathroom key.—Boston Herald.

ENGLISH SPAVIN LINIMENT. Removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavin, curbs, splints, ringbone, swellings, stifles, sprains, sore and swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save \$50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known.

Pennsylvania Woman's Odd Act. Possibly the oddest advertisement in a rural settlement in this State is a meat market sign-board sign surmounting a fountain and circular flower bed in Lincoln, the little Lancaster county village, which was formerly known as New Ephrata. The sign in question was devised by an ambitious wife, who endeavors to secure trade for her husband's meat business. The little fountain, which is a unique design, has a pool of water on the center of a fountain, almost fills the little yard. This is surrounded by a cement coping, and the pool is well filled with delicate water plants and gold fish. Directly in the center of this pool a stout iron pipe or riser has been fitted to hold swinging circular shelves for potted plants, at a height to reach well above the iron fence which encloses the yard, and at the top of the riser the following inscription, in a circular sign, which advertises her husband's business, is a hand pointing suggestively to the sign-board situated down the street, and which does below her home.

OUR LATEST PARLOR MATCH. "SILENT" MATCH. NOISELESS. HEADS WON'T FLY OFF. If dropped on the floor and stepped on, it will not ignite, as sometimes happens with the common parlor match. Will strike a match the best yet.

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Advertisement for E. B. Eddy's Parlor Match, featuring the 'Silent Match' and a matchbox illustration.