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The Secret of Contentment

"Tell me, sirs," I began, when they had stripped the gilded bands from their cigars and lighted them, "what is it that makes you all so innocently merry and contented in this troublous world?"

"It is a professional secret," said the first beggar. "If we tell it, you will give it away."

"Never," I answered. "I only want to put it into a poem."

The beggars looked at one another and laughed heartily. "That will do no harm said they, our secret will be safe there."

"Well, then," said the first beggar gravely, "it is religion. We approve the conduct of Providence. It must be all right. The Lord is on our side. It would be wicked to ask why. We practise the grace of resignation, and find peace."

"No," said the second beggar smiling, "religion is an old wives' tale. It is philosophy that makes us contented. Nothing could be unless it was, and nothing is different from what it has to be. Evolution goes on evolving all the time. So here we are, you see, in the best world possible at the present moment. Why not make the most of it? Pass me the flagon."

"Not at all," interrupted the fourth beggar loudly, "I will have none of your religion or your immortal philosophy. I am a Reformer. This is the worst world possible and that is why I enjoy it. It gives me a chance to make orations about reform. Philanthropy is the secret of happiness."

"Piffle!" said the third beggar, tossing a gold coin in the air. "You talk as if people heard you. The secret of happiness-religion, philosophy, philanthropy? Poppycock! It is luck, sheer luck. Life is a game of chance. Heads I win, tails you lose. Will you match me Master Poet?"

"You will have to excuse me," I said, "I have only a penny in my pocket. But I am still puzzled by your answers. You seem of many minds, but of one spirit. You are all equally contented. How is this?"

The eyes of the beggars turned to the piles of booty in front of them, and they all nodded their heads wisely as if to say "You can see." - H. van Dyke, Scrib. Magazine.

Comeliness in Exercise

Women are beginning to realize more and more that common sense is as necessary in the cultivation of good looks as it is in growing vegetables. We don't have to apologize for wanting to look as comely as possible, for good health, the foundation of beauty is a potent factor in a woman's life. There is no real beauty without health. The realization of this has changed the entire attitude towards what we are pleased to call beauty culture. Realizing that beauty is a thing of health, we seek it not in the cosmetic jar but in the health of body and mind, and there is a growing tendency to turn beauty parlors into gymnasiums, writes Margaret Hubbard Ayer, in the January McCall's.

When you go to the doctor and complain of some malady, while he is listen-

ing to your tale of woe he looks earnestly at your face. From the condition of the skin and from various lines, sagging, puffiness and so on, in the countenance, he diagnoses to a great extent the condition of the general system. For the face is like a semaphore, continually signaling the condition of your health.

Every woman who is not satisfied with her looks, and by that I mean especially her face, should try and find out what is the meaning of these indications which show so plainly on her countenance, despite the use of face creams and toilet lotions, and should set to work to remedy not the effect, but the cause itself.

I suppose that everyone of you has at one time or another been interested in physical culture. Every year we get physical culture disguised under another name. Last season we got Greek dancing, and I am just waiting to find out what it will be this year, but whatever name it bears, it will still be the conscious rhythmic exercise of the body and limbs, and its results, if practised after some good system, will be beneficial, not only to the figure, but to the face. Exercising the limbs and body methodically and in the correct way stops a deterioration of the body, upon the condition of which depends the beauty of the face and complexion.

Mystery of Missing People.

(New York World)

The mysterious disappearance of Mrs. W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C., who vanished the other day while shopping in the downtown district of Washington D. C., recalls the still unexplained disappearance in this city of Miss Dorothy Arnold. Though Mrs. Greever disappeared about two weeks ago, no clue has yet been found of her. Like the 50,000 others who, according to government reports mysteriously disappear every year in the United States, Mrs. Greever went forth on an ordinary errand and so walked out of sight and knowledge of all her former friends and relatives.

Probably in the majority of cases these missing 50,000 are heard from in some way. Some return after a short disappearance, some after many months or years and some never return and are never again heard of. Some are traced by detectives or police, where there is a sufficient incentive to search; some are afterwards identified at hospitals, asylums, sanitoria, and the morgue; but many are never again heard of by those who knew them. They disappear as completely and mysteriously as those whom Addison in his "Vision of Mirza" saw crossing the bridge of life and suddenly dropping through the trap holes in to the darkness below.

Modern Amazons.

A medical lady missionary in China tells of a remarkable movement among Chinese, better-class women. A number of highly educated young women from a school in Shanghai studying military tactics and shooting, with a view to disguising themselves as soldiers and fighting under the revolutionary flag. One of them has her hair off already, has seen some service in Nanking, and is qualifying herself for more. The missionary has been asked to give them instructions in first aid and Red Cross methods, and is hoping to influence them in this way to turn their devotion and patriotism to a more practical and serviceable end. Yet it is said that women can't fight. Rather it is they won't unless driven to it with their backs to the wall.

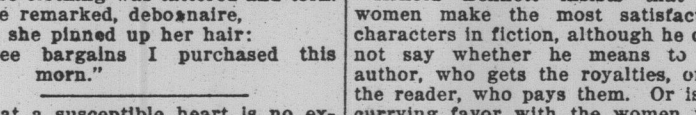
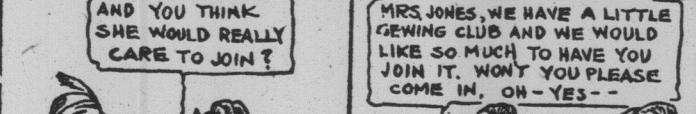
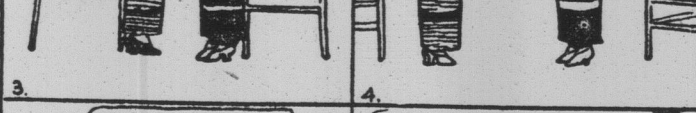
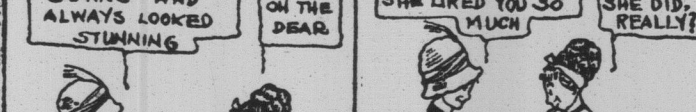
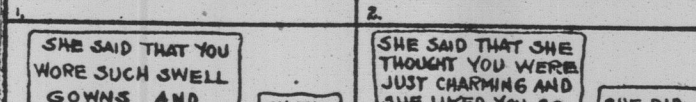
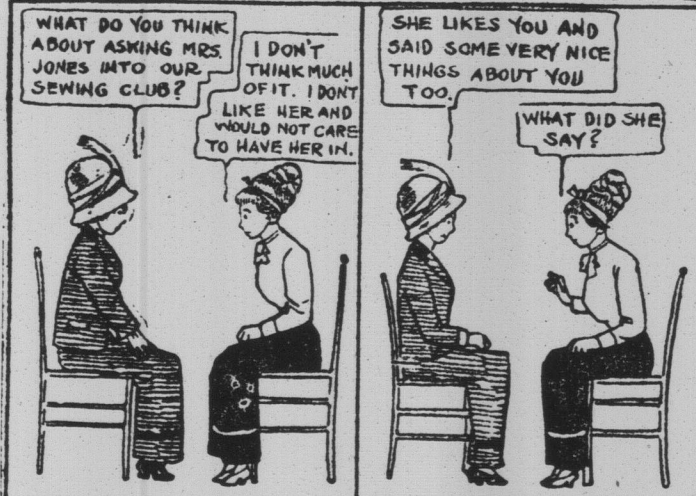
Town of Frank Must be Removed

Frank, Alta., March 11.-The special committee appointed by the provincial government has ordered the removal of the town of Frank from the present site because of the danger of another Turtle mountain slide. All last week slides were coming down, but nothing to do damage.

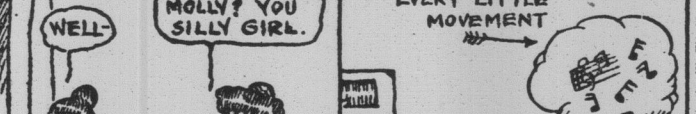
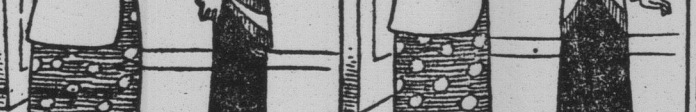
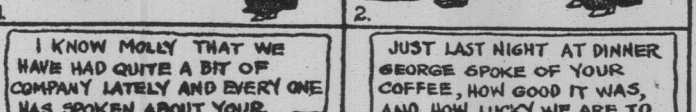
However, the investigation of experts has shown the site of the mountain is again getting ready to break away, and if it does great loss of life will be the result.

It was at the end of April, 1903, that the big slide came, burying a large portion of the town, in which 84 lives were lost, and many bodies were never recovered, being beneath many hundreds of tons of debris.

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A Chapel on an Ocean Liner.

The latest vessel built for the Austro-American Line contains a chapel where daily services are to be held for the benefit of immigrants, says The London Chronicle. This is following an example set by the Mohammedans. The rolling stock provided for the railway from Damascus to Mecca includes a mosque car specially built in Constantinople, so that pilgrims may be able to conduct their devotions with full pomp and ceremonial. The walls of the car are inscribed with verses from the Koran. At one end is hung a large compass, indicating the direction of the Holy City, while at the other four vessels are provided for the due performance of ritual ablutions. Externally the car is distinguished by a gilded minaret eight feet high.

Fear Volcano Underlies Canal.

New York, March 13 The statement that a sleeping volcano, dormant for many centuries, is threatening the safety of the Panama Canal is made in special despatches from Colon published here Wednesday. The volcano is said to underlie the Culebra cut and it is stated that "the report of the division engineer at Culebra is rather pessimistic."

The fear of volcanic trouble had its origin in the fact that clouds of steam and blue smoke had been rising from newly turned ground. Every drill hole in the affected area is tested with a thermometer before dynamite is put in to prevent a premature explosion. The division engineer's report is in part as follows:

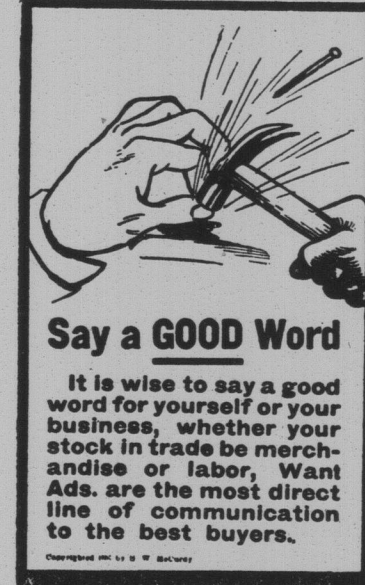
"Three weeks ago I noticed that the material at the locality described which consisted of stratified sedimentary rock, among which there appeared some lignite of a low grade, was sending up a thick cloud of white steam or vapor. I examined the spot and found that the entire mass was heated to a considerable temperature."

"Steam was escaping from small opening and in four principal vents. The sides of two of the vents were encrusted with white and yellow powdered material the yellow powder appearing to be sulphur."

"Within the past five days there has been quite a change in two important characteristics. The temperature has increased and a pile blue smoke, instead of steam, is now emerging from the vents."

"To give an idea of the temperature of the larger vent I took a piece of white pine and held it for three minutes in the mouth of the larger vent and it was completely charred."

The canal commission's geologist reports that the steam and smoke are due to the oxidation of pyrites and have no volcanic significance.



The Ottawa Free Press says: Some idea of the present conditions in the west may be grasped from the statement made in the Commons last night by E. W. Nesbitt, M. P., for North Oxford, that in one week in one coast 600 writs were issued by implement companies. That is a pretty serious state of affairs and the farmers have no relief. Their wheat is rotting on the ground and it's not their fault."

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