

Reforms we Advocate.

In this pretentious, heartless age Of cant and sham and show...

Where wealthy men increase in wealth, The poor still poorer grow...

Is it a crime in us to strive To equalize the strain...

Is he an object to be shunned, Or treated with disdain...

Three sources of distress and woe; Vice, fashion, human greed...

Extravagance and foolish pride Must give place to good sense...

Cash down must take the place of trust, Credit go to the shades...

Let debts at once no longer be Collectable by law...

Let prohibition have full swing, Grant licenses to none...

The tariff is the brewer's hope; License, the seller's pride...

Then to knock out monopoly In land, a tax apply...

Thus doing, those who speculate In thousand acre plots...

Just make monopolists land-poor, And Lazarus at their gates...

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

As a rule the people who can afford it—and some who can't—take holidays in mid-summer...

Between Gannanote and Clayton. One gets weary of going to the same place every year...

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TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

Do not imagine that every man who says nothing approves of your conduct.

Success in life is very apt to make us forget the time when we weren't much.

The heart must be beaten and bruised, and then the sweet scent will come out.

All of us complain of the shortness of life, yet we all waste more time than we use.

THE JUNCTION.

Rzekkwng Jnkshn! Chjkrzrr frt Wixzzzby, Brinkn and Yngzzzby!

I'll tell you all what they're all about; These wild, delicious words to shout...

There are 6,250,000 Roman Catholics in the United States.

Many a girl who "takes the cake" wouldn't if she had to bake it herself.

In my travels I have noticed that the man who wants the earth...

That the atmosphere is better in the other berth above.

Considerable British indignation has been aroused by a fancy-dress ball in India...

Operations have been commenced in the construction of the much-talked-of C. P. R. bridge over the Niagara...

Sunday Reflections.

The loaded dice plot proves that turn about isn't always fair play.

Fighting is a variety of fruit better nipped in the bud than picked after it is ripe.

It isn't safe to estimate the quality of a man's time by the size of his watch chain.

The bump of self-esteem of the man who loves his neighbor as himself must be something prodigious.

SAME OLD THING.

Day—I believe that some of these clergymen who turn away from their creeds do it to make money.

Weeks—What is the harm in that? In old times when a man turned heretic he got staked.

THE DEVIL.

There never was a house of prayer But what the Devil roosted there;

Were I a preacher I would love The man who truly wild and tough...

THEY STAY FROM CHURCH.

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THE TURNING OF THE CRANK.

When'er a new scheme of perpetual motion Arouses attention from ocean to ocean...

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THE ESCORTED GIRL.

She is an Interesting Creature and You Like Her Ways.

These are the days when the escorted girl is prevalent. You can tell her at a glance...

The escorted girl has the conscious air of having just discovered that she is desirable...

There are women, I find, who never get beyond this stage. There are girls of suggestive possibilities who never realize all that they promise...

They never grow sure of their rights, never wear them with authority. This class of women is not uncommon.

I recollect them in my youth. One often made great efforts to be made acquainted with them, and never got any further.

They are often prettier than less attractive girls, but lacking reality they are only inspiring to the imagination.

Femininity is hard to classify, however, and there is as much difference of opinion about it as about religion.

THE RUSSIAN SUCCESSION.

What if the Czarowitz Had Been Assassinated?

Had the Japanese assailant of the Czarowitz been permitted to accomplish his purpose, the most terrible confusion would have arisen...

At St. Petersburg in connection with matters relating to the succession to the throne, for the Emperor's second son is dying of consumption...

the result, it is said, of a blow in the chest, received in jest from the Czarowitz. Alexander III, it may be mentioned here, is stated to owe both his charming wife and his throne to a similar blow inflicted in play upon his elder brother Nicholas, who died at Nice of consumption in 1865.

The third and only remaining son of the Emperor is the little Grand Duke Michel, a boy of 12 years of age, who, in the event of a demise of the crown, would require the guidance and guardianship of a regency until the expiration of his minority.

To whom would the regency belong? That is the question that concerns the Czar, for more than one of the Czar's kin would claim the right to train the royal twig.

In official circles in Russia it is believed that Alexander III has already designated his brother, the Grand Duke Sergius, as Regent, in the event of the minority of his successor.

Sergius is renowned for his fanaticism, and for his aversion to everything foreign. If the necessity for a regency were to occur the world would probably be called upon to witness, if not a civil and fratricidal war, at any rate a repetition of the terrorism and bloodshed which marked in 1825 the accession to the throne of Emperor Nicolas in lieu of his elder brother, the Czarowitz Constantine.

For Baby Boys.

Sailor collars ending in revers to the waist line are edged with embroidery.

Leggins are of cloth or ooz calf in tan or black. Black shoes and hose are always worn.

Figured gingham of the plainest description have a gathered shirt and round waist.

Pique dresses having a round waist are trimmed with collars, cuffs and bretelles edged with embroidery.

Little boys of two and three years wear their front hair banged and the rest in loose curls or waved ends.

Jacket suits of pique or gingham have a plaited or gathered skirt, short coat sleeves and a square three-piece jacket.

Cotton dresses are cut with a round, broad waist in three pieces, corded and sewed to the full gathered or plaited and hemmed skirt.

Flannel and cotton dresses for little chaps just donning boyish gowns have one-piece dresses in three box-plaits, back and front, caught to just below the waist line.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife.

It is perhaps worth noting that since the daughters of Henry VII.—both queens—married into the Peerage there has till the present day been no instance of a direct descendant of the sovereign being the child of a Peer of England or Scotland.

Margaret Tudor was Queen of Scotland, and married, for her second husband, the Earl of Angus, her daughter Margaret marrying the Earl of Lennox. Mary Tudor was Queen of France, and married, secondly, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, their daughter Frances marrying Guy, Marquis of Dorset.

Till our present Queen's reign the house of Hanover has refused to ally itself with the nobility of Great Britain, even the marriages of George III.'s brothers with ladies not of royal rank being so bitterly resented as to cause the passing of the royal marriage act. This act was the more disastrous as the limitations of the Protestant succession narrowed so greatly the choice of suitable partners for our Princes and Princesses from the courts of Europe.

The Advantages of Education.

Buffalo News: "I tell you, Bill," said Smoky Mike, the burglar, "we hard-workin' thieves don't make half as much money out o' the business as them dude bank presidents and Pennsylvania officials."

"That's so, Smoke," returned Bill, "An' that just shows the value of education, which I have frequently remarked."

Rev. Amos Shaw, whose pleas for woman suffrage are made upon the novel ground that there is too much "father" and not enough "mother" in our government, is below the average height, of rotund form, and speaks rapidly, with a clear enunciation.

LAW IN ARIZONA.

The Prisoner was Missing, but that Didn't Matter.

They are not very rigid as to court formalities down on the Rattlesnake lode in Arizona, says the San Francisco News-Letter.

"I don't see the prisoner," said the County Judge, as he walked up preparatory to sentencing a culprit. "Where is he?"

"I'm blessed if I know," said the Sheriff, looking under the benches. "Just lent him my paper of fine cut, too."

"Was he a big red-headed man with a scar on his cheek?" asked the foreman, who was playing poker with the rest of the jury.

"That's the cuss," said the clerk, who had been betting on a horse race with the prosecuting attorney.

"Why, then," said the foreman, "he asked me to go out and take a drink about an hour ago, and he said, 'Well, next time, then, and walked out.'"

"The thunder you say?" roared His Honor. "However, he's sure to be in town next week to see the dog fight, and some of you must remind the sheriff to shoot him on sight. The docket is just jammed full of horse stealing cases, and there is no time to waste over a measly homicider. Next case."

Wire Finer Than Hair.

We are at work just now, said a manufacturer the other day, on some pretty small wire. It is 1.500th of an inch in diameter—finer than the hair on your head, a great deal.

Ordinary fine wire is drawn through steel plates, but that wouldn't do for this work, because if the hole wore away ever so little it would make the wire larger, and that would spoil the job.

Instead, it is drawn through what is practically a hole in a diamond, to which there is, of course, no wear. These diamond plates are made by a woman in New York, who has a monopoly of the art in this country.

The wire is then run through machinery which winds it spirally with a layer of silk thread that is .0015 of an inch in thickness—even finer than the wire, you see. This wire is used in making the receiving instruments of ocean cables, the galvanometers used in testing cables and measuring insulation of covered wires.

For New York's Young Women.

Ground was broken in Brooklyn last Monday for the new Young Women's Christian Association building. The building will cost \$225,000 and will be six stories high with a front of light brick and terra cotta.

In the basement will be a gymnasium, bathroom and pharmacy. Opening from the entrance hall will be an octagonal reception room and a chapel with seating capacity for 800 persons.

The reading room and library will occupy the second story, and a lecture room and parlors the third. The rest of the building will be devoted to the class rooms, kitchen and work rooms. One of the pleasantest features of the building will be a roof garden. The building will be finished by May 1, 1902. Mr. D. C. Wood has given \$125,000 toward the cost of it as a memorial to his wife.

Finished His Story.

On January 15th last two laborers were at work on a railroad running into Indianapolis from Alton. One was telling a story, and as he was bending over he was accidentally hit on the head with a hammer by his companion, and his skull was fractured.

He was rendered unconscious and remained in a comatose condition until last Friday night, when Dr. G. D. Sturtevant, of Indianapolis, trepanned his skull, and immediately upon removing the pieces of skull from against the brain the man continued the story which was started five months before and had lain latent in his brain during all this time.

A Four-Footed Gentleman.

To be well-educated, to have good manners, and to be used to good society, are certainly strong claims to being considered a gentleman—and if a gentleman may sometimes be called a donkey, why may not a donkey sometimes be called a gentleman?

Something like this may have been the reasoning of the man who framed a novel advertisement which appeared in a London paper:

"For sale, a donkey, well-educated, of gentle manners, good-looking and a good goer. Has been driven and cared for by gentlemen, and is a gentleman. Only parted with because no further use for him. Price, 50s. No more, no less."

Music While You Eat.

Several restaurants up town have small orchestras, principally of Italian performers, to furnish music during the dinner time, and now the owner of a neat restaurant on Union Square has placed a large music-box in the rear of the dining room. It stands on a richly carved pedestal, and has an ornamental dome. With one winding it furnishes low, sweet music for over an hour.

This music-box has proved a success, and the restaurant is well patronized.

A Perfect Heathen.

Indianapolis Journal: Mrs. Watts—How is your new girl?

Mrs. Potts—Oh! she's a perfect heathen. I left her to straighten things up before the minister called, and she never even dusted off the Bible!

The Scotch census returns just issued show the total population of Scotland, including the shipping in Scotch waters, to be 4,033,103, of whom 1,951,461 are males and 2,081,624 females. Compared with the year 1881, this is an increase of 297,530—151,986 males and 145,544 females. The population of Glasgow is given at 565,714, as compared with 511,415 in 1881. Edinburgh is given at 261,261, as compared with 234,402 ten years ago.

Jack—I love you. Maud—How nice! Jack—But I am poor. Maud—How romantic! Jack—Yet I want you to be my wife. Maud—How stupid!!!—Town Topics

New York city's real estate valuation for the current year foots up \$1,464,247,820, and her personal estate \$321,609,518, making a total of \$1,785,857,338—an increase of \$38,888,648 over the valuation of last year. New York city pays one-third of the entire State tax.

FOOD FOR SUMMER MONTHS.

The Effects of Various Vegetables, Fruits, Meats, Fish, Drinks, Etc.

A physician who has made a study of summer vegetables and their general effect on a family, says the New York Press, states that beets, carrots, potatoes, turnips, green corn, peas and Lima beans are the most fattening of the common vegetables.

Asparagus cleans the blood and acts on the kidneys. Tomatoes contain calomel and act on the liver. Some doctors go so far as to claim that a delicate woman should not eat sliced tomatoes unless prescribed by her family physician. Beets are particularly rich in sugar and also excellent appetizers, whether eaten with or without vinegar.

Beets contain from 10 to 11 percent of sugar, carrots from 6 to 7 per cent., parsnips 6 per cent., and turnips from 2 to 4 per cent., according to the variety. They are about equal as regards the proportion of nitrogenous matter in them, each containing from 1.3 to 2 per cent. of nitrogenous elements.

Cucumbers and lettuce are cooling. These eating lettuce with some regard for its beneficial properties in the days when the thermometer is 100 degrees in the shade will use little dressing; a dressing with little mustard and oil and much vinegar is by far preferable to the usual mustard plaster.

Olives, garlic and onions stimulate the heart and quicken circulation, and consequently increase the flow of saliva and so promote digestion. Red onions are a strong diuretic.

Red cherries, grapes, mulberries, pears, strawberries, English golden pippin apples and red raspberries, which contain large percentages of sugar, are fattening if thoroughly ripe. If fruits are chosen for their cooling qualities, currants, yellow plums and small gooseberries should have the call.

If drinks are to be selected on the same hypothesis, claret, lemonade and iced tea are more refreshing than milk, soda water, lager and the body wines. Iced tea is much better than iced coffee, as it has a tonic effect on the pores.

Lean meats, poultry, lobsters, dry toast and cheese are cooling as compared with mutton, gravies, salmon, farinaceous foods, apocia, bread, pastry, nuts and confectionery.

The Easiest way to Clean Lace.

An old lace maker, who has woven many a gossamer web for that connoisseur of laces, Mme. Modjeska, and has taught the fair actress to fashion some of the daintiest patterns her deft fingers delight in doing, gives this simple recipe for lace cleaning: Spread the lace out carefully on wrapping paper, then sprinkle it carefully with calcined magnesia; place another paper over it and put it away between the leaves of a book for two or three days. All it needs is a skillful shake to scatter the white powder and then it is ready for wear, with slender threads intact and as fresh as when new.

To Cleanse a Carpet of Stain.

Put a pad of blotting paper under the carpet where the mark is and a pad on the top, and apply a hot iron, as is used for linen.

—This year there have been a dozen cases of death in England directly attributable to injuries received in football matches.

Why She Was Angry.

Boston Herald: He put his arm around her waist for the first time, but, realizing his boldness, quickly withdrew it. "Are you angry with me, Katie?" he asked, timidly.

"Of course I am," "George," she answered. "What business had you to take away your arm?"

Hunting for Kitty.

Mrs. Smith (to Mrs. Jones' servant girl)—What do you want?

Servant Girl—Mrs. Jones sends her regards, and says would you be so kind as to count your children and see if you haven't got one too many, as our Kitty hasn't come home, and school has been out two hours.

A Striking Likeness.

Rochester Herald: "Mr. Weber, this is your son's photograph which he ordered. Does it not look like him?"

"Yes."

"But he has not paid me for it yet."

"That looks still more like him."

That Bonnet.

Buffalo News: He—You told me before we were married that you could live on love, and now you touch me for a twenty dollar bonnet.

She—Yes, dear; but it is a love of a bonnet.

Not Jealous.

New York Herald: Harry—I saw George down town last night hugging a lamp-post.

Ethel—I don't believe it; and I'm not of a jealous disposition, anyway.

No Danger.

New York Jury: "He sat on my joke." "That was safe."

"Safe?"

"Yes. There wasn't any point to it."

Munsey's Weekly.

Mrs. Fangle—Why I'm so glad to see you, Mrs. Wallace; I had a presentiment that you would call this evening. "Indeed?" "Yes, whenever Henry and I sit down to have a nice, quiet evening to ourselves somebody is sure to call."

Gen. Booth, the Salvation Army leader, proposes, during his tour of the world, to buy land in the western part of the United States to found a colony similar to that which he has established in England, where he has about 129 men at work.

Indianapolis Journal: "Hum!" said Mr. Wickwire, "here's a great story in this paper. It appears that a man advertised for a boy, and the same day his wife presented him with twin sons. If that does not show the value of advertising, what does it show?"

"It shows that if he had confided his business affairs to his wife, as a man ought to, he might have saved the expense of the advertisement," answered Mrs. Wickwire.

A newspaper in the Gypsy jargon, the Romany tongue, is soon