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The Angel of Murphy's Gulch.

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Young Bob Ames came out of the East with a School of Mines education, eighty dollars in cash and a servicable suit of clothes—likewise a large amount of inexperience. When the Union Pacific express left him standing on the platform at Green River, looking up at Pilot Butte, his only definite idea was to get breakfast somewhere; after that to look for a mining camp where he might locate a claim and proceed with the digging out of his fortune. His graduation as a mining engineer seemed to guarantee that this would be merely a matter of detail.

The breakfast materialized—rather more of a consideration than he would have thought exorbitant at an Eastern hotel—and the few "leisure class" citizens about the railroad station reckoned that Murphy's Gulch might be a likely place to enny fer him to start in; so he sat on the Wells-Fargo boxes and smoked until Hank Stebbins sang out to him that the stage was ready to leave.

Long before they crossed the line into Colorado, Ames felt so braced by the glorious atmosphere that life seemed one big vacation. The effect of the air on his appetite had suggested a serious financial problem at the start, but this was soon forgotten—a man could live out of doors and pick up his meals wherever he happened to find them.

Hank told him all he wanted to know about Western life as they rode along—and a good deal more. Among other things, he learned that hotels were scarce in the mining country, and that he would be lucky to get a loft over the Lone Dog saloon, even if he had to share it with strangers. This prospect wasn't exactly in line of Bob's previous experience, but having made up his mind to take things as he found them, he said nothing.

It was after dark when Hank pulled up in front of the Lone Dog, but the light which shone from the doorway was sufficient for his brief introduction to the miners, who crowded out at sound of the wheels and hoof-beats: "Boys, this hyar's Mister Ames from Nu-York. He's calc'latin' tu prospect er little 'round these hyar diggin's."

The loft over the bar happened to be unoccupied and Ames was told that he could sleep there when he got ready. There was nothing resembling a dining-room about the premises, but a card-table at the back of the saloon was wired off and an appetizing dish of ham and eggs placed for Hank and himself. While they were eating, the stage-driver muttered bits of information concerning the "boys" who had meanwhile returned to their fare, poker and drinking in various parts of the room. The tall, lean chap in the new shirt, for instance, was Bill Ainsworth—"frum down Arzony way, whar he was on the shoot." The powerfully built, handsome man with the dark hair, who had just sauntered in, was Sandy McIntyre—"the man who

bringed Jim Furman's Christmas butes frum Cayuse Bar, ez er fayvor to 'Angel,' an' got plugged doin' it. He married 'Angel' las' spring, an' they war runnin' the Ned Rodney claim over on the edge uv the canyun—diggin' pay dirt, too;" and so on until Bob knew something about each man in the crowd.

When they had finished supper, Hank went out to look after his horses, and Ames wondered how he should put in the evening. Gambling was against his principles, so he stood for a while watching the faro players.

"Why, I don't know but what I might. That is, if the man it belongs to has no objections. Seems like a pretty good violin."

"Oh, he won't car"—go ahead pardner. She belongs tu thet thar little greaser, Juan, 'n he kin rastle her purty slick when he's full, but he's down the canyun this evenin'."

Now Juan's playing had seemed grand opera to the citizens of Murphy's Gulch, for those who had ever heard better had forgotten the fact years before. The first clear, sweet note that Ames drew from the strings, after putting the instrument in perfect tune, stopped even poker players in the middle of an exciting jack-pot. As his fingers began to lumber up, he gradually forgot his surroundings, forgot the pang of real homesickness

had been raised. They could smell the New England orchards and the scent of the new mown hay. Waving fields of Illinois wheat and corn, cotton-piled Mississippi steamers, Ohio villages, and even the slums of the great cities came and went before their eyes. At the sound of "Money-musk," "Arkansas Traveler" and "The White Cockade," booted feet commenced shuffling and stamping until the walls shook and the noise almost drowned the music. When "Home, Sweet Home" floated out, into the night, it planted a stab in many a heart under its red flannel shirt and started little rivulets down bronzed and leathery faces. Some even sneaked away to write a letter or two by candle light—letters which should have been written long ago, but which had been forgotten—or shirked—by hands more familiar with pick and cradle than the pen.

It was during the ballad portion of Ames' program that a swarthy, diminutive creature in Mexican costume had silently slipped into the room behind the player, who was entirely unconscious of his presence. This was Juan, the owner of the violin. At first, the pure love of music held him spellbound. He had not believed the fiddle capable of producing such sounds. In fact, as he had stolen it from the original owner after cutting his throat, he was entirely unaware of the instrument's value. But his appreciation soon gave way to a deadly jealousy of the man who understood it so much better than himself, and right in the middle of "Old Kentucky Home" he snatched it violently from Bob's hands, muttering a string of Spanish curses as he did so.

For a second or two the saloon was so still that one could hear the leather creak in the revolver holsters, as the men breathed. Then there was a howl of rage and protest. Horny, hairy fists were shaken under the Mexican's nose and a chorus of epithets were hurled at him: "What ails ye, yer durned little apoldigy fer a coyote?" "What'n hellenblazes did ye do thet fer, Juan? yer pizen little greaser yu!" "Look hyar, yu greaser, if yer don't ask thet stranger's pardin an' giv' back thet fiddle, yu'll find Murphy's Gulch tu blamed warm ter live in. Sabe?"

Ames had been at first so taken by surprise that he couldn't understand the situation; but when it finally dawned upon him, he held out his hand to Juan and said: "Your instrument is a very fine one; we thought you wouldn't mind my trying it a little. You see I haven't hurt it in the least. I—" But here the crowd broke in upon him with protests against anything in the shape of conciliatory language to the Mexican. Bill Ainsworth jumped upon a chair and held up his hand for silence; then he said: "Boys, this hyar sort o' thing ez what hurts ther repytashun uv enny camp. Ef er peaceable stranger, like Mister Ames hyar, cyant kem among us an' play music like his'n—jes' ter entertane us an' show thar's no hard feelin', with-out er measly little cuss like Juan hyar insultin' him, I say lets appint er committee ter regylate sich things! An' feller citizens, ef yu'll 'low me ter

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The other men were so absorbed in their gambling and story-telling that they paid no attention to his movements, but when he drew the bow across the strings the sound was so entirely different from what they had been accustomed to hear that several looked up. Then some one said: "Cudn't you rastle her jest er little fer us, stranger?"

that had come with his arrival in a strange and friendless camp. His earlier days had been spent in luxurious living, and the memory of the good music, the society of cultured women, and the various things that make life worth living, seemed as fresh as though they had been but yesterday. Arias from the operas, Chopin waltzes, and Schumann Lieder floated out into the darkness, drawing dusky figures from their cabins to join the breathless crowd of listeners.

The crowd knew nothing of classic harmony, but no Eastern audience could have been more thoroughly appreciative; they scarcely dared breathe for fear of interrupting the player; and when the old melodies which they had known and loved as boys came from the violin, they lost control of themselves. They could see, in the dim haze of tobacco smoke picture after picture of the farms where they

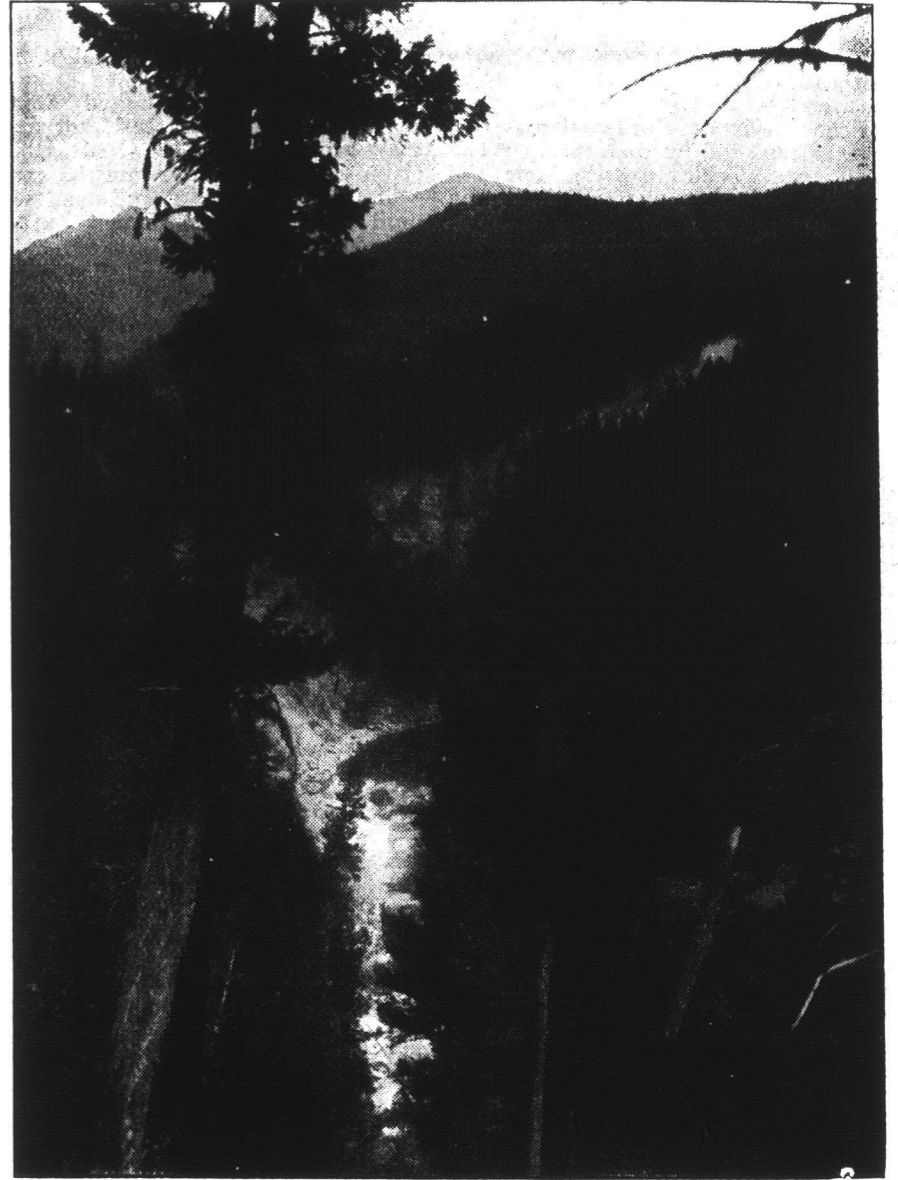
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make er siggestshun, et seems ter me thet Juan ez tu pizen a cuss tu own er fiddle ez good ez thet one; so I say let's buy her uv him—reg'lar auction fashun, an' I offers ten ounces fer it!" "The't's right, Bill!" "Bully fer Bill Ainsworth!" "The't's ther medisun fer ther greaser!" "Will yu take ten ounces, Juan? Talk quick. Sabe?" "Car-r-r-amba! Maledictos! No. I no sell him. Gringo diablos. I spit upon ze hombre and ze ten onzas!" "Oh-h-h! Yu du, eh? Waal, et's a purty good fiddle. Mebbe she's reely worth more, tho' I'll sw'ar yu stole it. I'll give yer fifteen ounces." "No take fit'n onzas! No sell!" "Twenty ounces, yu greaser! Yu shan't say we stole her frum ye, or cheated ye eyther! But we'll hev thet fiddle ef we has tu hang yer first. Sabe?" "No sell. No take twenty onzas." "Oh-h-h! Yu won't, eh? Waal, thar's thirty; an' thar, Mister Ames (snatching the instrument from the Mexican's hands and passing it to Bob), is yer fiddle, pursented yer by ther cityzuns uv Murphy's Gulch 'after a fa'r an'

ed him, while others unbuckled his knife and revolver belt. Then he was taken out through the darkness to a deserted cabin to await further developments. Sandy McIntyre knelt by the motionless form on the floor and gently unbuttoned the gray waistcoat to see w.ere the bullet had gone in. The circle around him were anxiously awaiting his verdict, when someone said, "Hyar's the 'Angel,' boys;" and a beautiful woman appeared in the doorway. As Sandy looked up and caught her eye, she said gently, "Who is it? How did it happen?" "A stranger, Kate; his name is Ames. Frum New York, I reckon. He wuz makin' music fer us an' thet damned little greaser got ugly because he seed he wa'n't no 'count enny more ez ar fiddler, an' let daylight inter him." "Poor boy! Is he badly hurt, dear?" "Waal, et's a leetle hard to say. Ef he war'n't a tenderfoot he'd be out in er week or so alright; but, yer see Kate, he's soft yet, an' ther lead prob'ly went in sorter deep." "Well, he can't stay here, and it



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squar' raffle. An', stranger, ef travelin' hain't made yer tu tired, won't yer jes' rastle the rest uv thet thar las' chune?" The proceedings seemed rather high-handed to Ames, but border sentiment appeared to be on Bill's side and he saw no better way out of the unpleasantness. So, leaning against the bar, he was just raising the bow to play again, when there was a loud report, followed by a sense of numbness in his side and, while he was wondering what had happened, he pitched headlong to the floor. Just as consciousness was leaving him, he heard (miles away, it seemed) some one say: "Cursed Gringo diablo! He nevere play fiddle enny more!" and an answering growl—so very faint and distant—"Mebbe he won't, greaser, but yer won't be hyar tu find out!" Then the world went out in darkness. As he fell, Bill Ainsworth caught the violin from his hand and passed it to the barkeeper, who with ready comprehension hid it away in a safe. A pair of heavy hands crept round the Mexican's throat and chok-

won't hurt him to be moved now. Bring him right home. I'll run on ahead and fix up a bunk in the kitchen. If there's a fresh pony in the Gulch one of you boys had better ride over to Camp White Reservation for the doctor. Major Harvey will give you a fresh mount and you can get back by Saturday morning." "I'll go, 'Angel'." "Me tu." "An' me." "Ho! on thar, Tommy; 'Angel' don't want no army uv us. Me'n' Bill'll start righter way." The citizens of Murphy's Gulch felt that the shooting of Bob Ames was not only a stain upon their fair name as a law-abiding camp, but that all hope of rudimentary civilization was lost to them if strict justice were not visited upon the offender. Juan was kept under a close guard for several days until the army surgeon, who remained as a guest in the camp, could pronounce definitely upon Ames' chance of recovery. The doctor was a specialist in gunshot wounds and his diagnosis was usually correct, so when he announced that Bob could scarcely live through the

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third night, the Vigilance Committee considered their duty plain and clear. There was a midnight procession to the cabin in which the Mexican was confined, a silent march to the edge of Lodore canon—before the grave was filled in.

For once, however, the doctor was a false prophet. Thanks to the tender nursing of 'Angel,' Bob slowly passed the danger point and started up-hill to recovery. This, as Bill said, "gave Juan's ghost ther laugh on ther cummittee, but bein' the pizen critter he wuz, ther cummittee cud stand it," and with a decency quite unexpected in such a region, the Mexican was never mentioned before Bob after he regained consciousness.

His convalescence, in a miner's cabin, was one of the sweetest memories which Ames recalled in after years. Whenever he thought of those long, long days of feverish tossing on a rough bunk, a tender woman's face seemed always hovering about him—a woman such as he had known at home, one who knew books, music and pictures and society; talking intelligently of them by the hour, yet

very young men usually have for women slightly older than themselves, it never occurred to Bob that his friendly affection might be a dangerous thing if humored beyond a certain point, and often, when she sat by his bunk, talking over the other life they had known, he would hold her hand warmly clasped in his own.

As for Kate—his utter helplessness and the sisterly relation which she seemed to bear toward him kept anything like suspicion of herself from entering her mind. He was a handsome, winning boy—scarcely a man in spite of his fine physique and twenty-three years—and he was so grateful for all her little attentions that it was impossible to avoid being fond of him. Sandy himself shared this feeling. He recognized the advantage which education gave Ames over himself, but he was too much of a man to envy it; too sure of Kate, yet, to see that she and Bob belonged to a class apart from his own.

At first the little caresses which she bestowed upon her patient seemed nothing more than those which had made every wounded man in the

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the wife of an almost illiterate miner in a forgotten corner of Colorado. It seemed an anomaly.

Before he was able to sit up Bob became aware, in many ways, that he had fallen among friends, but all lesser kindnesses were overshadowed by the growing affection he felt for Mrs. McIntyre, or, as she was always called, "the angel of Murphy's Gulch." There were but three other women within sixty-five miles—when Ned Rodney died she had been the only one—and they were of an entirely different class: nice girls, yes; bright, handsome girls, but innocent of the Eastern refinement or cultivation. "Angel," on the other hand, came originally from Massachusetts, and had been just such a sweet, wholesome girl as the cousins whom Bob had loved and kissed in his boyhood. Why, when he came to think of it, lying there in her kitchen, they had more substance of common interest to talk over, those places which they had both seen and known, more books which they had both read, than great numbers of boys had ever heard about in all their Missouri schooldays, years before the weakness which

Rio Blanco country reverence her above all other women, and Bob Ames' little familiarities were but natural marks of his appreciation. But the awakening came one day.

Ames had recovered sufficiently to walk about in the sunshine a little, and he was just returning from a constitutional as far as the Lone Dog, when Sandy came up from the mine. He was yet too far away to notice the weakness which made Bob lean against the wall for breath when he entered the kitchen, or to see the look of anxiety on Kate's face as she hastily pulled forward a chair for him; but what he did see through the open window was Bob putting his arm around her neck and kissing her before he sat down.

The blood rushed into Sandy's head and made him so dizzy that he couldn't think straight. He was dimly conscious that things would seem alright if he could only get them properly explained, but those other thoughts which would seethe and boil in his brain prevented anything like clear reasoning. They recalled each look, each caress, each bond of sympathy between his wife and Bob—until



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He stumbled along to the Lone Dog like a man in a dream, and when Red

Mike, the bartender, commenced lighting the lamps, he found Sandy—his hands in his pockets and his chair tilted against the wall—in the darkest corner, staring at the floor with the look of a man who sees things.

Ordinarily the gentlest, most peaceable man in the Gulch, Sandy McIntyre had created a wholesome respect for himself among the citizens,

and Red Mike calmly proceeded with his occupation as if he had noticed nothing. But some half understood impulse prompted him to fill a glass with his best whiskey and silently place it by the miner's side on the table. Sandy absently nodded his thanks and gulped it down as though it had been so much water. Perhaps he thought the stimulant would enable

him to think more clearly, or perhaps he wanted to drown thoughts at all hazards—he didn't know himself; but the knowing pain at his heart grew worse instead of better.

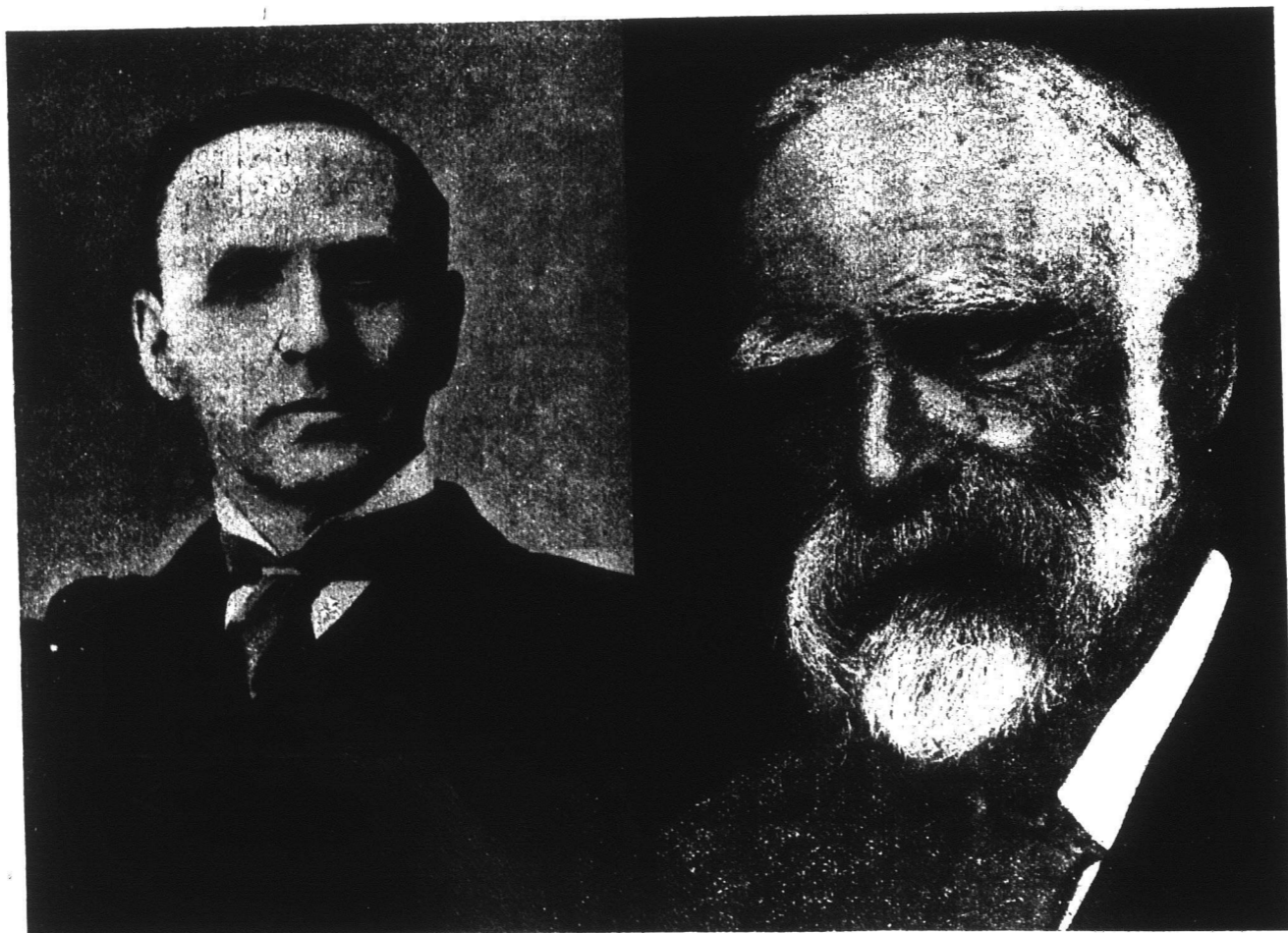
The room gradually filled up. The usual games started in, and the circle of the gossipers increased by twos and threes. Presently an evil-looking ruffian from the lower end of the Gulch staggered in and, flinging a small buckskin pouch upon the bar, called two or three cronies to "likker up." The man was drunk enough to be venomous—and was naturally a scoundrel of the most reckless variety. Noticing Sandy's attitude, and not having sense enough to be warned by it, he bawled out an invitation to him to join them. Sandy merely looked at him contemptuously, and that prompted the devil in the fellow to say:

"I reckon yer needn't be so 'fraid o' bein' ketch'd drinkin', Sandy McIntyre. Yer 'Angel's' a playin' kissin' games wif thet stranger'n she won't be botherin' about yu!"

Every man in the saloon heard the remark. The place became as still as death. One or two ducked behind the stove. All glanced at Sandy. He rose and started toward the bar. The ruffian tried to draw his gun; but Sandy's eye seemed to hypnotize him and he couldn't move. He was caught by the throat, held at arm's length for moment, then hurled against the wall with a crash that knocked him all but senseless. Sandy's face was pale and it was all he could do to speak, but in a second or two he said, "Men, I reckon you all know 'Angel'—she's nussed most o' ye when yu'd ha' gone over ther range 'ithout her. Yer know the critter lied—an', waal, he don't seem wuth killin'." Then he stepped out into the darkness—and in a few moments the bruised and drunken wretch followed, on his hands and knees.

In perhaps fifteen minutes, there was a muffled pistol shot from the direction of the canon—and the citizens in the Lone Dog listened for further indications of trouble. But as they

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heard nothing more it seemed hardly worth bothering about, so they again became interested in "threes," "flushes" and whiskey.

Half an hour later Kate stepped into the saloon and asked if anyone had seen Sandy—whether he had been seen coming up from the mine? Not a man in the crowd would have told her of the recent disturbance or shown that they were now really alarmed about her husband, but several moved carelessly toward the door with the intention of hunting him up. Red Mike said that Sandy had been in for a little while but had left for home, as he supposed. So Kate turned and went out.

That he could have passed her in the darkness she did not believe. She felt sure that something was wrong, and as the sisterly lecture she had given Bob for his affectionate familiarities flashed through her mind, she began to fear that her husband had misunderstood them. She hurried down to the Gulch in the direction of their claim.

When she had almost reached the edge of the canon the moon came out from behind the clouds. A motionless something which lay across the path just beyond the shaft of their mine made her gasp for breath.

In another instant she was on her knees beside it, the dear head with its wavy brown hair and silky beard was in her lap—and as she passionately kissed the pale lips a thrill of hope went through her, for they seemed to move.

The hand that had fired the cowardly shot had been too unsteady to exert its usual deadly cunning, but the bullet had gone deep enough to render him unconscious at first; in fact, he would probably have bled to death had she not reached him in time to staunch the wound with her handkerchief.

As it was, her presence and the warmth of her kisses aroused him. He opened his eyes and looked up into her face—then feebly tried to push away the hand she was holding against his wound.

"Kate," he whispered, "ef yer do thet, I'll git well—the critter cudn't p'int his gun straight. But ef vu'll jes' take yer little hand away, it won't take more'n en hour, mebber—an' then—yu'n' Bob kin—Don't yu see, little one, thet I ain't nothin' but er rough chap, 'thout no larnin', an' I cudn't never du nothin' fer yer er take yer whar yer b'long? Don't yer see thet it'll be better so? Don't yer understand all Bob kin du fer—?"

"Oh, hush, darling; hush! You're getting feverish. Here; look up into my face. Have I ever lied to you?"

"Nary time, 'Angel'; nor tu any other chap eather."

"Then listen! I would rather take your revolver—so; place the muzzle right in here where you can feel my heart beating; so—and pull the trigger, than be the wife of any man but just you. You are my king, my lover, and always will be. This is my home—our home—as long as I stay in it, and—" Here she laid a burning cheek against his and whispered something in his ear. An expression of great and reverent wonder came with the love-light in his face. With an effort he raised one arm and held her close against his breast for several moments. Then a murmur of voices from the direction of the Lone Dog made her raise her head and listen.

"It must be the boys, dear: they saw I was worried about you and they are coming to look for us."

So they found them, and tenderly carried Sandy home, where Bob Ames had meanwhile, been fighting for a mastery of himself. With that precious kiss, and her gentle words of reproof, had come a knowledge of all Kate was to him. His conscience made him dread to look her husband in the face, and yet it had all been so innocent and unforeseen—so guiltless of any intended wrongdoing.

When they brought him in Bob felt, with a thrill of horror, that Sandy's misfortune was directly attributable to himself, and subsequent inquiries only confirmed the impression; so he slept that night at the Lone Dog.

During the days of Sandy's convalescence Ames took his place in the mine, working as he had never worked before; and when Kate pronounced her husband well enough to go about, he made his preparations to leave.

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ed each other. With the light of perfect trust in his handsome face, Sandy drew his wife forward and said, "Et may be quite a spell before we see Bob agin, Kate. I want yer ter kiss him good-by."

With tears glistening in her eyes, she laid one hand on Ames' shoulder and held up her lips, but he bent over her hand instead, saying:

"I shall never forget either the men or the 'Angel' of Murphy's Gulch."

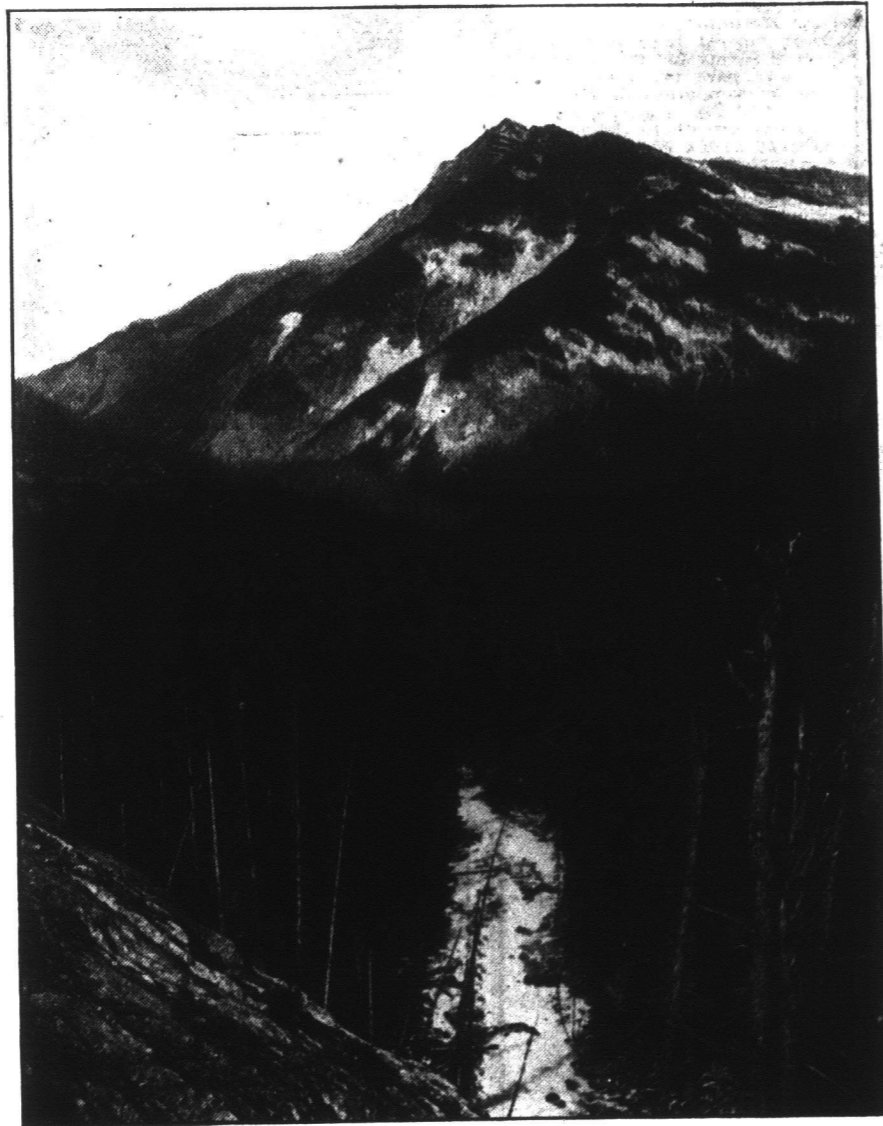
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The advertisement of the Great West Wire Fence Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, which appeared on page 19 in our February number, showed the free ends of lock fastened on upright instead of horizontal wire. This lock should be placed on the horizontal wire free ends to the right and facing the party using the clasper. It will then make an absolute lock. The error might have created a wrong impression on the minds of our readers who are interested in fence construction, and particularly to the Great West Wire Fence Co. This fence is noted for embracing many new features, among which is the lock, which is made of hard steel wire of similar material to the fence, and will not rust or slip. It is the only galvanized wire lock for field erected fencing, and it can be used for repairing barb wire of other makes of fence. We would suggest to farmers that they write the Great West Wire Fence Co., Winnipeg, for full information regarding the merits of this new popular fence.

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Creed Carrier's Wiving.

HOW BIRDELLA BLACKLOCK CAME TO THE CABIN ON THE MOUNTAIN.

By Alice McGowan.

Up the steep trail Creed Carrier stepped with the long, light, easy strides of the mountain-born man. Upon his back he bore, yet swathed in its original packing of excelsior and twine, a little cheap rocking-chair of graceful, feminine design; and when he stopped for rare and brief breathing intervals, he murmured to himself, and to the bit of sophisticated furniture—oddly out of place in its primitive surroundings—broken phrases of content and of endearment.

The sun was dropping rapidly toward the shoulder of Yellow Old Bald as he climbed; and when he reached his own door, opened it, entered, and set down the chair, the last slant beams followed him in. They lay kindly upon the tall head, stooped now at its task of love, as he tenderly unwrapped his treasure, touching it with loving hand. The soft light was reflected in a pair of honest, deep gray eyes, and gilded the splendors of the little chair's raw varnish and gay stenciling, as, like a child with a new and precious toy, the big man, wiping away all stain and blemish, walked about it, viewing it from one side and another, speaking softly.

"Jest smell it orce," he said, bending toward the chair. "Hit's shore got the right smell. A womern loves fine

back up from the settlement at Hepsigah. He had labored long at the floor, evening it, planing it, filling up the cracks, until it was smooth and fair to the eye, firm and solid to the foot. The windows—two windows of real glass, and with sashes to slide up and down—the doors with their homemade latches and neat sills, were wrought with loving pains.

The house itself done, the simple furnishing occupied the long evenings. In one corner the bed was built. The wall angle formed two of its sides, a stout post being set at the other corner, with strong, smooth saplings for the rails, the whole woven across with green withes. This was the bedstead upon which the big feather-bed, the quilts and blankets, were reverently laid—this was to be his bridal couch. The table, the various shelves, the pegs for her dresses, over which Creed hung a calico curtain, as he had seen done at a house in the settlement; the bit of a cupboard—all these were finished before April was out. Then Creed fashioned a small table, smoother and daintier than the one for kitchen uses; and finally, to crown all, came this little rocker.

Birdella Blacklock was the one flower upon a wild, vicious stalk. The old man was a moonshiner, his seven



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furniture 'at's got a good strong smell to the varnish." His eye dwelt fondly upon the tall back. "Right thar her head'll come—w'y, she'll be jest like a bird on a branch, a rockin' fo'th an' back! I allus did despise to see a woman a chunk-chunk-chunkin' up an' down in a ol' straight cheer—an' mebbly her with a baby!" The red surged suddenly over his bronzed face; his eyes had a startled flash, half delighted, half abashed. "A baby!" he whispered sharply, withdrawing his gaze; "a baby—my baby an' Birdella's; an' her a settin' here in this little cheer a rockin' hit—Lord!" He shook his head softly, and brushed the back of his hand across his eyes.

With the earliest opening of spring on that high mountain flank, Creed Carrier had been out in the woods felling trees, dragging the logs home ore by ore with old Long and Jerry. He had built the cabin unaided, save by such simple mechanical devices as he himself contrived, and with the help of Pap Overholt and Jeff Sadl when it came to the rafters. Thereafter, through the bitter early spring days, not only had he plowed and harrowed such small bits of ground as had been tilled for years, but he had searched out new pockets, breaking up the rich mountain loam, making it ready for the first crop. In the evenings he had worked by the light of many candles upon the interior of the new cabin, thinking, dreaming, and finally covering all with heavy paper, carried upon his

sons so many new editions of their sire. The Blacklocks, father and sons, grouped together about the doorstep of the cabin, or halted upon some mountain path, were a striking picture. Lean, long-limbed, silent, with a savage, aboriginal grace in their sinewy bodies; the hair of their heads and upon their faces intensely black, the slow, lazy, yet piercing eyes of the mountaineer, as black as their hair; the high, hawk-like, aquiline nose that speaks arrogant temper—the group suggested some medieval Italian family.

Birdella—Bird for short—old man Blacklock's youngest-born, had a touch of the mother about her, the poor mother who had given up the struggle within a few months of her sole daughter's birth. The girl was dark, too; but there was color in her darkness. Her hair was more red than black; the big cheeks, which in the men were a swart olive, with Birdella blushed a rich crimson; and her slender body was supple, and rounded, and powerful as a young Indian woman's.

A hard life she led with her half-outlawed father and brothers. To slave early and late; to yield implicit obedience to arbitrary demands, and to get for it all barely the oats and sup that kept body and soul together, the roof that sheltered her, and a half-contemptuous toleration—this was Birdella's lot.

Creed Carrier, a lonely man without kith or kin, searching one afternoon for straying cattle, away over on the

further side of Yellow Old Bald, came upon this girl, weeping passionately, helplessly, from some careless, barbarous unkindness which had brought up afresh in her young stormy heart all the emptiness of her life, and made her lot seem to her intolerable. The two sat the long hours out, pouring forth their souls to each other; Creed's kind eyes full of tenderness and pity for the beautiful, neglected, heart-hungry creature at his side; the girl warming, melting to the first kindness, the first consideration and admiration which had ever been hers. The world was made anew for both man and girl; when suddenly Birdella, glancing in affright at the late sun, leaped to her feet, exclaiming:

"Oh, me! Hit's nigh onto sundown! Pap an' the boys'll be home—an' they hain't a lick struck fer supper! I—oh, I'm most afeard!"

But Creed's voice reassured her—his protecting arm was around her. He walked home with the shrinking girl, helped her with the fire and the supper, and, when "pap and the boys" came tramping in later, ravenous and saturnine, quietly took the old man apart and asked him for his daughter to wife. Jephtha Blacklock spat gravely upon the ground and made answer:

"Yes, sir, take her an' welcome. I was a layin' out to wed with Miranda

Creed Carrier had risen before the sun, fed and curried and brushed the horses, lingering long over the little filly's toilet, buckling on the side-saddle, which made his strong hands tremble but to touch, and had taken his way down the roundabout horse trail to Garyville, arriving there several hours before the train was due.

This day, which had been chosen upon his last visit to Birdella as their wedding-day, when he should meet her at Garyville, take her to old Squire Ash's for the marriage, and afterward up the mountain trail to the new cabin—this day, as it happened, some sort of excursion was afoot. The train came in slowly, and more than an hour late, a long string of coaches packed with hilarious humanity. Creed Carrier stood back, confused at the noise and tumult; the drumming of steam from the engine oppressing his ears, the evil smells, the clash and babble of many voices, shrill, crude, insistent. From the line of coaches poured forth girls and women tawdrily dressed in cheap lawns, with strange colored ribbons about their necks and waists, struggling beneath a load of self-consciousness, carrying it off with an air of bravado; men clad in their native butternut jeans, and looking far better than those others besides them, upon whom they gazed with envy, dressed in



"Far'well," he said, using the sad, impressive word of mountain adieu.

Dickert myself; an' they's gin'ally rippets an' family interruptions wher-ever they's stepmothers an' stepda'ters. I'm proud ye want Birdelly," and looking long and curiously into Creed's quiet gray eyes, he added: "O' co'se—o' co'se—ever' man's got his own taste—I'm proud ye want Birdelly." Upon the unembarrassed silence which ensued, he spoke again: "How soon?"

"Just as soon as I kin git my place ready for her. I aim to build a new house. I reckon hit'll take me two months, in all."

And in the old man looked curious at the wooer. After the mountain fellow, he said no word; but in his own mind the wonder was great, what preparation a man need make before bring home a "woman," more than the acquisition were a mule or an ass.

II.

Down in the valley at Garyville, the little narrow-gauge road, which seemed hot and dusty and

cheap "boughten" clothes. The glare, the heat, the dust, the coal smoke, were like poison to the mountain man; the air, tainted with sulphurous gases, seemed to choke in his lungs; the smeared, red, perspiring faces grieved his eyes. It was all a painful contrast to the clear, clean, sunlit spaces and heavenly quietude of his mountain-top. This was what the valley meant to Creed Carrier.

Presently his bewildered eye described Birdella coming down the aisle of a coach; and as she walked slowly, among the giggling, vociferating crowd, her lover made out that there were two people with her—a fat, red-faced girl whom, as he drew near, he heard her address as "Miz Culp," and a squat, under-sized man whom the red-faced woman in turn called "Gittleson." And, he knew not why, his heart sank, instead of leaping in his breast as it had done these many weeks at the mere thought of Birdella's presence. He stood at the step of the coach to meet her, watching with the gaze of anxious



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love as she came through the door. He had never seen this strange look in Birdella's face before.

When her eyes, in turn, fell upon Creed, a wild, startled expression was in them. She checked an instant, tossed her head, and hastened forward, muttering to those with her, "This is him—this is Creed"; and to him, "Creed, this—w'y, this is Miz Culp. She—they—w'y, her and Mr. Gittleston—I mean we've fixed it up fer me to go on to Asheville and be—an' be—"

Her tongue faltered before the words; her glowing, excited eyes fell upon Creed's full, mild gaze; but Gittleston, shouldering in between them, explained with a volubility half conciliatory, half insolent:

"Me an' the young lady has fixed it up—we've fixed it up, as she says. It—it's sorter rough on you; but—er—but I reckon you don't want no young lady that wants some other feller. I wouldn't!"

As the man talked into Creed's stunned ears, Creed's eyes looked to where the Culp woman had drawn Birdella apart, and, with an arm about her, was talking rapidly to the girl. Culp also had come up and was standing near his wife, a deprecating, half-disgusted look upon his face. Both men were fairly drunk with whisky—that is what "an excursion" meant to them. Poor Bird, who had never been on a train before, nor ten miles away from the silence and isolation of her mountain cabin, who had never been of any consequence to any human creature, save Creed Carrier—poor Bird was drunk, if not stark mad, with excitement and triumph, like a little child beside itself with over-attention. Creed looked at her, and comprehended this instinctively; but how to help her from such a position as that into which she had put him?

He drew near her, Gittleston, with his dark red face and curious, pale gray eyes, with his protuberant jaw, bandy legs, flashy clothes, and profusion of cheap jewelry—Gittleston hanging at his elbow with:

"It's better not to have no fuss." "Bird," began Carrier, in his soft mountain drawl, "Bird"—he would have added "honey," but for the harsh, vulgar faces about them—"I jest want you to tell me what 'tis you want to do, yo'self. Ef you say—"

Bird's crimson face had been growing pale with every word that Creed spoke; her great, dark, excited eyes were dilating upon him, like one suddenly aroused from a vision. She put her hand to her throat.

"I—", she began, tremblingly; when Gittleston, watching her face, once more thrust himself between the two, with:

"I'd git out, ef I's you, an' not—"

In a flash the gentleness which had misled Gittleston was gone. With a face as white as paper and eyes that were deadly, Creed turned upon the fellow, a still fury in his look that was frightful to see. He reached forth his powerful hands; but quick as he was, Gittleston was quicker to dodge beyond the reach of that clutch. The Culp woman backed away, panting:

"He's got a gun! My law, he's got a gun! An' he'll—"

"No, ma'am—no, no, lady; I ain't got no gun. I wouldn't need no gun fer sech a feller as that"; and the contempt in Carrier's soft tones cut like a knife.

Again he turned to Birdella, with that tenderness which he had shown the poor child from the first. She was standing back, all the excitement, the sauciness, the intoxication fallen from her; looking slight, and childish, and pitiful; drawing her breath in long, sobbing sighs; her somber gaze fixed upon Creed. Her fingers fumbling at the wretched trinkets with which Gittleston had beleeked her.

He turned to the girl with a world of longing in his eyes; but when he looked at the others, and saw her clinging to the Culp woman, he drew back.

"Far'well," he said, using the sad, impressive word of mountain adieu: "far'well, Bird," when, had he known it, he needed but to say "Come!"

The pity of the thing was that this farewell of poor Creed's was tinged with the sternness which these others evoked. Poor Birdella felt this sternness, felt abjectly that she had deserved it, and dare not come to him—

Creed turned blindly from them, and moved toward where old Sally and the lily were hitched. He felt a touch upon his arm, and looking around saw Culp.

"She," began the man abruptly, and with a sort of reluctant, apologetic air, "she don't rightly know—nor she don't reely keer—nothin' 'bout Heck Gittleston. Him an' Jinny's jest got at her an' talked her blind; an' Heck he's give her 'bout half the jewelry he had in his pack—Heck an' me, we're partners in a peddlin' business. They're fools—that's what they air! Go an' git your woman—I would. She'll cut up fer a spell; but she'll come to it all right in time."

Carrier looked silently, though not unkindly, at the man who offered him this advice, and this sort of bride; then turned his face to where Birdella stood sobbing violently; and for an instant he faltered. But, as fate would have it, the next moment both Gittleston and the Culp woman approached the girl and laid effusive hands upon her, ostentatiously leading her away, each with an arm under hers.

"That settles hit," uttered Creed's quiet voice, and his gaze came back to the little lily whose bridle he held. "That settles hit. Only one thing—I hope—I hope he'll be good to her!"

III.

The climbing of that trail was a thing which Creed could never afterward remember. The sun set ere he was half-way up; and when he finally reached the little cabin, dismounted, unsaddled, and fed the tired horses, it was black night. At his own door he paused a moment, and his head drooped forward on his breast. Then with a shivering sigh he lifted it, and went quickly in.

He moved cautiously forward, in the darkness, and struck suddenly against the little chair, which came rocking playfully back and patted his hand. He linched, swerved, catching his breath as at a blow, and stood rigid for an instant, whispering under his breath:

"Oh, my God!"

Then he went resolutely forward and touched the little thing, speaking in the dense darkness and silence of the room, a sob in his voice.

"Hold on—hold on thar, little feller! Thar, thar; I ain't gwine to harm ye. I reckon I got to live with my sorrier; an' I mought better make friends with hit."

Another man with a heart so torn with anguish as was this man's might have burned the chair and its comrades, or broken and destroyed them; he might have closed the cabin door and left them to decay without him. Creed Carrier after the first shrinking, went about quietly, even lovingly, among his slighted household goods, making ready for bed; but after the little rocker touched him, he made no light. He lay long, silent and moveless as the inanimate things about him, save for an occasional choking sigh. She had left them, and him, desolate and alone; but it was her future, not his, into which Creed lay looking with sad, daunted eyes.

Though these two had seemed to be long to each other from the hour of their meeting, yet the union had grown closer and more perfect with every visit Creed had made to the Blacklock cabin. They were truly all the world to each other; to the neglected, passionate, impulsive girl Creed Carrier was father and mother, friends and lover, all in one; all she knew, or had ever known, of tenderness—in short, the only response life had ever made to his warm, craving nature. To Creed, the girl was sweetheart, child, pet, and plaything; the brightness, tenderness, and beauty of his life. His strength, his quiet wisdom, dearly bought, were hers to cheer and guide and console. She ran to meet him always, like a little child, clung to him and leaned upon him, looking forward to each other as the cure, the solution, of all present ills and difficulties. This load of love and faith so dreadfully thrust back upon him lay heavy on the man's heart; so that he could not sleep.

At last, when the long night had worn itself almost away, and weariness was bringing a certain quietude—at last, in that still, strange hour before the dawn, when a late, waning moon struggled through multitudes of ragged



"Right thar her head 'll come—w'y she'll be Jest like a bird on a branch, a rockin' fo'th and back!"

clouds, looking fearfully back toward the east with her pale face, Creed Carrier was awakened by a sound that sent the cold chills over his firm, healthful, vigorous frame. It was the soft, regular rocking of the little chair. It ceased and began again. Once more, and yet another time, it ceased and began again.

For a moment superstition clutched him. She was dead—she was dead—amongst them, somehow; and she had come to him, his poor, cheated, wayward Bird, and was sitting in the little chair his love had provided for her. Then other ghastly fancies pushed this one aside. Thicker and thicker they crowded upon him, till the cabin was thronged with terrors, and he seemed suffocating among them. At this his strong, sane common sense rose up to repel these horrors; and as the little chair once more began its soft rocking, he stole quietly from the bed, felt his way through the black darkness of the closed room toward the sound, and laid his hand first upon the moving chair-back, then the seat. His fingers closed upon the warm, furry little body of the kitten he had got for Bird against her coming; she had told him she loved a kitten.

"Hit's so much company when"—here he remembered with a stab of pain how she had blushed and looked shyly up at him—"when the men folks is out and a body's all alone."

Now the house seemed unbearable to him. He groped his way to his clothes and began to put them on—hastily, feverishly. The simple routine of dressing held him for a moment; but when he had put on each garment, laced and tied his shoes, fumbled for his hat, found it, set it on his head, and stood, in his humble way, a man equipped, the awful sense of bereavement rushed upon and drowned him. He had dressed himself to go—where? To do—what? Life was at a sick ebb in his soul; it was sweetheart, wife, and child that had gone from him at one stroke; and to the arms of that crea-

ture Gittleston! The fellow's squat form and turgid, dark face with its pale eyes were always before Creed's shrinking mind; it seemed to him that he might die—and that he would gladly do so—from sheer inability to live.

"Bird," he whispered, "my little gal, Bird!"

And upon the deep stillness following the word, as if in answer, a spent, piteous voice cried his name.

"Creed!" it came, shrill with pain and fear; "oh, Creed! Air ye thar? Hit's me, Creed. Hit's Bird. Please lemme in. Oh, I'm so skeered!"

With one stride he was at the door, threw it open, almost misdoubting his senses, and she flew in, drenched with the soaking mountain mist, cold, trembling—a haggard bird indeed! She clung to him frantically, shaking him as much as so slight a thing could shake so great a frame.

"Why didn't ye wait fer me, Creed? What did ye leave me 'long o' them mean folks fer? Them was awful folks! I thought that feller wanted to hit me—afterwards, I's 'fraid he would. I—I wanted to come, but ye looked so—cross at me, an' ye said 'Far-well.'" At that word a sob choked her.

With quiet, contained joy, with native skill, Carrier got off her soaked shoes, put her in the little rocker, wrapped her warm, built up a great, roaring fire till the cabin was full of light and cheer, and made coffee. Her lip yet trembled pitifully, and she gulped and choked suddenly, again and again; but he dealt tactfully with her, soothing and calming her, while scarce able to credit his own bliss.

As he served and tended her, Bird's big black eyes followed him hungrily, pathetically; and as his hand passed her close in some act of service, she snatched and kissed it passionately. Creed's face crimsoned darkly, and a look of pain flashed over it.

"Why, honey—why, honey child! You orn't to do thataway," he murmured. "You pretty child, you, to kiss my ol' rough han'!"

"Oh, Creed!" she cried out, and caught him almost fiercely by the shoulder. "Oh, Creed!" Her eyes went over him jealously, tenderly. "I told ye how mean they was to me—what awful people they was! I jest up an' told you; an' hit's bound to look to you like I only was a tryin' to run away from them! Ye never will know—ye never will believe—that 'twas 'cause I loved you—you—'cause I jest loved ye, and would ruther be dead than have to be parted from ye. Creed, Creed, you're the best man in the world! but—turrin' her head with feverish impatience—"taint that. That ain't w'y I love you so. You're like mammy, an' pappy an' everything else in the world to me—but that ain't it, neither! I—Creed, I just love you. W'y, I'd ruther died fer you than to live in a—in a pure gold house with that—that—" Bird's face darkened, not only with wrath and longing, but with pain—

with sheer suffering. "Thar, thar honey! Thar, thar, Creed's little gal! Don't you never mind that Gittleston feller. He's done gone—he ain't never gwine to tetch a ha'r o' yo' head; he ain't never gwine to so much as set eyes on you. But you're wrong, Bird, 'bout Creed not understandin'. I know my little gal loves me. I believe now I knowed it

all the time. Here, honey"; and he brought coffee to her, with some dainty bits of hot food, feeding it to her in little mouthfuls.

When at last she was quiet, when she had drunk and eaten, and leaned on his arm—against his breast—she told her story.

"Creed," murmured the childish voice, drowsily, "hit was that man Culp 'at he'ped me. I'cried an' carried on so turrible, after you left me, 'at Gittleston an' Miz Culp—w'y, they was ready to knock me down, Creed. They tuck all that jewelry off'n me 'at Gittleston had give me—they plumb drug it from me; but not so quick as I did myse'f; fer I jest flung it in their faces, fast as I could tear it off. Then, when I kep' a takin' on so turrible, Culp he come up an' he says to 'em: 'You let me take a-holt o' that gal. I can quiet her,' he says. An' he told me, 'Come on; I'm gwine to show ye somethin'. He tuck me back through the train; an' when we come to the eend—the fur eend—he says to me, 'That's what I've got to show ye, ye fool child—the back door. Now you git out. I'll keep the others off'n ye; you git out an' foller that man o' yours; you'll never git sich another.' An', Creed, I be'n a runnin' ever sence. I knowed—I jest could hardly recollect—where yo' pappy's house—the old Carrier house—stood; an' I be'n a climbin' an' a climbin'—an' so—so skeered—"

The tired voice trailed off; Bird sank into uneasy slumber on Creed's shoulder. A long, catching breath, the clutching at his hand now and again, showed how deep-seated was her distress. Suddenly she started up, and with the trembling lip of a child, complained:

"That womern hurt my finger a takin' one o' them there rings off!"

Carrier's kind eyes smiled upon her as a mother's might have done.

"Never your mind, honey," and his lips brushed her hair; "never your mind; I'll buy you a plenty o' rings an' sech—reel ones, not truck, like that was."

"I don't want 'em—no, I don't!" she protested. "I don't never want to see a ring ag'in—ner a chain, nor a bres'-pin!"

Creed rocked her softly, in the fullness of content, noting the sweep of lash against her cheek, where the rose was beginning to creep back. Without opening her eyes, she murmured in a drowsy tone:

"One o' them bres'-pins had a green settin' in it. I never seed nothin' so sightly. Reckon you could find one at the sto' 'at had a green settin'—a green settin'?"

Creed laughed silently, and leaned his head upon hers.

"Hit's jest a baby-chile," he murmured; and aloud: "Laws, yes, honey; they's plenty mo' whar that come frum. an' prettier. Green settin's with red around 'em—all a-waitin' fer Creed's baby chile. Sleep now, honey; sleep an' res'. We got to ride over d'ree'ly to Squire Ashe's. But you sleep now, honey!"

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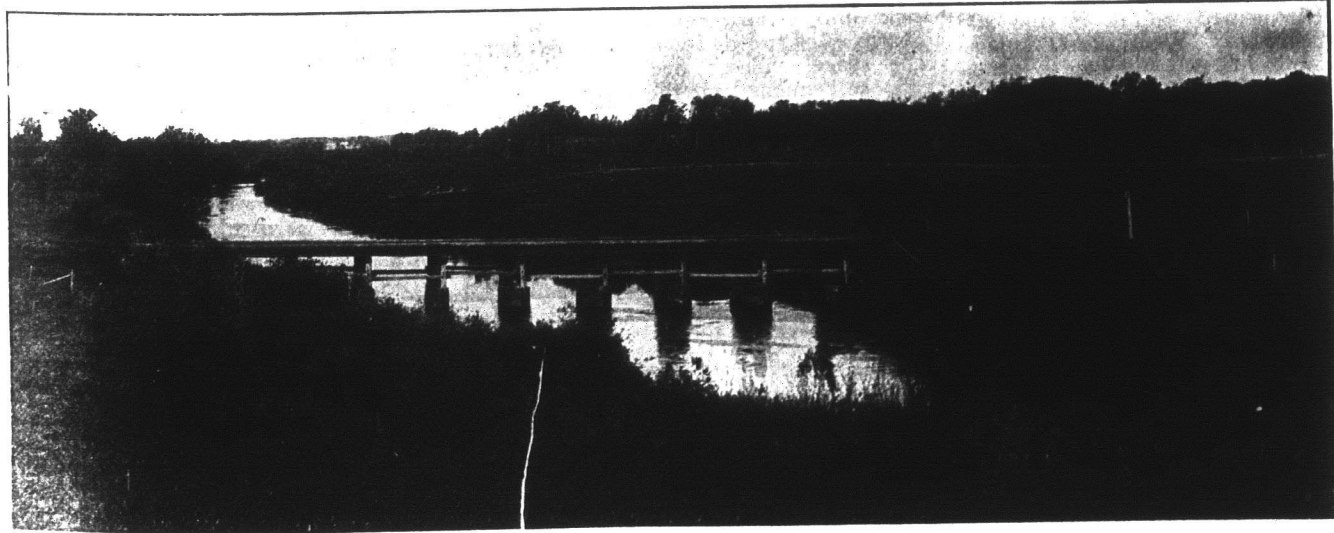
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When the Draw is Open.

By E. Hamblen.

The most primitive drawbridge that I ever saw was on a little old single-track Southern railroad; one of those where the conductor will obligingly stop the train and run back for the careless passenger's hat. It was operated by that omnipresent Southern combination, "a nigger and a mule," and its fearful and wonderful construction made me think that either of the grizzled twain might have planned it.

A MULE-POWER DRAWBRIDGE.

Two huge cypress logs, to which the rails were spiked, formed the bridge proper; each being stiffened by a sort of rude truss. This mechanical triumph was attached to the mule by a well-frayed rope. Before making the coupling, the African was required to plant a red flag in a hole bored in a tie for that purpose, "sebenteen" telegraph poles back, each way. He then notified the mule to "g'long down de creek," while he himself kept a turn round a tree with another rope.

Being unfamiliar with mule nature, this precaution seemed superfluous to me. I learned afterwards that the mule had one day taken an unexpected notion to prolong his journey "down creek" beyond his usual stopping-place. The bridge was hauled off its unstable center, and dropped into the stream; hence this rope to the tree.

After many picturesque but vain expostulations, Scipio threw a stone at his unwilling partner. It bounded from the dusty hide with a hollow thump. The ungainly bundle of rags and bones was galvanized into life. There was a protesting shake of the head, and the lean legs straightened out. Frictional shrieks and wails startled sleeping alligators, and the bridge slowly ground upon its wooden center. When the angularity between bridge and rope had become reduced to a nearly straight line, the master-mariner who had caused the disturbance was invited to "shub it" if he wanted it open any "further."

To close the bridge, the mule was reversed and sent up creek. The African blocked our end up with stones and pieces of old ties; and when satisfied with his structure, he called out:

"Dar, I guess you-all kin git across, Mr. Engineer Man!"

The opposite extreme in drawbridges is well represented by the magnificent steel structure thrown across the Harlem river, in New York City, by the New York Central. I have no figures concerning the dimensions of this bridge, but any one can see that it is a masterpiece. A huge affair of massive steel beams, braces, and girders, it presents, even at comparatively close range, a light, graceful, and spidery appearance. It is a rare combination of strength and beauty. So accurately is the great truss balanced upon its center, and so perfect are the stiffening appliances, that when fully open and projecting many feet beyond its base of support, the deflection is almost imperceptible, even to the most severe mechanical tests. As a specimen of the perfection to which the art of bridge-building has attained, it may be mentioned that when swung entirely around it fits the approaches with equal nicety.

SIGNALS THAT MEAN "DRAW OPEN."

The well-known fact that railroad men dread discharge more than they fear death has produced signals which, while notifying the engineer of the state of the draw, also inform the management of his failure to stop before passing the signal; which, in itself, is a grave misdemeanor.

One of the simplest of these devices is a great red board, enclosed in a white box, set centrally over the track, a thousand or fifteen hundred feet back from the draw. Should the conformation of the country obscure this, it is preceded by a green distance signal. These are operated simultaneously by the bridge-tender, and are interlocked with the bridge—that is, the act of unlocking the bridge throws the signals against approaching trains, and they cannot be set back to safety until the bridge has been closed and locked.

Both are furnished with lights for

night signals. An engineer may pass the green signal, as it is only cautionary; but the red one hangs so low that his smokestack will not pass under it.

One would think that such plain signals, when the penalty for disregarding them is such a serious one, would amply secure the safety of trains; but they are far from infallible. The strenuous railroader can cope with practically anything. An engineer of my acquaintance, Tom Halloran, once came down to an open draw with sixty cars of wheat. His crew didn't hold the train, and he knocked the signal down. He got a ten days' compulsory vacation. Al Grenville, the most careful, the most cock-sure, and also the most unpopular engineer on the road, felt called upon to remark:

"I dunno how 'tis you fellers can't see that signal, big as the end of a box-car, an' right in front of yer noses! It's a wonder some o' ye don't run yer trains off the end of the dock when ye git in!"

Exactly a week later, the draw-tender got the bridge off the track and held all inward-bound morning trains. The sidings were full of passenger trains when the general superintendent came out with the wreckers. While one of the passenger engines—with the "old man" aboard—was pulling the bridge

An engineer, for whom I fired once wheeled ten coaches over a drawbridge at the rate of fifty miles an hour. It was a badly located bridge, the signal being obscured by a large factory, which had been built quite recently. We had a new engine; she had been on the train a week, and had not yet made the time. The master mechanic said she should stay on the train, and must make the time, or somebody would get into trouble. We were two minutes late, and Pete was trying to "git 'em there." Afterward, when I expostulated with him for going over a drawbridge at that gait, he said he wished the draw had been open, so that he could have gotten rid of that confounded engine.

AN OLD ENGINEER'S MISTAKE.

Joe Bailey hauled coal trains over Plum River drawbridge for twelve years. One day he came thumping along with thirty-one loaded gondolas and the caboose. It was pay-day, and it was snowing heavily. The head brakeman was looking out on the fireman's side, and Joe was riding with his body half out of the window, thinking of the mortgage on his house, and wondering if he would be in time to catch the pay-car before it started out on the road.

The fireman was in the tender. He had straightened his wet back up to the warm boiler-head for a moment, and the steam from his overclothes drifted up and mingled with the exhaust. A farmer stood with his team at a road crossing within three hundred feet of

BEN'S THRILLING MOMENT.

A fourteen-car passenger train once stopped at the open draw within ten feet of the ends of the rails and nobody was the wiser. The engineer was a thoroughly competent and reliable man, but on this one trip, in many years' service, he relaxed his vigilance for a single second. The law of the State required all trains to come to a full stop before crossing the bridge. This should give ample protection, but combinations of circumstances are endless.

Coming East, the signal is first visible from the top of a small hill; then the road dips into a curved hollow, where there is a station. It was a flag-station on Ben's train; and on this particular night, as he had had all he could do to maintain harmony between the milestones and the hands of his watch, he sincerely hoped he might get by Stonyhurst. The bridge signal was white from the top of the hill, and there was no flag out at the station; but just then the conductor signaled by bell that he wished to stop.

When Ben pulled out again, he was late enough to keep him hustling good and lively all the way in. Now this stop at Stonyhurst fulfilled the requirements of the law, and the bridge-tender had never been known to open the draw after hearing the engineer's whistle, which indicated that he was going to stop. To be sure, the tender would have been justified in opening it, for water craft have the right of way; but he wouldn't.

There was a place at the top of the next knoll where the signal could be seen again, for an instant, through a gap in the trees, just before the engine pitched over to descend to the bridge. There was a pleasant fiction current on the engines that it was the duty of every man on the train to look through that peep-hole and notify the engineer if the signal had been changed since the train entered the hollow; but Ben never relied upon others; no engineer would.

Just before he arrived at the opening in the trees, the glass water-gage at his side burst, and he was pretty busy for half a minute shutting it off. He tried to watch for the signal at the same time, but only succeeded in burning his fingers, so he attended to the broken glass first. When he got it shut off, he was by the place, and she had already commenced to pick up speed on the down grade.

A moment later his headlight shone into the mainsail of a schooner in the open draw.

A FINE EMERGENCY STOP.

He had her in the breeching and grinding sand quicker than it takes to tell it, and for a few interminable seconds his heart was in his mouth. He did what there was to do so quietly that to this day not even the fireman knows that a mighty fine emergency stop was made there that night.

It was a warm evening. Ben got off and felt around her, from force of habit. In going around the pilot, he realized how near he had come to running those fourteen crowded coaches into the river, and it made him faint. He sat on the bank and looked along the brilliantly lighted train, and when the draw was closed he was so weak that he could hardly get back on the engine. He had to lay off a trip, to "brace up," as he expressed it.

It seems that the regular bridge-tender had been taken ill, and had been relieved by one of the section men. This man was equally well informed as to the time of the trains, and the custom of holding the bridge for them, but he was not particularly interested; and, furthermore, he was in ill-humor at being set at a job which he did not consider his work. So it came about that when he heard Ben blow for the stop at Stonyhurst, he easily fell a prey to the profane eloquence of the schooner captain, who threatened all manner of dire consequences to him and the road unless the draw were promptly opened.

SLEEP AND TEMPORARY INSANITY.

Undoubtedly, many drawbridge accidents, like other railroad mishaps, are due to overworked engineers dropping asleep. One might think the company would hesitate to send a man out on the road, at the head of a train, who is completely tired out, and hardly able



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on, Grenville came round the curve with his little three-car local.

Al was as neat as he was mean. He had a hose connected to the injector on his side, with which he was continually sprinkling the coal to lay the dust—and to keep the fireman's feet soggy. He was facing back in the tender and working the sprinkler, when he was recalled to earth by the crash of his stack ripping into the new signal, on which poor Tom's paint was hardly dry.

It was a beautiful object-lesson for the hundreds of passengers, some of whom commented on it in the old man's hearing. When the "super" climbed into his cab, seeking information, Al mumbled something about the brakes not holding on the wet rail, and the boss gave him thirty days for lack of fertility of invention.

TRYING TO "GIT 'EM THERE."

One prolific source of drawbridge accidents is the necessity for making time with fast trains, in connection with the very natural desire of the engineers to keep their jobs. While failure to make time would not result in their discharge, it would bar a man from the first-class train which has been his goal through many years of hard drudgery, and put an indelible smirch upon his reputation. That is why the temptation to take risks in order to save a minute, or even a few seconds, of time is so nearly irresistible. Having done it many times successfully, why not once more?

the open draw, waiting for the train to pass. He shouted a frantic warning to the men on the engine. Thinking it a mere friendly salute, the fireman answered with a smile and wave of the hand.

That was his last act.

With wide open throttle the engine leaped across the open draw and hit the bridge a blow that knocked it off its center and threw the men on it overboard. She left her timber bumpers sticking in the bridge, and dropped back into twenty-five feet of water. Thirty cars piled in on top of her. The space filled, one car and the caboose remained on the track.

How old Joe came to run into the draw was a question discussed in round-houses and on sidings for many days. The theory was advanced that he had lost himself in the storm, and didn't know he was so near the bridge. That was not accepted, as prominent landmarks were numerous thereabouts, and besides, he had crossed the same bridge too many times in all sorts of weather. Cases were cited of men dropping dead in the cab. In reply, the old engineer jump up, shut off and reverse her, as she leaped for the draw. This statement was refuted by the engine herself. When she was closed her throttle was open, and the engine lever, thrust bent down upon the fireman's head, was locked in the running notch.

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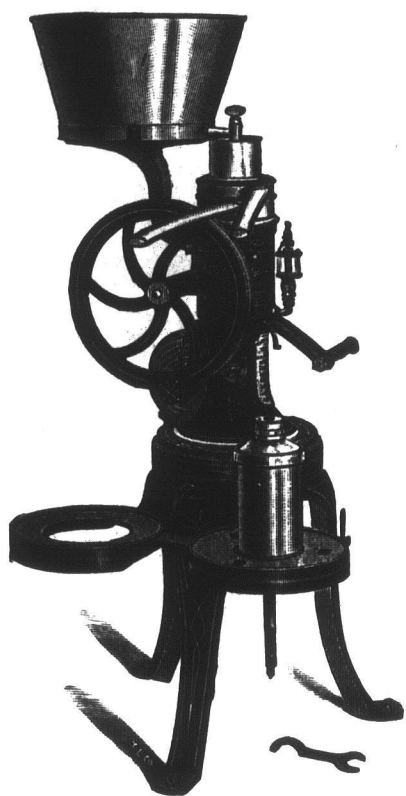
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to keep awake. Unfortunately, the evidence shows that it is a common occurrence. I know of an instance where a flagman threw his red lamp through the cab window, but the engineer never woke up till he hit the caboose of another train.

But these cases are hard to prove, for no man who has been long enough at the business to get to the right side of a locomotive would ever acknowledge himself to blame for anything. They are all experts at "putting it onto the other fellow."

Then, again, there are well authenticated cases of men suddenly lapsing into a species of temporary insanity. It is idle to speculate how many times that has happened without detection. I have personally known of three instances of this kind.

CONDUCTOR HARRIMAN'S CRAZY ACT.
Conductor Joe Harriman, eastward bound with the "pick-up," went into Cedar Hill siding to let the milk train pass. It was in the gray dawn of a sultry summer morning, just at the time when vitality is low, and everybody is sleepy and half dead; especially if they have been tramping through long, wet grass all night, with pockets full of links and pins, hunting ordered cars.

Joe's train was in clear, and the switch was closed and locked. He sat with his hat off, and his head hanging out of the cupola window, trying to get a breath of air, and hoping that the milk would be on time, so that he could get home to breakfast with his family.

The sun peeped redly over the roof of a barn, and another hot day was on. There was a rumbling. Joe looked at his watch; it was the Pacific Express, so west bound train, going the

other way. She was a minute late, and as he listened to her clawing up the grade on the other side of the hill, he imagined how Frank Dooley would "sling them down" on this side. The clear, sharp ring of the exhaust told him she had topped the hill, and he gazed lazily round at her. There was a siding on her side of the road, the switch in plain sight from where Joe sat. Instinctively he glanced at it; then at the train; it was coming toward him.

His damp hair stood up like wire. He jumped down, and, although the sun was now well up, he grabbed his lamp and literally flew for that switch. Dooley's fireman said he seemed to make but one leap from his caboose to the other side of the road. Anyhow, he got there in time to throw the switch wrong—which had been right—and to spread the passenger train all over the carpet. A minute later the milk came along and completed one of the worst wrecks ever seen on the road.

Amid the pandemonium of whirling cars and engines, Joe was not even knocked down. He was seen to run—still bareheaded and hanging onto his lamp—across the track, over the fence, and into a cornfield. They traced him through the field to the highway, and there lost track of him. Nobody knows to this day what caused him to do such an outlandish act.

"I THOUGHT I WAS DOIN' RIGHT!"

Old Henry McPherson flagged at a railroad crossing for nine years. No accident that could be attributed to negligence or carelessness on his part had ever happened.

The general manager was out on a tour of inspection. Although the time of these things supposed to be a state secret, the truth is that they are extremely

it is the best known and most carefully watched train on the road. Everybody knows that the "big boss" is in it, and on the watch.

It was broad daylight, about two o'clock in the afternoon. The boss was up on the engine, "piking things off." Old Henry took a quiet pride in the recognition extended to him by the higher officials, none of whom would think of slighting the trusted veteran. When the whistle blew, he came forth from his shanty, unfurled his white flag, and signalled the train ahead in an eminently proper and dignified manner. The engineer acknowledged his signal with two short blasts, the general manager waved a polite salute, and Henry turned, rolling his flag about his stick, to re-enter his shanty; for he would not seem to place more importance upon that train than on any other.

Suddenly he dropped his flag, ran with all his might to a switch ahead of the engine, and threw it—wrong!

A moment later, having satisfied himself that by good luck he was alive and in possession of all his members, the general manager crawled from under the overturned tender and went gunning for Henry. All the explanation the poor old fellow could make, while the tears rolled down his cheeks and he shook like an aspen, was:

"I thought I was doin' right, sir. I thought I was doin' right!"

ANOTHER RAILROAD MYSTERY.

Sam Wilson ran his engine and three cars into an open draw; it was a shallow creek, and would hold no more. The engine rolled over on the fireman, leaving him in the mud. His was the only life lost. Sam went down with her, but floated up through the open draw which was. He was pretty wet, but

that was the extent of his injuries.

It was a beautiful clear night, and he was killing time with a notoriously slow train. When asked how he came to do it, he would tell the story up to the time when he came in sight of the bridge signal; then he would stop, and nobody could get another word out of him. The conversation would end something like this:

"You say you saw the red signal, Sam?"

"Yes, I saw the signal all right."

"Then why in Texas didn't you stop?"

Sam's eyelids would droop; he would appear to commune with himself a moment, as if trying to figure it out, and then he would turn on his heel and slouch away. Nobody, not even the superintendent, or the coroner who held the inquest on the fireman, could ever get him past that point in the narrative.

It having become an established fact that engineers will be found to run trains into open draws as long as there is a way to do it, some roads have taken the precaution to make it impossible. A switch is put in, leading to a sandbar, or some other nice, soft place, and interlocked with the bridge. The switch has to be opened to unlock the bridge. If a fellow comes along who is in a hurry, or asleep, or temporarily unheeded, he will get a tumble, but he won't be drowned.

That, as far as I know, is the only means of making it absolutely impossible for a man to run into the open draw.

Madder came from the East.

The citron is a native of Greece.

Secret of Married Happiness Revealed.

By Helen Oldfield.

In marriage the measure of one's happiness usually is in proportion to one's deserts. For, after all, marriage is a partnership; the closest, the most intimate known to humanity, but still a partnership, and its weal or woe, its success or failure, depends upon the manner in which the partners, singly and together, perform their parts, the contract must be executed in good faith and love, and then:

"Ram tan, too, throw the old shoe,
The wedding is sure to be lucky."
In matrimony, as in other undertakings, a good beginning is half the battle. In the first place too little wisdom often is exercised in choosing a partner for life. Women fall victims to designing men, from whom a little prudence might have saved them, while as for men, whatever wits they may have, frequently desert them altogether just when they need them most. There seems to be an actual fatality about the way in which men, shrewd enough in everything else, are blind to the virtues of the sweet, modest, womanly girls who would make ideal wives and mothers, and surrender on sight to the over-dressed, forward, and frivolous, not to say loud, women who do not possess a single quality which makes for domestic happiness.

The secret of true marriage lies in similarity of taste, agreement of character, sympathy of spirit, and harmony in disposition. To these must be added strong personal attraction, when there results the sincere and permanent love which blends heart and soul so that "they twain shall be one flesh" to the end of life.

In marriage, truly, "love is the fulfilling of the law." A man should not only love his wife dearly but he should tell her that he loves her, and that often. The once-for-all plan is not one which appeals to women in general. It is a feminine quirk to love to be made love to, the more the better; to object to taking affection for granted. A man is too apt to think that the mere fact of his marrying a woman ought to convince her of his love for her thenceforth and forever. On the contrary, she likes to have his continual assurance that he thinks it the best thing that ever happened, to be told over and over again that there never was and never could be any other woman in the world who could compare with her in his eyes.

Sacrifices are absolutely essential to the happiness of married life. There must be a continual giving up of one's own will to that of another, thought for another rather than for oneself. The greatest happiness possible to man is that found in making happy another who is dearer than self. The man labors gladly to provide a home for the woman whom he loves; the woman joys in making that home a haven of rest and peace for the man whom she loves. "There is no service," says Sir Philip Sidney, "like his that serves because he loves."

In every relation of life, in marriage more than in most, the art of making the best of things is worth infinitely much. There always is a best if one takes pains to find it; never was truer word spoken than that "there is nothing so bad that it might not be worse." When the wife or husband is quick tempered the blaze is usually over quickly. Wisdom remembers that "where no fuel is the fire goeth out," and replies with the soft answer which turneth away wrath. If stupid, he or she usually is placid and good-tempered. People with the bovine temperament may not be entertaining, but they are generally reliable. A post by the way-side is rarely a thing of beauty; it bears neither flowers nor fruit, but such is it is always there, steady to the wind, safe to tie to.

Be not quick to take offence, neither slow to tell unpleasant truths. Sarcasm is not necessarily untruth, and a tongue is sure to stir up strife. A part of discretion to be "more than wise" is to the virtues of those with whom one is associated in one's daily life. It is also wise to be "a little

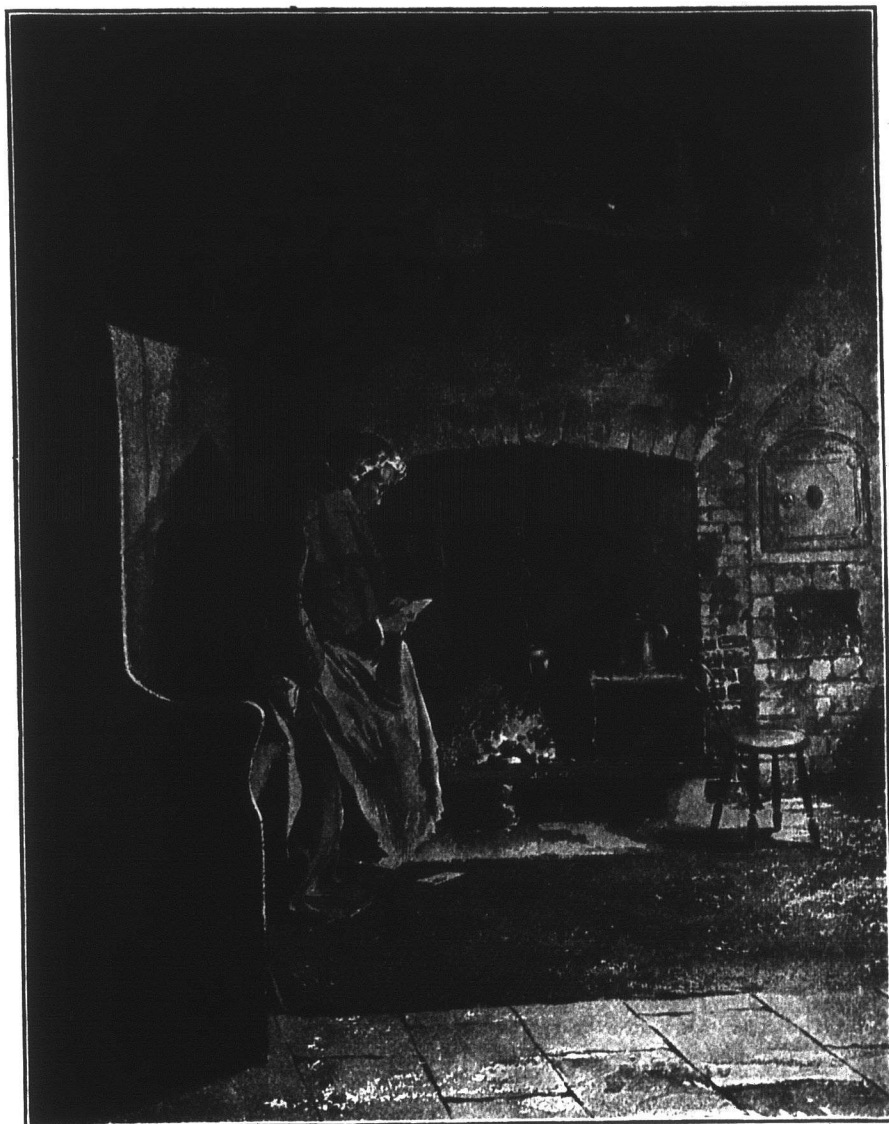
blind" to their faults when it is possible not to notice them. Mrs. Wiggs used "compliments instead of switches" upon her children and found it paid. Praise is, in most cases, a more potent influence than reproof, indeed, reproof, like pepper, should be used sparingly, and also, like pepper, should be pungent. Then a little of it is apt to be effective. It happens sometimes that an outburst of temper, if it is merely an outburst, acts like a thunderstorm does in nature, and clears the mental atmosphere. It is the "continual dropping of contention" which wears away faith, hope, and patience, and does to death the love which was upheld by these foundation stones.

What a man most desires in a home is comfort. Many a one has married his housekeeper, induced thereto solely by the fact that she understood how to make him thoroughly comfortable, and did so. The woman who is always

Above all, it is her business to be cheerful, and if it costs her an effort to do so, not to let her husband see it. The unfortunate man who leaves home with the memory of a tearful wife in his mind, and who returns to her petulant complaints of everything and everybody, when he is tired, perhaps worried over serious matters, and is in need of rest, and wants his dinner, is not without excuse if he loses his temper. A plaintive note in a woman's voice may be attractive when it is a semi-occasional novelty, but when it is a perpetual whine it soon loses all charm, and one feels that the wildest outburst of passion would be preferable to the fretful tones which greet one's ear day in and day out. Some people are born cheerful, others achieve cheerfulness, and it is surely an achievement well worth while. None made no mistake when he portrayed the ideal wife as:

"Flest with temper whose unclouded ray
Can make to-morrow cheerful as to-day."

While the first year of wedlock usually determines the question whether or no the marriage has been a failure, it is the second or third year that the



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Drawn for the Western Home Monthly by E. M. Todhunter.

careful of a man's creature comforts becomes in time necessary to him. Kind words, thoughtful silence, a cheery smile, a heartfelt clasp of the hand, all have their place in keeping the wheels of the domestic coach running smoothly. Incurable disorder, hopeless unpunctuality, lack of sense of responsibility, careless forgetfulness, and such defects do not alter the love or destroy the sterling good qualities of a person, but they go far to provoke discord and dissatisfaction in a home.

It often is claimed that the first year of married life is less happy than the second, since it is necessary to get into the habit of being married, to become used to each other. With some this may be the case. The relations of too many husbands and wives seem to confirm the theory that possession is soon fraught with satiety, and that it is only the unattainable which continues to attract. This is all wrong; a woman should be able to keep her husband as well as to catch him, and all the romance ought not to be left at the church door. She should be loyal as well as loving, tender as well as brave,

romantic element finally disappears, excepting with the few who "keep one sacred flame through life unclouded, unmoved, and love in wintry age the same as first in youth they loved."

The husband and wife have grown quite used to one another; they know all each other's failings, their mutual weaknesses. There are no more illusions to keep up, and there is perhaps a tyrant in the nursery who occupies most of the young mother's time and is the center of her thoughts. The husband feels that he is playing second fiddle and keeps out of the way. He means well, maybe, but he makes a mistake. Children should draw the parents more closely together, and not raise the slightest barrier between them. For this cause the wife should be careful to let her husband understand that the baby is doubly dear to her because it is his, and never sacrifice him to it, excepting with his full and free consent and co-operation. In short, the conclusion of the whole matter is that oneness in marriage consists largely in putting oneself in the place of another, and in sharing that other's point of view.

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The Month's Bright Sayings

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Rams Horn: The only man who can be trusted with wealth is the man who puts no trust in it.

James L. Greenway: The tone of the voice will have far more influence over an audience than will the thoughts expressed by that voice.

Ralph Connor: Christ may almost be said to have formed the individual. His plan was not to right the evils of society as a whole, but to right the life of the individual.

C. Sylvester Horne: I can hardly think of anything better for a young man than to have facing him upon his wall, the reproduction of some noble portrait of a noble man with the soul in the face.

Prof. Metchnikoff: Old age is not a natural state, but a chronic malady caused by microbes. It is hoped that finally it will like other diseases yield to medical treatment and be classed among the preventible ailments.

Charlotte Perkins Gilman: It is better to have six children who live, than to have twelve and lose six, and better to have one who lives nobly and serves society than six who merely do not die.

J. S. Willison: It is said that when Mark Twain desired to obtain the parental consent to his engagement with the woman he desired to make his wife, he said to the parents, "My father-in-law, I have a very good thing to offer you. It is called 'the girl,' and it is worth \$10,000. It is a very good thing, and I would like to see it. Will you please let me see it?"

Ex-Senator Conger: I want to see Canada grow from her swaddling clothes to the silk hat stage, and the only way to do it is by protection of Canadian industries.

Edward Farrer: Let Englishmen prepare for the inevitable evolution of the Colonies into independent nations, bound to England by a filial affection stronger than any artificial ligaments.

Hon. Walter Scott: If I am proud of anything in my political career, it is the land feature of the autonomy measures. As the result of these conditions the new provinces were better situated than any provinces in Canada.

Count Pehedonostseff: There is no delusion more vain than the modern belief that democratic institutions are a universally applicable panacea for the restoration of social order, social justice and social freedom.

The Bishop of London: Music is one of the greatest rests that we have in London. When I was a working missionary in East London, music was one of the most powerful influences I experienced in my work. Give the people the best music and they love it.

Anthony Hope: Amid all the complexities of reasons, of feelings, and of choices in which men live there are moments when simplicity reasserts itself, and one thing swallows all others: joy or sorrow brings them.

Russell Sage: The boy who knows bargains in socks makes the man who knows bargains in stocks. Fifty cents is enough to pay for a straw hat, and thirty-nine cents is enough to pay for a coat. Silk underwear is not for daffled men.

Premier Roblin: It has always been a matter of regret to the Colonies that the people of this country do not take the advice of experts on the subject of viticulture. It is a very important matter, and it is one that should be given the most careful consideration.

C. W. Handscomb: Of Pauline Hall it may be said that age cannot wither nor custom stale her infinite variety. Truly time touches tenderly the statuesque Pauline.

Sir Fredrick Treves: All alcohol is distinctly a poison, with certain uses like other poisons, but limitations in its use should be as strict as in the case of arsenic, opium or strychnine.

Premier Roblin: Marriage is a practical thing, and sentiment though cherished along certain lines is not very material. If there is to be a change in the marriage laws of Manitoba, I should be glad to hear a reason.

Charles Ferguson: The real rulers of the world are not the persons who sit on thrones or in cabinets. They are those who have the initiative of industry. This discovery is of immense portent.

Hon Frank Oliver: The difference between the fiscal policies of the two parties is that the Liberals believed in a tariff or a tax rate, levied for revenue purposes, while the Conservatives stood out for a high tariff for purposes of protection.

J. M. Caruthers: To get properly ripened cream it is essential that we get cream that has previously been well cared for; and I consider it imperative that something be done to educate the farmers to the care of cream on the farm.

Booker T. Washington: To my mind the thing that is much worth living for, and dying for, is the opportunity of making one human being more happy and so on. If we take that out of life there's not much worth living for.

Police Magistrate Denison: Of all the things that I see, the worst thing is to see a man who is trying to get a job, and the only man who is trying to get a job is the man who is trying to get a job. It is a very sad state of affairs, and it is one that should be given the most careful consideration.

Samson Walker, M. P.: I think 16 is much too low for girls to be allowed to marry. If the other provinces have done wrong in this matter, that is no reason why Manitoba should follow their example.

Eugene Sandow: The two ultimate uses of all food are to supply the body with materials for growth or renewal, and with the energy and capacity for doing work. The energy which is received in a latent form is liberated as kinetic, or active, energy in two chief forms—first as heat, second as motion.

Dr. John Graham Brooks: We Americans are the worst braggarts in the world. We boast of our free schools, and our critics point out that only two out of every hundred teachers have a degree, which shows how low our standard is. The 'get-rich-quick' and gambling charges made against us are true. We strive to get rich without caring how we get it.

Dr. Newell Dwight Hilles: The Preacher must not treat of topical subjects Sunday after Sunday, but must preach the gospel. The church is not the preacher's field; it is his face, and it is the man who has not crossed the church's threshold for years upon whom you have a claim.

Principal A. P. McDiarmid: But not only should religious bodies refrain from, or be restrained from putting their controlling hand on the institutions of the state, the state on its side should refrain from any intermeddling with the subject of religion either in the way of control or support.

Wallace Nesbitt, K. C.: The fact is notorious, and well known to your lordships, that increasing difficulty is being experienced in obtaining a fair jury trial in Toronto. The evening papers, miserable yellow journals, are poisoning justice at its source. It is quite as bad, or even worse, in Hamilton, where the labor interests predominate on every jury.

Idiotic Philanthropy.

There are a great many people who have the commercial instinct and regard all philanthropic enterprises as a species of idiocy. These men look out into the world from a commercial standpoint. To do a service for nothing, to render a favor without pay, to give something without receiving something, is to them the rankest sort of stupidity.

These men say, if a thing pays financially it is all right. If it does not pay it is all wrong. A man's wisdom is to be measured by his financial success. If his projects make money, if his ventures give good returns, he is an honorable and trustworthy man. If, on the other hand, his ventures do not give substantial returns, and he makes a failure in an honest attempt to do some legitimate business, he is untrustworthy, he is to be regarded as no good.

Now, there is a good deal of truth in this attitude toward the world. We are of the opinion that every enterprise ought to justify itself by its ability to support itself. For if a business does not succeed financially it is either because there is no demand for the product of such a business, or else because the business is mis-managed. Therefore, it is a good thing to look at the ledger account of any enterprise, philanthropic or otherwise, to discover whether it deserves approval or disapproval.

But, after all this has been said, some very mean enterprises do succeed, by deceit and fraud. On the other hand, some very creditable and laudable enterprises fail for want of appreciation on the part of the public.

The philanthropic spirit is a noble one. A man who starts out for his own aggrandizement or gain, thinking nothing, caring nothing, for the good of others, has placed himself on the level of the brute creation. He is no better than a tiger or a rattlesnake. While it is true that a great deal of harm is done by giving things away indiscriminately, or by attempting to help people without a clear notion as to whether they ought to be helped, or can be helped, yet it is equally true that every business must have behind it an earnest desire to make the world better, to make life richer, to lessen the evils or discomforts of life, else it does not deserve to live at all.

Wise philanthropy is not idiocy. Clear-headed benevolence is not stupidity. Well-directed charity is not foolishness. If a man is obliged to confess that he is giving his life to a business that brings no good to anyone else but himself he might as well confess that he is a criminal, or at least a parasite. A business that does not help the world morally, intellectually, or physically is a business that ought to be classed as immoral.

There are a great many ways to pick a man's pocket. It may be done

by actually taking money out of his pocket. It may be done by coaxing or cajoling a man to take money out of his pocket and hand it over. It may be done by fooling a man, pretending to give him something for his money where nothing is given. It may be done by asking more than a reasonable price for goods sold to him. It may be done by acting upon his fears, his vices, or his mental weaknesses.

A man's pocket may be picked by making him believe he is sick, and then selling him a remedy. A man's pocket may be picked by making him believe he is in danger of becoming sick, and providing him with a preventive to sickness. A man's pocket may be picked by persuading him that he is in danger in this world or in the world to come, and then taking from him a contribution, or accepting from him a salary for such services. A man's pocket may be picked by encouraging him in a lawsuit with his neighbor, and then accepting a fee for the same.

There are a thousand ways to pick men's pockets, and perhaps the pick-pocket who is least harmful to society is the one who actually puts his hand in his neighbor's pocket.

For ourselves, we had rather be a foolish philanthropist than a wise pretender. We had rather be a careless giver than a shrewd despoiler. We had rather be fooled a thousand times by unworthy subjects of charity than to fool a trusting fellow-being once.

That man who is willing from day to day, from year to year, to put his energies into any business, giving no thought as to whether his business really benefits anyone else, such a man is not one whit above the footpad or pirate in morals. It is the idea of business is to get and gain, thinking only of legal restrictions, then there is no difference in essence between the business man and the criminal.

But we are of the opinion that most business men do really believe in their business. They believe that they are actually doing good in the world. They believe that the world will be better for their having lived in it. We have an idea that it is only a small minority of business men who must secretly acknowledge to themselves that the world would have been better off had they never lived, that their business is conducted on a plane and actuated by a spirit that really benefits no one but themselves. At least we hope that it is a small minority of business men who would admit this, even to themselves.

We feel sure that a philanthropic spirit behind any business is in the long run surer to meet with success than a spirit of indifference and selfishness. To make business a philanthropy, to harness up the commerce of the world into well-doing, to take

advantage of the tremendous forces of supply and demand, to increase brotherly love and broaden human sympathy, this should be the desire and ambition of every man and woman. Nothing short of this is decent. Anyone who has a lower ideal of business ought to be deprived of all power, if not absolutely confined behind prison walls.

The criminals who have managed to escape justice are even more dangerous than the criminals who are serving sentence. The man who manages to get something for nothing without falling under the ban of the law is a thousand times worse than that petty thief who, attempting to steal something, has been arrested and imprisoned. It is the criminals outside their prisons who are doing the real injury in the world. The criminals inside of prisons are generally those who operate on a very low plane, and those whose influences are very narrow. But the criminals who are outside of the prisons sometimes have great influence, commanding the lives and activities of many other people, and in a thousand ways make themselves a satanic influence in the world.

A business that is not at the same time a philanthropy is a business that has no right to exist, and sooner or later it will go to the wall. Such men are like the man referred to by David when he wrote: "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree, yet he passed away and lo! he was not. Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found." This scripture describes the end which will sooner or later befall all business that does not have behind it the legitimate purpose of making the world better, of giving more than it gets, of helping every one, of realizing in its results true benevolence, philanthropy, and charity.

An Easy Answer.

"Think," said the teacher, "of a little creature that wriggles about in the earth and sometimes comes to the top through a tiny hole." "A worm," said a small boy. "Yes," said the teacher; "now think of another little creature that wriggles about in the earth and comes to the top through a small hole." "Another worm!" shouted the youngster in triumph.

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The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Empire Loan Co. was held at the office of the company in the Bank of Hamilton chambers, on Tuesday, February 13, 1906. There were present Messrs. Byrnes, Brydon, Clark, McPhillips, Berry, McPherson, and Simpson, of Winnipeg, and shareholders were present from Tantallon, Darlingford, Hartney, Gainsboro, and Regina.

The president, Mr. Byrnes, took the chair, and read the directors' report as follows: "Your directors have much pleasure in submitting for your approval the reports and statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1905, duly certified by the auditor.

"Our company has shared in the general prosperity, and the total net earnings for the year amount to \$9,393.81, or about 10 1/2 per cent, on the average paid-up capital, out of which the usual half-yearly dividends have been paid; 9 per cent, credited to the instalment shareholders, and a bonus of 2 per cent, making altogether 8 per cent, to the permanent and prepaid stocks. The balance of \$1,461.27 has been transferred to the reserve fund.

"We have now the sum of \$128,317.83 invested, all in first mortgages. This is an increase of 50 per cent. over that of last year.

"There is a good demand for our permanent stock, and we would recommend to the new board a further issue at an early date.

"Our securities are in splendid shape, and the payments are being well met."

In moving adoption of the report, Mr. Byrnes said that he did so with great satisfaction, and that he must congratulate the shareholders on the excellent statement now in their hands.

In seconding the adoption of the report, Dr. Clark addressed the meeting at some length, and stated that among the many enterprises with which he was connected, none were more carefully and economically managed than the Empire Loan Co. Few Canadian loan companies have made such a good showing as the Empire Loan Co.

The West is enjoying a great measure of prosperity, the marvellous development in all lines of business, together with the rapid opening up of the great country to the west of us, augurs well for the success of the western companies in the future. A careful perusal of the financial standing of the Empire Loan Co. appearing on another page will amply repay any reader.

Six-year-old Fanny, just returned from Sunday-school, seemed to have something on her mind. "Mother," she said, after a while, "they must have had very large beds in Bible times."

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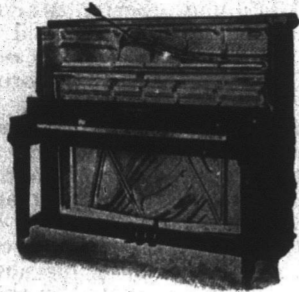
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The Toronto Choral Union gives its fourth annual concert in March.

The Philharmonic Society of Calgary gave its first concert February 12th.

James Fax and his company gave an entertainment at Virden in February. He scored as usual.

Ben Davis, the famous Welsh tenor, will be in America during the months of March and April.

The Brass Band at Stoughton has been reorganized with L. R. Morris as leader.

Ruthven Macdonald has created an excellent impression throughout the West.

The Imperial Quartet, with Miss Beckinwith as elocutionist, drew a crowded house at Swan Lake in February. Swan Lake has developed a good deal of musical talent lately.

Prof. A. S. Vogt, the popular conductor of the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto, has been offered the position of conductor in an American city. Toronto lovers of music are doing all they can to keep him.

A concert was given at Selkirk February 22. Mrs. Veiner, Messrs. Monneff Dingle, Rhys Thomas, Saul Matthews, and other well-known Winnipeg vocalists took part. It was a huge success.

The Arcola Amateur Dramatic society are beginning rehearsals on their next effort, the well-known farce-comedy, "All the Comforts of a Home." This bright play will be produced in the spring under the auspices probably of the tennis club.

An old-fashioned black-faced minstrel show will be put on by the local amateurs early in March. The music will arrive in a few days, when regular practice will begin. The production is being arranged for by a committee composed of Messrs. Scott, Youngblud, and Patterson.

A concert under the auspices of Manitoba college is soon to be announced to take place early in March. It is learned that arrangements have been made for excellent talent both from the city and provincial points, including Knox quartette, Winnipeg instrumental trio and Mrs. Chisholm, of MacGregor.

There is a Folk Song society in London, England, which is doing good work in collecting specimens of these ancient ditties. As the Musical Times aptly puts it, "unsophisticated old people can still croon the old songs, but their descendants, having eaten of the fruits of 'progress,' do not seem to care to perpetuate the practice. It may be contended that after all, many folk songs are but poor dreary stuff as to both words and music, and therefore the game is not worth the candle. But recent experience proves that unmistakably beautiful songs are occasionally discovered."

Manitow is enjoying a musical feast this winter. Mr. H. Jenner, of Toronto, choirmaster of the Presbyterian Church, has organized a choral society of 80 voices, and is taking up such choruses as "All we like sheep" from the "Messiah," "Gloria," from 12th Mass and "Unfold, ye portals" with celestial choir, trumpets, etc. from Gounod's "Redemption." Mr. Jenner has had wide experience in eastern cities in conducting large choruses, and expresses himself as greatly pleased with the high musical standing of the town. He has a large class of piano and vocal pupils.

Marie Hall scored a great triumph in Toronto at the Massey Hall, Toronto, at the February concert. She is being referred to as the "wondrous violinist." Her performance was wide in its sympathy, sweet and holy in its sentiment, eminently "big" in intonation, eminently firm in bowing, and absolutely sure in left hand fingering.

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General commendation has been expressed anent the coming production of the "Messiah" during Passion Week in Grace church, Winnipeg, and there is already an overflowing audience awaiting the event.

Mr. Turner will have no difficulty in securing choristers, the majority of whom know the "Messiah" music almost by heart; it will be the orchestra that will give trouble—if he decides to have one. Anyway, he is secure in his organist, Mr. Bowles. It is understood that Mr. Holmes Cooper has been booked for the tenor role, an important engagement, for Mr. Cooper has not been heard in Winnipeg for some years, although he is a very popular vocalist in Chicago and throughout the Middle States.

It is further understood that a soprano, new to Winnipeg, in Mrs. Reed, a singer highly recommended by Mr. Dunham, the organist, has been secured.

The probabilities for a satisfactory "Messiah" performance appear reassuring so far as the arrangements have gone, and with frequent rehearsals given to the heavy work of the choral department, for after all has been written, the chorus is the mainstay of the oratorio.

An enjoyable box social was held at Deleau in February. A splendid program was rendered, which was a credit to those taking part. It was as follows:

Chorus by Choir; reading by Mr. Elder; song by Mr. Fulcher; recitation by Mr. R. Brigham; solo by Miss M. Jackson; instrumental by Mr. Jas. McFadyen; solo by Miss Day; duett by the Misses McFadyens; song by Mr. W. Seed; instrumental by Mr. Fulcher; recitation by Mr. Brigham; solo by Mrs. S. Spicer; reading by Mr. F. Melson; instrumental by Mr. J. Gordon; song by Mr. Day. The evening was brought to a close by singing "God save the King."

Both the Philharmonic Society of Calgary and the conductor, Mr. Wrigley, are to be congratulated on the splendid success of their third concert.

The chorus was as follows: Soprano: Mrs. C. W. Rowley, Mrs. D. B. Niblock, Mrs. G. A. Anderson, Mrs. Cummer, Mrs. H. Jardine, Mrs. J. H. Kerr, Mrs. C. A. Stuart, Mrs. F. T. Weir, Miss Blow, Miss Bryant, Miss Dawson, Miss Desusa, Miss Muckleston, Miss Sales, Miss Sherwood, Miss Tregillus, Miss Watson, Miss Wood.

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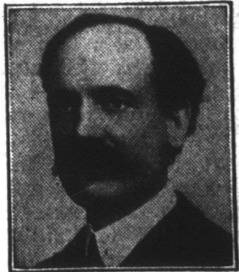
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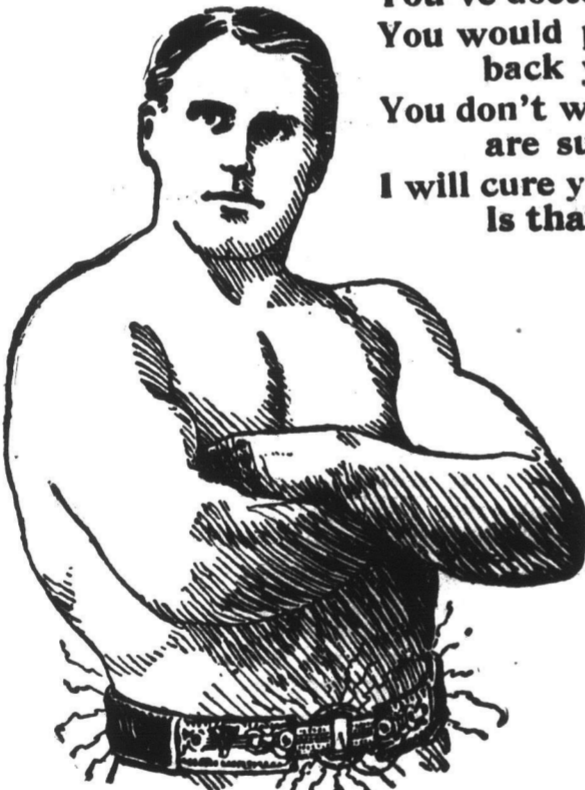
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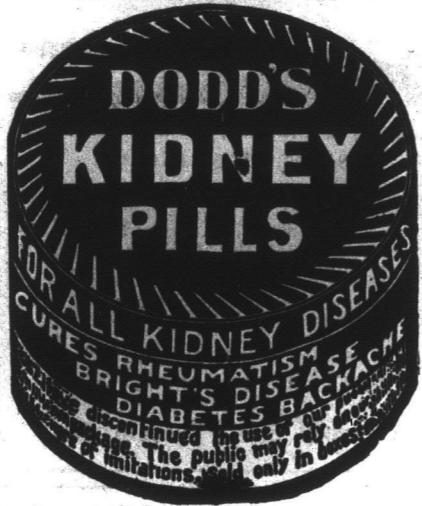
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Volumes have been written, and other volumes will be written, containing good advice for girls. In our brief remarks we do not intend to write a thesis on this subject but must content ourselves with two or three hints which we consider of the greatest importance.

First, the girl in the home should always bear in mind that she is preparing herself to become a woman, a housekeeper, a mother, a wife. Not that every girl will actually become all these things, but she should prepare herself to properly fulfil these functions. This is her first business, to learn how to keep a house, to learn how to attend to the wants of small children, to learn how to manage hired help, to learn everything that her mother knows.

Even when quite young she can begin this very necessary education. A girl ought to be able to dress herself and take care of her own room before she is ten years old. Instead of being a burden on the household she should be a help.

In helping the housewife she is laying the foundation for an education that will make her really a woman. No matter what career is before her she will always be the better for knowing how to do ordinary housework, and for having the physical ability to do it.

The girls of a generation or two ago were generally brought up in this way. No higher ambition was held up before them than to become like their mothers, good, practical housekeepers.

This bringing up was all right so far as it went. But it did not go far enough, and will not at all meet the

necessities of a girl's education to-day. Besides learning to be a housekeeper, a mother and wife, the girl should prepare herself for some vocation that will enable her to live an independent life.

A girl that is brought up with no other idea before her than to get married and settled down, is indeed in a pitiful condition. If the right man happens to come along at the right time and makes an offer of marriage, all is well. But this is the very thing that may not happen, and it is a pathetic sight to witness the long-drawn-out disappointment that awaits a girl who has not prepared herself for independent life, waiting year after year for some one to come along and marry her, but he never comes.

Therefore, a girl should have before her the ambition, first, to be the mistress of a home, if such a lot should befall her; or, on the other hand, to be able to maintain a single life with dignity and self-reliance. With this ambition before her the girl will find plenty to do, but with the proper attitude toward her work it will not be irksome at all.

The girl should say to herself: "Should a man I really love want to marry me I must be able to keep house as good or even better than my mother does. I must learn everything that my mother knows about housekeeping, and, if possible, learn a great deal that she does not know. But in case no worthy man asks me to marry him, I shall not become a burden on anyone else. I can do a good work in this world without getting married. I can make myself

happy and useful in some one of the many vocations that are now open to women."

The girl does not wait until some providential circumstance throws her out upon the world for herself, but she begins to fit herself for such a possibility while she is safe at home, surrounded by friends and advisers. Art, music, stenography, bookkeeping, school teaching, and many other excellent vocations are before her. In acquiring her rudimentary education she should begin to think of the possibility of being left alone some day and obliged to earn her own living, and making an early choice as to what she had rather do.

With this thought before her, at the age of eighteen she should not only be able to keep house, but she should also be able to earn a good living in some professional or business way. If she elects for herself a college career, fitting herself for some higher profession, she should be able to enter upon that college course at the age of eighteen. She will be if she has employed her time properly.

Then, instead of sitting down to wait for some man to come along and ask her to become his wife, she goes to work with a will. This brings her out into the world, among men. She is brought in contact with a thousand times as many men as if she were waiting at home. She sees the world as it is. She learns to know men as they really are.

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A girl ought to be taught to look the possibilities of her career squarely in the face. She is liable to live a single life; or, in case she marries, is liable to be left a widow and thrown upon her own resources. She is liable to have an invalid husband and the support of the whole family thrown upon her. All these liabilities are before her, and it is somewhat risky to stake her whole career on the one expectation of being supported by a husband.

A girl who has this thought before her mind cannot fail to be a good girl in the home. The housework, which seems to some girls as drudgery, will seem to her an education. The home becomes her college. Every detail of work that is going on around her is of interest to her, because she is looking forward to the time when these duties will become her duties. Attendance upon

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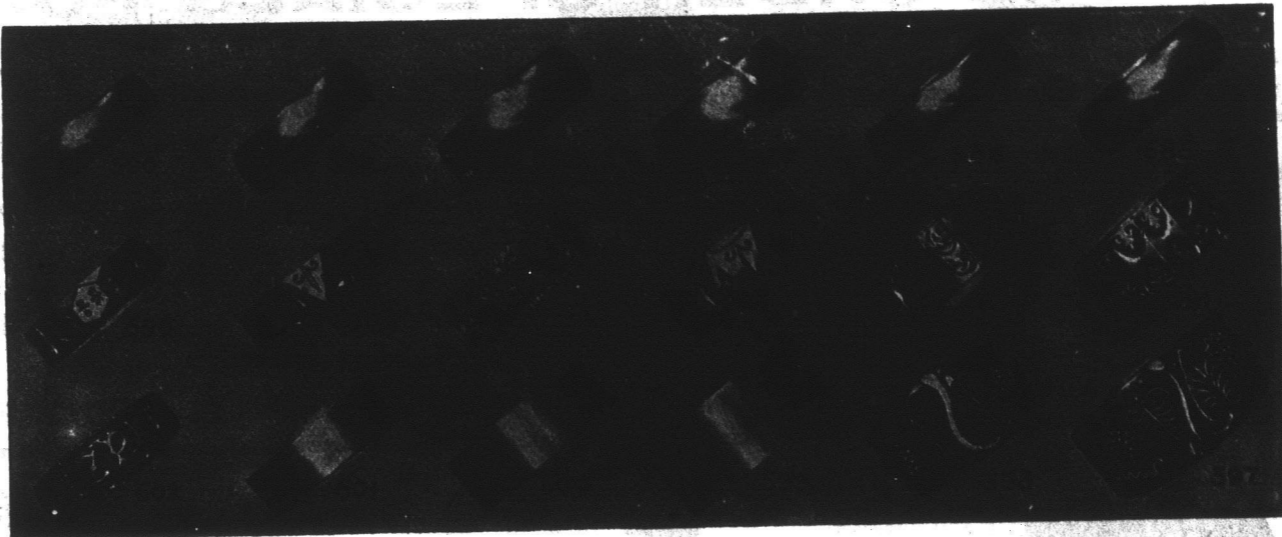
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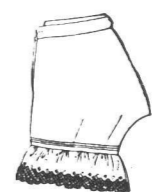
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We congratulate the Great-West Life on the Statement for 1905.


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They want their pay, but not until you can say "Here's the dollar. You deserve it," not until they have earned it, not until you are willing to send it to them, not until you want to send it to them, not until you are satisfied to pay it, not until they have proven to you that they have what they claim, not until Vitae-Ore has done for you what you want it to do for you. Until then you pay them nothing. After that you will be willing to pay. Glad to pay, as hundreds of the readers of this paper, yea, thousands, have been willing and glad to pay. You are to be the judge! They leave it to you entirely for you to decide. If you can say that they, and Vitae-Ore, have earned your money, the The. Noel Company want your money, but not otherwise. That is how this big Toronto medicine firm, who have advertised regularly in this paper for years, are offering their Vitae-Ore in their big advertisement in this issue, the secret of success. That is how they have grown and grown, year after year, by acting fairly and squarely, that is how they have made hundreds of firm, true and lasting friends among the readers of this paper. Your neighbors have tried it, know it to be true; why shouldn't you? How can you refuse to give this most remarkable of remedies—a natural, curing and healing mineral ore—a trial on the terms of such a liberal offer! If you need medical treatment of any kind, if you are sick and ailing, if any one in your family is ailing, poorly, worn out, sickly, it is actually a sin and a shame if you do not send for Vitae-Ore upon the terms of their thirty-day trial offer. Read the offer! Read it again! Send for the medicine! Do it to-day! Each day lost makes your case older, obstinate, harder, hurts you more, pains you more. They take all the risk: you have nothing to lose. You are to be the judge!

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Elcombe's Giant Parsnip
Leviathan Peas
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Garden Peas (Manitoba Grown)
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Time to Plant

By Prof. R. S. MacKintosh, Minnesota Experiment Station

The following is a complete chart of the proper time for planting the various kinds of garden seeds. It is sure to prove helpful to many of our readers. Conditions in the Canadian West are somewhat similar to conditions in Minnesota; therefore this table may be considered a fairly accurate guide. Read the explanation of the numbers, published alongside the table

Hints for Culture

Asparagus—Sow seeds in drills as for beets, 50 seeds to the foot. Plants set in permanent bed from 2½ feet to 4 feet each way and 6 inches below the surface.

Beans, Bush or Dwarf Limas—Sow in furrows 3 inches deep, 20 seeds to the foot, with rows 3 feet apart.

Beans, Pole or Limas—Sow in hills beside poles, 4 feet each way, 5 seeds to each pole.

Beets, Carrots, Leek, Lettuce, Mustard, Onions, Parsnips, Parsley, Radishes, Rutabaga, Salsify, Spinach, Turnips—In garden sow in drills, 1 inch deep, 20 seeds to the foot, with rows of 16 inches apart; thin to proper distances.

Brussels Sprouts—Sow in seed bed the same as cabbage. In garden set plants 2 feet each way or 1½ feet by 3 feet.

Cabbage, Cauliflower, Egg Plants, Pepper—Sow in hot-bed or seed in drills, 100 seeds to the foot, ¼ inch deep in rows of 5 inches apart, transplant to open ground when large enough to move safely. Distance 2 to 4 feet apart each way.

Celery, Celeriac—Sow as for Cabbage. Transplant when of proper size, plant 6 inches apart in rows 5 feet apart.

Corn, Sweet and Pop—Sow in open ground, either in drills 5 seeds to foot or in hills from 15 to 36 inches apart and rows 3 feet apart.

Cucumbers, Melons, Pumpkins, Squash—Sow 6 to 10 seeds in hills from 5 to 9 feet apart, according to size of vines.

Endive—Sow in hot-bed the same as for cabbage. In garden the same as beets: thin to four inches.

Kohlrabi—Sow as above, but thin to 12 inches.

Okra—Sow in open furrow 2 inches deep, 10 seeds to the foot, rows 3 feet apart; thin to 8 inches.

Peas—Sow in open furrow 3 inches deep, 20 seeds to the foot; thin to 3 to 12 to foot, rows from 2 to 4 feet apart.

Potatoes—Cut tubers in two or more eyes, plant in furrows 4 inches deep, 16 inches apart, rows 3 feet apart.

Tomato—Sow in hot-bed the same as for cabbage. Transplant to garden in rows 5 feet apart each way.

When to Plant.

Vegetables in the Kitchen Garden	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.
Asparagus	8						
Beans bush and bush lima			2	2	2	2	
Beans pole and pole lima							
Beets	5						
Brussels Sprouts		1	1	1			
Cabbage, all sorts	3	3	1				
Carrots							
Cauliflower	3	3	1	1			
Celery	3	3	1				
Celeriac	3	3	1				
Corn, sweet				2	2		
Corn, pop							
Cress, curled	5	2					
Cucumber	5	5					
Egg plant	3						
Endive		1					
Kohlrabi		5					
Leek							
Lettuce	5	5	2	2	2	2	
Melon, musk			6	6			
Melon, water			6	6			
Mustard							
Okra			6				
Onions	3	4	4				
Parsnips			4				7
Parsley			4				
Peas			2	2			
Pepper	3	3					
Potatoes							
Pumpkins				6			
Radish			5	2	2		2
Rutabaga							
Salsify			4				7
Spinach			5				7
Squash							
Tomatoes			3	3			
Turnips							

Explanation of Signs Used In This Table.

1. Sow in seed bed in the garden and transplant thence to permanent place.
 2. Make two sowings in open ground during the month for a succession.
 3. Start in hot-bed or greenhouse and plant out as soon as the ground is in good condition and weather permits.
 4. Sow in open ground as soon as it can be worked.
 5. Sow in hot-bed for early use.
 6. Sow in open ground when all danger of frost is passed, at proper distances with plenty of seed, and thin to proper number.
 7. To be kept over winter and used in spring.
 8. Sow in open ground as soon as it can be worked, and transplanted to permanent bed the following spring.
- N. B.—For last planting of Beans, Sweet Corn, Kohlrabi, Peas and Radishes take the earliest varieties, just the same as are used for first planting.
- The late sowings of salsify are intended to remain undisturbed over winter. Roots from these sowings will the next year, attain a size double that usually seen.

Richard Waugh: The first principle in weed extermination is that to kill foul seeds. We must first induce germination, and as soon as possible after that kill the baby weeds.

To be sown in open ground without transplanting. Plants have to be given proper distances.

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Butter Wax, 1 lb.....	25c	1 oz. 15c. ¼ lb. 50c.		¼ lb. 20c.		Calliopsis mixed	" " 5
BEETS		Yellow Globe Danvers, 1 pkt. 5c. 1oz. 15c		Golden Ball, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c. ¼ lb.		Cockscombs mixed	" " 5
Egyptian Turnip, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c.		¼ lb. 50c.		20c.		Chrysanthemum mixed	" " 5
2 oz. 15c.		Australian Brown, 1 pkt. 5c. 1oz. 15c.		Herbs		Clarkia mixed	" " 5
Fleming's Half long, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 15c.		¼ lb. 40c.		Sage, Savory, Marjoram, Thyme, each		Collinsia mixed	" " 5
2 oz. 25c.		Pickling, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 20c.		5c. pkt.		Dianthus (pink) mixed	" " 10
CABBAGE		Setts Red and Yellow, 1 pint 20c. 1 quart		FIELD ROOTS		Esholtzia mixed	" " 5
Express, Earliest variety, 1 pkt. 5c.		40c.		CARROT		Gaillardia mixed	" " 5
1 oz. 20c.		Parsley		Fleming's Half long White 1 pkt. 5c.		Godetia mixed	" " 5
Winningstadt meduim variety, 1 pkt. 5c.		Parsley Moss Curled, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 15c.		1 oz. 10c. ¼ lb. 15c.		Helichrysum mixed	" " 5
1 oz. 15c.		Parsnip		White Belgian 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c. ¼ lb.		Lobelia Blue King	" " 5
Danish Ball Winter Variety, 1 pkt. 5c.		Parsnip Hollow Crown, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c.		15c.		Marigold African and	" " 5
1 oz. 25c.		Potatoes		Long Orange, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c. ¼ lb.		French mixed	" " 5
CAULIFLOWER		Potatoes 3 new Varieties each per. lb. 25c.		15c.		Marvel of Peru	" " 5
Ex. Early Variety 1 pkt.....	10c.	PEAS		Sugar Beets		Mignonette	" " 5
CELERY		American Wonder Early 1 lb.....	30c.	King of the Danes ¼ lb. 20c. 1 lb. 35c.		Nasturtium Tall mixed	" " 5
Golden Yellow 1 pkt.....	10c.	Stratagem Medium 1lb.....	25c.	Mangel		Nasturtium Dwarf mixed	" " 5
White Plume 1 pkt.....	5c.	RADISH		Fleming's Mammoth Long Red, ½ lb. 15c.		Nicotiana	" " 5
CARROT		Scarlet Turnip white tipped, 1 pkt. 5c.		1 lb. 30c.		Nigella	" " 5
Oxheart, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c. ¼ lb. 25c.		1 oz. 10c. ¼ lb. 20c.		Fleming's Giant Yellow intermediate, ½		Pansy choice English mixed, per pkt. 10c	
Danvers Half long, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c.		¼ lb. 20c.		lb. 20c. 1 lb. 35c.		Pansy choice Scotch mixed, " " 20	
¼ lb. 25c.		French Breakfast, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c.		Swedish Turnips		Pansy choice German mixed, " " 20	
CITRON		Winter Rose China, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c.		Clyde, ½ lb. 20c. 1 lb. 35c.		Pansy choice Flemings " " 25	
For Preserving, 1 pkt. 5c. 1oz. 10c.		RHUBARB		Carters Purple top, ½ lb. 15c. 1 lb. 25c.		Petunia mixed all colors " " 5	
CORN		Victoria, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 20c.		Elephant ½ lb. 15c. 1 lb. 25c.		Petunia mixed all choice " " 10	
Extra Early Cory Sweet, 1lb.	20c.	Spinach		Grain		Poppies single mixed " " 5	
CUCUMBER		Long Standing, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c.		Write for prices on : Wheat, Clover,		Poppies Double mixed " " 5	
Improved Long green, 1 pkt. 5c. 1oz. 15c		¼ lb. 20c.		Oats, Corn, Rape, Barley, Peas, Speltz,		Portulacca mixed " " 5	
Pickling, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 15c.		Squash		Buckwheat, Tares, Rye, Timothy,		Ricinus " " 10	
Kale		Vegetable Marrow, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 20c.		Brome Grass, etc.		Stocks, Ten Week mixed " " 10	
Kale, Scotch 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 15c.		Early Golden bush, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 10c.		SWEET PEAS		Verbena Mammoth mixed " " 10	
Kohl Rabi 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 20c.		Hubbard, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 15c.		One Packet.... 5¢	MIXED OR	Zinnia mixed " " 10	
LETTUCE		Shallots		Six Packets.... 25	SEPARATE	Zinnia Double choice mixed " " 10	
Curled Simpson, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 15c.		Canadian, 1 Pint 15c. 1 quart 30c.		Twelve Packets 50	COLORS		
Fleming's Cabbage, 1 pkt. 10c. 1 oz. 20c.		Tomato		One oz. 10¢. 2 oz. 15¢. ¼ lb. 25¢.			
Leek		Fleming's Manitoba King, 1 pkt. 10c.					
Leek, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 15c.		1 oz. 20c.					
Melon		Atlantic Prize, 1 pkt. 5c. 1 oz. 20c.					
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The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

WHAT IS SUCCESS? The first intelligent step toward success, is to establish a proper standard of success.

Success has four interpretations: first, the literal, or dictionary definition or interpretation. There is nothing more interesting or instructive than a study of words. According to the dictionary, success is "succession;" one thing following the other, like "successive ages." Or it is success for that which is underneath, to take position on the top; that, too, is involved in the meaning of the word "success." If it is success for that which is underneath to take a position on top; then it is success for the under crust to become the upper crust; and if it is success for the under crust to become the upper crust, then there is more real genuine success on the continent of North America, than anywhere else on the round physiognomy of the earth's surface.

SUCCESS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL.

So much for the literal interpretation of success. There is an individual interpretation of success. Every man has his own idea and ideal of success. With almost every individual the desire and ambition of a lifetime can be compressed and expressed in one word;—one word shall be weighted and freighted with the motive and meaning of a whole life.

With one man, it is cash; with another, character. One craves possessions, boundless and ever increasing, while another is satisfied with political preferment, if he can only attain it. My neighbour on the right would walk amid the very mountain ranges of ail knowledge and science and literature; while my neighbour on the left would rise above and beyond the forests that bound the earth up, into the bright unclouded atmosphere of spiritual communion. Every man has his own aim and ambition: to attain it is success; to fail of its attainment is failure; and this is the individual interpretation of success.

THE POPULAR INTERPRETATION OF SUCCESS.

But there is that which may be called the popular interpretation of success. I venture to regard it as the vulgar interpretation of success; success as a fact, naked and alone; success as a fact without relation to, or regard for, other facts. Success in common parlance, and in its most common interpretation and acceptance, is simply the ability "to get there." This is success in its lowest interpretation.

Men of low degree in particular, and men of all degrees in general, have a profound respect for "get there" ability. To have a goal and reach it. To aim at the mark and hit it. To crystallize thought in action. To bring things to pass. Achievement; that's the word. You may run a Hoosac Tunnel through a Christian conscience and the Ten Commandments, but what difference does it make if you only "get there?" say some. Henry Clay once said, "I would rather be right than be president. Wise decision. A man may be president for four years; he can be right for all time and eternity."

It is well to remember that a man may be an apparent success and a profound failure at the same time. Some success is scum success; a shiny and slimy something floating on the surface of the stream of honest humanity. It breeds commercial malaria, which often results in brain fever.

There is a great deal of rascality in business, but there is no business in rascality. The realm of business, and the realm of baseness are as distinct, the one from the other, as a full blooded African is distinct from a full blooded American; with equal respect for both. When a man passes over the line from honor to dishonor, he passes from the realm of business to the realm of baseness. The moment he passes the line, he is a self-confessed failure, judged from a business standpoint.

CHARACTER VS. CASH.

All the money in all the banks of the Dominion of Canada will never make a bad man a success. The more colossal the collateral, the more complete the collapse. "If a man strive for the mastery, yet is he not crowned unless he strive lawfully." Judged by the standard of mere achievement, without regard to moral quality, Julius Caesar was a success. Judged by such a standard, Napoleon was a success. Judged by such a standard, there are successful men in every community, whose friendship would be no compliment, and whose companionship would be a disgrace to any man who claims to have the slightest respect or regard for conscience or character. But this is success in the eyes of some people, and to such people, nothing succeeds like such success.

THE HIGHEST INTERPRETATION.

Success in its highest interpretation is this: to make the most of yourself and your circumstances for the glory of God and the good of man. To make the most of yourself and your circumstances; higher than this no man may climb. An angel could do no more. This is success; only this, all of this, and nothing less than this. The strongest words of appreciation ever uttered by the Son of God were these, "She hath done what she could." This is success in its highest interpretation. This only, is success. Anything short of this is failure. A selfish and self-centred life can never be a truly successful life. The soul that lives for itself, has very little to live for. Self-full does not mean successful.

REAL ESTATE.

Not the man's real estate but the real state of the man in his relationship to a perfect manhood, shall be the test. In case where money has been secured dishonestly, we respect the money, not the man. One dollar has always been able to command one dollar's worth of respect; even in the hands of a thief. We tip our hat to the dollar, and not to the man who stole it. There will come a day in the history of this world, however, when a dollar will be known by the company that keeps it, and a dollar in the hands of a thief will be a dollar disgraced, dishonored, and disowned. Right only, and right always, shall have the right of way in God's universe.

THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.

Ever since Jesus Christ propounded that business - like proposition, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" no degree of scholarship or shrewdness has ever been able to discover any method by which "swindle" can be spelled so that it will mean success. Success is not the survival of the slickest. Evil is weakness. Goodness is strength. Virtue is life. Ten righteous men would have saved Sodom. These ten removed, or found wanting, and Sodom's one thousand unrighteous men are not worth saving. It was simply a question between life and death. Death is the absence of life.

WHEN IS A MAN A SUCCESS?

Is a man a success, when if every other man were the same sort of success, there would be no such thing as success? Is a man a success when he doesn't care to have you define the word? Is a man a success when his conscience quarrels with his character? Is a man a success when the Sermon on the Mount is too good for him?

Is a man a success when he is afraid that the left hand will find out what the right hand is doing; and divulge the fact? Is a man a success, when he dare not jingle the unclean silver in his unscrupulous pocket for fear the ring of it will awaken his sleeping conscience? Is a man a success when he votes for the suspension of the golden rule, the repeal of the Ten Commandments, and the tabling of the Sermon on the Mount? Is a man a success when his heart offers a bill in the congress of all his anxious hopes, to the effect that the day of judgment be indefinitely postponed?

WAS JUDAS A SUCCESS?

Was Judas a success? Was Pilate a success? Was Nero a success? Was Napoleon a success? Is the man who throws his conscience overboard a success? Is a scoundrel a success? Is a commercial shark a success? Is a swindler a success? Is a sneak a success? Is a moral scavenger a success? Is a man a success when, if every other man in the world were the same sort of success, the Ten Commandments would be abolished, tight clubbed out of sight, the devil given the freedom of the universe, and virtue vanish out of sight for sheer shame, and all the vamping vices clap their slimy hands and smack their hot polluted lips, and every black angel in the realm of the darkness shout aloud for fiendish joy? Is such a man a success? Is he?

A SWINDLER IS A FAILURE.

A swindler is a failure because if every other man succeeded the same way, humanity would be a failure. To know if a man is a true success, analyse him, and multiply him, by six millions, and ask yourself how the Dominion would stand if they were all duplicates of your original. He must be a dubious man whom it is not safe to duplicate.

The man who exchanges character for cash, purity for power, manhood for money, principle for party, his soul for silver, and his God for gold, is a failure first and last, and always and altogether, and all the way through, as he was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, a failure.

ONE THOUSAND HONEST MEN.

One thousand honest men are necessary in order to float one dishonest man. One thousand scoundrels could not furnish grace enough to float a saint. An honest man is as much of a necessity as the dishonest man is a pronounced failure. If every man were a hypocrite, what advantage would there be in hypocrisy? If every man were a thief, who would care to make thieving a speciality?

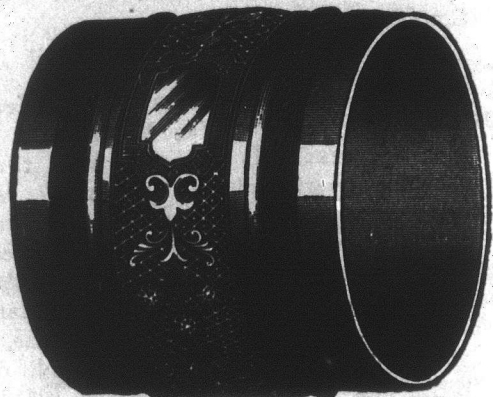
A hypocrite seeks the society of sincere men. A thief seeks the society of honest men. A liar seeks the society of truthful men. A sophist seeks the society of sincere men. A sensualist seeks the society of pure, confiding womanhood. A swindler floats on the tidal wave of pure, honest humanity. If all were as he is, there would be nothing upon which to float; no tide, no wave, nothing pure, nothing honest, nothing human, nothing manly—nothing but the dry, dusty river bed of a river, whose streams, once upon a time, made glad the city of our God.

A swindler is a commercial anarchist. A liar is a moral anarchist. A sophist is an intellectual anarchist. A hypocrite is a religious anarchist. A harlot is a home hater. An adulterer is a home dynamiter. A sensualist is a social anarchist.

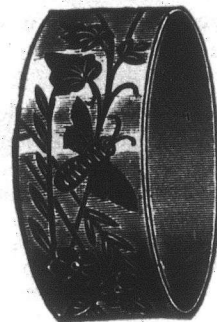
WHEN MEN BEGIN TO DOUBT EACH OTHER.

Man's need brings men together — civilization. Man's faith in man holds men together. Honesty is the foundation of civilization. When men begin to doubt each other, they begin to depart from each other. Dishonor is dynamite placed beneath the foundation of civilization. The man without a conscience is the Guy Fawkes crouching beneath the parliament of man. The success of this one, selfish individual, means universal collapse. His success is the touch of death for an honest civilization.

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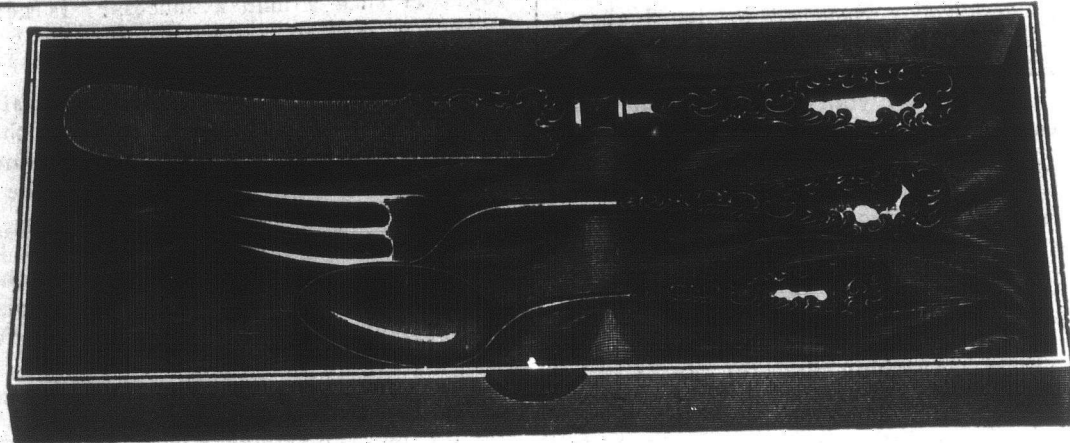
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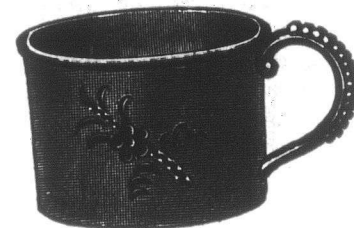
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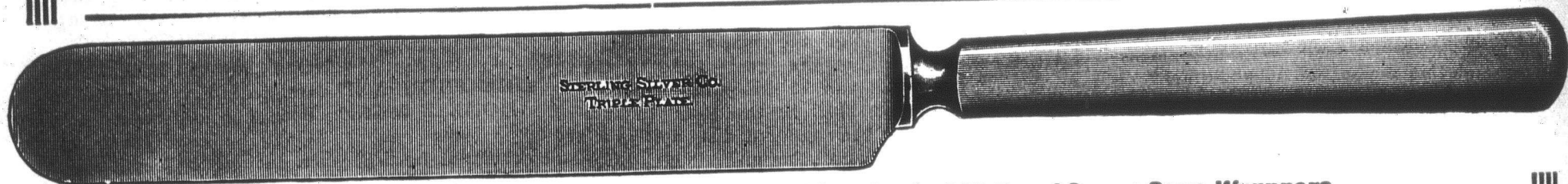
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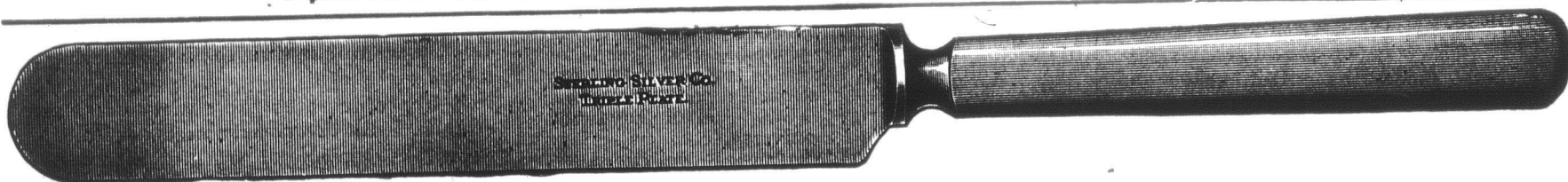
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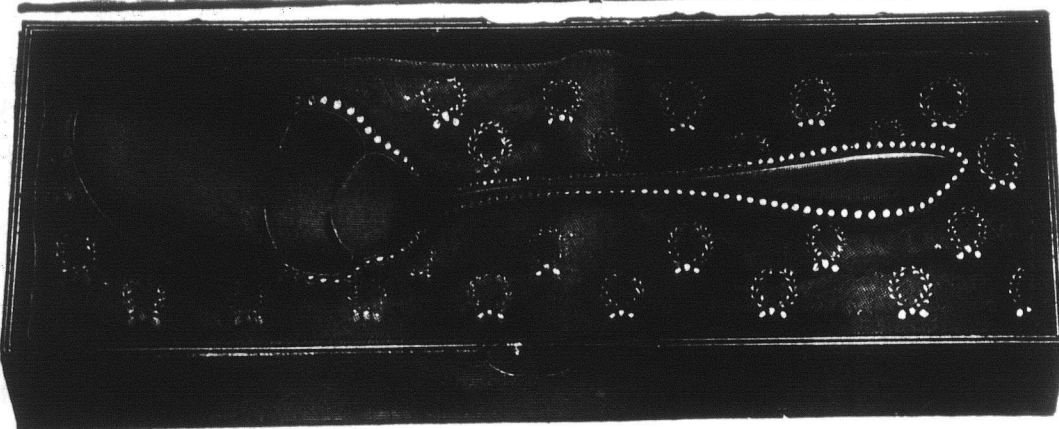
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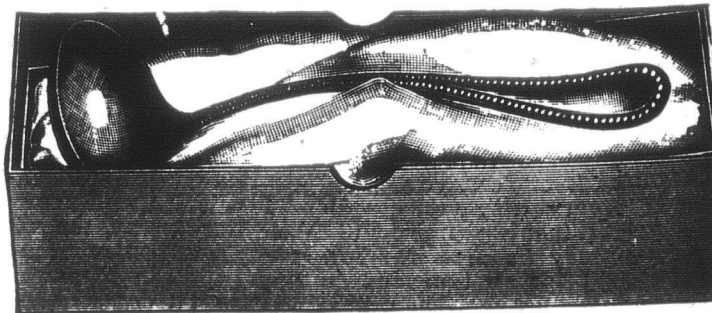
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The Protection of Policy Holders.

The inquiry committee conducted by the New York legislature, has done much to educate the public in the mysteries of life insurance. We know now, that extravagant salaries, tricky dealings in securities in order to bolster up misleading statements made to the government, the payment of dividends on capital not required for the business purposes of the company, these and many other abuses have been revealed by the committee. The question is do they exist in Canadian companies? Parliament should know, the people should know. Insurance companies seeking the confidence of the public should be ready to show clean records of their methods of business. There need be no mystery in life insurance. It is simplicity itself. All that it is, and all that it may be flows from the annual payments of the insured. Says the Toronto Globe: "The object of a good company is to provide out of these contributions absolute security that policies will be paid at maturity, and that this will be done at the least possible cost to the insured." That is the whole system in a nutshell.

The Labor Members in the British Parliament.

Among the many revolutions which are taking place in British politics, not one is as startling as that which has placed so many labor members in the heretofore aristocratic House. The traditions of the past have been ruthlessly set aside, and the classical haunts of Westminster are invaded by men from the mill who jostle shoulders with the men from Oxford. The labor members represent every grade of toilers. George Haley was born in a workhouse, Will Crooks lived for sometime in one. Gill began life selling newspapers. Sexton was a sailor; Holmes was successively a plough boy, a farm laborer, and a railway shunter. Rose was a patternmaker; Castle a moulder. Most of these men have had experiences of long strikes, weary days of want and suffering. They will add a note of passion to the pleas of labor that Parliament must hear. At present they are without a leader. The names of Keir Hardie, Will Crooks and John Burns, are among the favorites. When they are organized they will be a new and very formidable force in British politics.

Can Death be Conquered?

Osborne Eddes says it can. In his book "The Mastery of Death," he has logically proved to his own satisfaction at least that death can be warded off indefinitely. The mastery of death seems to be a favorite topic with many scientific men at the present time. One would suppose that death was as sure as taxes, but in these days of the miraculous, even the "great enemy" is examined and interrogated. The prevailing thought of those who study the occult, is that mankind has too easily submitted to death. We grow old because we are expected to do so. This is a surprising example of the influence of mind over matter. Mr. Eddes thinks, however, that certain of nature's laws are nothing more than "automatic reactions upon individuals of the accumulated thought of the community, which can be turned aside by the opposition of a strong will, as a panic from fear of fire can be averted by a clear-headed man or woman." This sounds plausible, yet the sad fact remains—men do die, will or no will.

Public Ownership and the I. C. Ry.

The financial condition of the Inter-Colonial Railway does not inspire the advocates of public ownership of public utilities with confidence. There has always been a lack of efficiency in the running of the government railroad which no

Minister of railways could remedy. But we are confident that if public ownership were tried on a large scale, a scale large enough to warrant a complete readjustment of existing conditions, success would be the result. Speaking of the condition of the Inter-Colonial Railway, the Calgary Herald says: "The West does not feel the force of the argument to the same extent as is experienced in the East, but nevertheless it is a factor in discouraging this sentiment for civic and provincial ownership. And yet it is a false atmosphere that surrounds this great railroad scheme of the Government, and it is a false theory that is raised against the policy of public ownership of the country's transportation facilities."

Church Unions and The Chinese.

Already the talk of Church union is crystallizing into practical effect. The occasion is the Chinese missions of Canada. These missions are in almost all parts of Canada, and have been worked particularly by the Methodist and Presbyterian bodies, each denomination often working among the Chinese in the same town. But a change is to be made in the modus operandi. The Methodist church has done a good deal of Chinese mission work in British Columbia, and but little in the other provinces, while the Presbyterians have done little in British Columbia, but a good deal in Toronto. The proposal has been made that the Methodists take charge of all Chinese work in British Columbia, and the Presbyterians take all the rest, including the dozen Sunday school classes, or missions in Toronto, of which only three are managed by Methodism. This is a step in the right direction. It is sane from a financial standpoint, and cannot fail to simplify the work in all its branches.

Campbell-Bannerman on Protection.

The recent elections in Britain have made a clear line of demarcation between the protectionists and the free fooders. There is no golden mean. The Premier has settled convictions which at all times and all places he delights to express. "I hold" he says, "that protection is not only bad economy, but that it is an agency at once immoral and oppressive, based as it is and must be on the exploitation of the community in the interest of favored trades and financial groups. I hold it to be a corrupting system, because honesty and purity of administration must be driven to the wall if once the principle of taxes for revenue be departed from in favor of the other principle, which I perceive to be of the essence of protection—that, namely, of taxes for private beneficiaries." He adds that a method, even if not deliberately contrived to secure the public endowment of such beneficiaries, including trusts and monopolies, must inevitably operate in that direction, and so will be a grave menace to freedom and progress, and an outrage to the democratic principle.

Lady Strathcona's Gift.

Lady Strathcona has donated \$52,500 to Queen Alexandria's Unemployed Fund, \$47,500 of which is to be used in sending needy workingmen and their families to Canada. She has particularized the North West as their goal, and is anxious that they should become agricultural laborers and farmers, owning their own farms, loyal to the Sovereign, useful, devoted makers of the Empire. Canadians are proud of the spirit which prompts every gift of Lord or Lady Strathcona. There is a wisdom in their choice of objects upon which to bestow their beneficence, which shows an intimate knowledge of Colonial needs. We do not know of a single gift made by Lord Strathcona which was not

timely and necessary. We could heartily wish that his Lordship would do for Manitoba University what he has done for McGill in the way of gifts and endowments. The authorities of our University should lay their needs before him.

Protection vs. Free Trade.

Protection and Free Trade have been words to conjure with for the last few months. Now the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is discussing it, and finding itself in deep water. An Anti-Protectionist writes, "Imagine the Manufacturers' Association called for the purpose of fixing an adjustment of the Tariff to lay before the Government that would suit the desires of each. For instance, I see a woolen manufacturer asking for increased duties on woolen goods and a reduction on the machinery used in the manufacture, and on the opposite side of the table I see a manufacturer of machinery clamoring for increased duties on machinery and a reduction on the price of his raw material, and so on ad infinitum, on the principle of big fleas have little fleas on their backs to bite 'em, and little fleas have lesser fleas, and so on. The whole question is a vexed one. England seems to have come to some definite conclusion about it, but the Colonies are not yet decided on the latter. One great principle should never be forgotten in a discussion of the subject—that the raw material of one industry is the finished product of another, in an endless chain.

Shall we read American Literature?

One of the speakers at the recent Press dinner strongly advocated the reading of more Canadian and less American literature. This is a patriotic note, and was heartily applauded. It sounds well, but in practice it works out poorly. The fact is, Canadian literature has little room in which to flourish. Goldwin Smith states the case pretty accurately when he says, "There can only be a literature of Ontario and Montreal." The sage might have included Winnipeg, but even if he had, the field is still too small. Good Canadian writers can get a larger market and a more profitable return for their productions on the other side of the line. Anything in the shape of literature flourishes here by an effort of patriotism, and patriotism is a precarious prop upon which to lean. American literature cannot be kept out of Canada, although the postal inequalities, giving it a preference over English literature, should be rectified.

The Need of Male Teachers.

Mr. Hugh Clark, of the Ontario legislature, recently called the attention of that House to a matter which the legislature of the West would do well to look into, namely, the whole education policy, or some irritating phases of it. He pointed out that "male teachers were being starved through the poor salaries offered. While I have nothing but commendation for women teachers, it would be a misfortune if a boy had to begin and end his education under female tuition. "There is a stage in a boy's training when he must come under virile influences." This is the language of sanity, and every parent will thank Mr. Clark, not for giving them a new thought, but for giving publicity to an old grievance. There are too many school books, and some of them cost too much. One subject should be decided upon, and then the ratepayers should get the advantage of having these books obtainable at the lowest possible prices. So says Hugh Clark, M.P.P., and so says every burdened parent.

Telephones in the Philippines.

"The Philippine Island Telephone and Telegraph Company, which was organized in San Francisco some time ago for the purpose of constructing telephone and telegraph lines in the Philippine Islands, is now installing a modern telephone plant at Manila," says The Western Electrician (Chicago). "A switchboard is now en route to Manila, accompanied by a force of electricians. An underground-conduit system is now being put in. The company has a 50-year concession from the Philippine Commission, and has purchased the property of the Manila Telephone Company, a Spanish corporation, which put in a plant about 20 years ago. It is said by San Francisco representatives of the company that as soon as the city system is completed a number of long-distance lines will be extended into various provinces."

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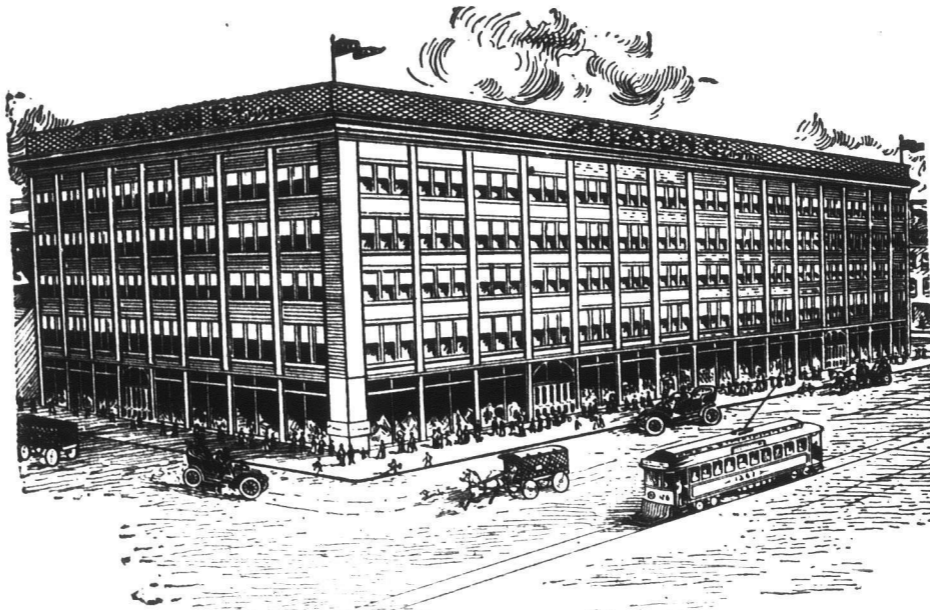


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THE AMERICAN WOMAN.

without dabbling in science, Buddhism, or Swedenborgianism. From thence she is likely to pass to wireless telegraphy and Marie Corelli. She has no possession, no sentiment. She's only a mass of nervous energy; home and husband to her are nothing, and her own child very little. Her whole life is a search for a new shiver.” How can a man with any pretension to sanity write such stuff! The American woman is like any other educated, well bred woman. She is an acknowledged moral force, and is likely to remain so. The women described by the learned doctor are to be found in every nation, but they are not representative of that nation's woman-kind. Dr. Reich is more at home among the higher critics. It is less difficult for him to dissect Moses, than the American woman. It is a complex occupation, for a mere man to criticize a woman, how much more so for a Hebrew scholar like the doctor. Hebrew is a poor qualification to begin the study of woman with

The Provincial Conservative Convention, at Carberry, has done good service by calling attention to the great need of technical schools in the West. No reflection is cast upon the existing educational institutions when we say that the technical school is a crying need. Education must keep pace with the march of progress, and no country can come to its maturity without the aid of specialists. The technical school trains specialists. There are enough, and perhaps too many, lawyers, doctors, clergymen and professional men in these provinces. The demand is supplied and has been supplied because of the emphasis which has been laid on University and professional schools. But the time has come when a young man, wishing to become competent as a carpenter, blacksmith, and mechanic, as the Brandon Sun points out, should have the opportunity of doing so. As things now are, “There is not a school or place of learning in the province where he can qualify himself.” Yet we need more carpenters than clergymen in this country.” True, O Brandon Sun!

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

The Manitoba marriage laws are passing through the refining fire of a heated public opinion these days. The age limit is deplorably low—almost as low as the countries to which we send missionaries, whose business it is to preach that child-marriage is an evil. Think of it! A lady who has reached the ripe age of fourteen may take to herself a Solomon of the same age, and together they begin that most intricate of all processes, home making. Why, he's not big enough to cut the wood or carry the water, and she couldn't even cook pork and beans. Yet the Solons of the Parliament buildings say these children should marry. The plea our law makers make is, that the foreign element among us have always practised child-marriage, and it would keep them from our shores if we interfered with their laws. The anarchist is used to bomb throwing in Russia, must he be permitted to do it here? Canada cannot afford to have the vices of old lands perpetrated among her clean people. The price is too big to pay for such immigrants. Foreign peoples must conform to our laws, not we to theirs.

THE MARRIAGE OF BOYS AND GIRLS.

The recent elections in Britain have meant more than a victory for Liberals, they have been a revelation for England. Conservatism in Eng-

land is of a deep hue. In essence, it stands for hereditary class privileges. Class privileges in the Church, in the schools.

THE ELECTIONS IN BRITAIN.

and favors secured to great interests, like the large brewing concerns. All these favored institutions, entrenched by a long past, and by a combination of forces and interests, could go on their way, if not rejoicing, at least with a smile of bland contentment. But the crash came, and the lesson is that the day of the favored class is over. In some respects, there has never been such a political fight since the days of Charles I. The Conservative crash had been threatening for years, while the Liberal ranks were broken, and its change was like a bolt from the blue. The Liberal interests were many, but the principle for which they fought was one—privileged classes must be overthrown.

Prof. Wiley, the chief of the Chemistry Bureau, in the department of agriculture, at Washington, has startled an already frightened public by his statements about foods. Mothers are growing panicky because “more than a million infants have been sacrificed to various concoctions, known as “soothing syrups and pain killers.” This is serious, and yet only what we might expect after the expose by Colliers. But the professor gives another and more serious scare, when he maintains, without a blush, that “more than two millions have been killed by impure milk.” He claims we do not know anything about the milk we have at our homes, or the conditions under which it has been produced. Other foods come in for professional condemnation. Butter is painted. The foods which we daily consume are so fraught with germ life that the learned professor is “afraid to go to the table.” Canned goods are kept for years and sold for the genuine article. In a fine burst of piety, the professor says: “The Lord intended us to resort to cans only to tide us over one season until green fruits could be had again, but the cannery don't know this.” The professor's ideas are better than his English. We wish him every success in his crusade.

POISONED FOODS.

On the resignation of Mr. A. J. Balfour he was presented by the King with a Windsor Uniform. This is an honor rarely bestowed, indeed, it is questionable as to whether it ever has been before accorded, and, naturally, it is a proof of the royal favor, which is held in the highest possible regard. As to the Windsor Uniform, it is interesting to remember that it was invented by the late Prince Consort, who sought a distinctive dress for Ministers and high officers of State when in attendance on the Sovereign. It consists of a “shell” jacket, with swallow tails lined with white silk, and heavily braided with acorns and laurel leaves in gold. Knee breeches, white stockings, buckled shoes, and a sword completes the costume. Cabinet Ministers and officers of State when they resign their posts cease to wear the uniform, and when they attend Court ceremonies appear in the ordinary Court dress of black velvet. When it was first used, the uniform was anything but popular, it being looked upon as a copy of that worn at foreign Courts, but such ideas have long disappeared. Mr. Balfour should loan it to Campbell-Bannerman now.

Now and again, one hears it mentioned that the charities of the Metropolis are the greatest in the world. This is a fact. Very few people, however, really know what a vast annual sum it is that charity draws from the pockets of the generous public. A good idea of it may be gathered from the table issued by Mr. W. T. Howe, the editor of the “Classified Dictionary.” We learn that charities, having

THE KING'S GIFT TO MR. BALFOUR.

their headquarters in the Metropolis, received last year no less than £7,051,431. The greatest sum was given to Missions, namely, £2,700,393. next came the Hospitals and similar institutions which divided £1,107,358. Pensions for the aged go £669,075. Institutions for general relief, exclusive of the Mansion House Fund, £518,341. Educational institutions, £380,041; Bible and similar societies, £302,224. Charities for the blind, deaf and dumb, incurable idiots, etc., £229,849. Voluntary homes, £239,447. Orphanages, £201,097. The rest is made up of smaller sums; but even the total does not represent the full amount which, with private charities, is probably some twelve millions sterling. And yet they tell us that England is a poor country!

We learn that the Salvation Army officials have decided to send some marriageable girls in a large party of immigrants leaving England March 1st. These are a first instalment towards supplying ten thousand men in Canada, whom the Army officials say need wives.

WIVES WANTED.

West is only too true. But why go to England, when every town and village in Ontario has an overplus of spinsters? In saying this, we do not reflect on the women who have come from England and the old lands. They are an excellent type, and have fit into the life of the West splendidly. But Canadian girls should also have a chance. There are many who would come from the east, we feel sure, if the chance were given them. These girls, inured to the climate, with a knowledge of farming, and the conditions which obtain out here, would make excellent settlers. There are many buxom lasses in the older settlements of Canada waiting the coming of Western men. Marriageable bachelors should take a holiday “down East,” there are good pickings down there.

Some interesting figures have recently been given, which throw light upon the condition of our country. Canada's population by the first census of 1665 was 3,251. In 1763 it was 70,000. At Confederation, it had grown to 3,500,000; and in 1904 it was 5,304,328.

THE POPULATION OF CANADA.

Canada began the 20th Century with the same population as the United States began the nineteenth. We have forty countries and nationalities represented in our population. There are 132,101 more males than females. We add to our population every year by immigration a number equal to Toronto's population. Canada has enfranchised 26 per cent. of her population, and has 87 per cent. of Canadian born people—4,671,815; and 8 per cent. of British born people; thus, there are 96 per cent. of British born subjects in Canada. We have only five per cent. of foreign born people—293,617; about 55 per cent. of our foreign population are naturalised. Canada has sixty-one centres of 5,000 population, and over thirty-one of population of 10,000 and over. Canada's population is 73 per cent. rural; 26 per cent. urban. The centre of Canada's population is near Ottawa, and is moving West.

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Motto for the month.

"First find thyself! 'tis half-way house to God. Then lose thyself, and all the road is trod."

Susan B. Anthony. As I write, the great reformer lies a-dying, and probably before this reaches readers of The Western Home Monthly, there will have "passed over the Great Divide" one of the grandest women that the Nineteenth Century brought to light. Susan B. Anthony's life was a perfect example of the motto for the month, indeed, it might fittingly be written above her grave: Most truly did she find herself, and having done so, lose herself in the needs of all other women.

The other day I saw a paragraph which ran something like this:—"Susan B. is dying, and women have not got their rights yet." This set me thinking. It is quite true that the women of America have not as yet received the franchise on the same terms as men, but it is only needful to contrast the condition of women in the early thirties of the Nineteenth Century with their condition to-day to realize what Susan B. Anthony and her co-workers have accomplished in less than fifty years.

When Susan B. Anthony and her associates began their work of reform, no married woman owned even her clothes, and if she started out to earn a living for her family because her husband was a drunkard and refused to support them, the drunken husband had the right to collect her wages and spend them on drink, and she had no redress. No college or school of higher learning was open to women on the whole American continent. Women could not preach, practice medicine, or law, could not hold positions in the public service, in fact, as one writer on that period most aptly says, "they were the good old times for silly women, when the mixing of a posset made them virtuous, and skill in antimacassars an ornament to their sex; when the rouge pot and the milliner paved the way to man's heart, and the kitchen and cupboard to his esteem; when lack of logic was their privilege, and lack of learning their duty; when to be unworthy was often to be womanly; when they were brought up to believe and not to reason, as Napoleon I. is said to have advised, and so became open to all sorts of error; when empty of culture they were full of caprice, and void of mind, they were replete with malice." The contrast between women so described and the women of to-day is too marked to require comment. Susan B. Anthony has not failed, she has triumphed gloriously, and though all she hoped for, worked for, and prayed for has not yet been accomplished, it will yet be a living, vital principle. Longfellow's tribute to Channing might well be paraphrased for Susan B. Anthony:—

"Where a star quenched on high,
 For ages would its light—
 Still travelling downwards from the sky,
 Shine on our mortal sight.
 "So, when a great one dies,
 For years beyond our ken,
 The light she leaves behind her
 Lies upon the paths of men."

Francis Willard. While Susan B. Anthony was lying on her deathbed, Christian womanhood the world over held memorial Service for her great co-worker, Francis E. Willard. One cannot help projecting the imagination behind the veil, and fancying what the meeting of two such women would be on that land that is "just out

of sight." Francis Willard has spent some years in heaven, it would seem as if her welcome to another soldier laying down arms must have something of the tenderness of the mother as well as the patience of the Saint. She went; feeling her lifework incomplete, as all who have striven for a great cause must do, if they pass away before its final triumph. She knows so much better now, that it would seem natural for her to greet the newly arrived soul with a word of comfort, as to the work being more nearly accomplished than the dying worker can realize. After all, one of the most tempting promises about the world to be, is that there we shall have fuller knowledge and a wider outlook. "Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face."

Our National Song.

As I write, in the bright sunshine of one of the most glorious winters the West has ever seen, I hear, in the next room to me, some Icelandic children practicing over and over "The Maple Leaf for ever." An older sister is training the younger branches, and, as children will, they got restless, but were reduced to diligent obedience by the sharp reminder: "If you don't know the Maple Leaf you can't be a Canadian." Is not that a fine spirit—to be Canadians. Our National Song is not considered a poetic gem by literary experts, but it has the ring of real patriotism in it; and the children of foreign birth cannot be taught it too early or too thoroughly.

To be Canadians is a most laudable ambition on the part of Icelandic immigrants, and they assimilate more rapidly than almost any other nation. A prominent Icelander, from Gimli, one of the first settlements of these people in this country, speaking of conditions when they first arrived, said: "We were fishermen and stock raisers in our own country, we knew nothing of dairying and wheat raising, but we wanted to be Canadians and do as Canadians did, and we began to learn, and I am proud to say that my countrymen have given a good account of themselves as students, both on the farms and in the halls of learning in this country."

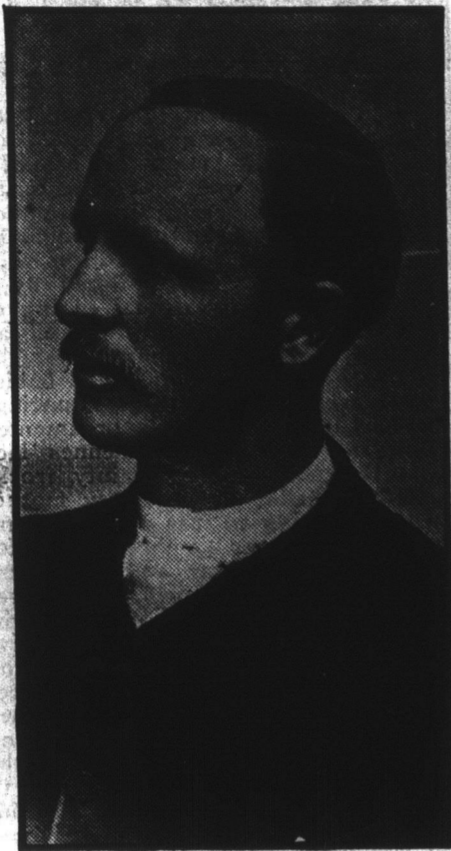
Registration of Nurses.

The movement on the part of the graduate nurses of Winnipeg to form a provincial association, and apply for a registration act, is certainly one in the right direction. There is no profession, not even that of medicine, which calls for such hard training and such absolute self-surrender as that of nursing, and when a young woman has put in four years at such training, and has secured the diploma from a properly equipped and recognised school of nursing, she should receive the same protection in the practice of her profession that the doctor and the lawyer receive in theirs. If a doctor comes to Manitoba from another country or another province, he must pass an examination before he is licensed to practice here. In order to go up for that examination, he must show the diplomas of some recognised medical college, or else he must qualify by passing all the regular examinations of the Medical College. Who ever heard of some man being allowed to practice medicine merely because he has had "experience." Yet the country is flooded with "experienced nurses."

who are not graduates of any school and have had no regular training of any kind. Some of these women, having a natural talent for nursing, do very well in simple cases, but more of them do very ill, and not a little of the heavy mortality among typhoid and pneumonia cases is due to this cause alone. In diseases of this kind the nursing is the main thing, and only long and careful hospital training can insure that foreknowledge of symptoms that is so vital to recovery of these cases.

The "experienced" nurse was quite bad enough, but a new danger threatened. The Correspondence School craze has spread, and quite recently, in one of the city papers there appeared an advertisement for young women to learn nursing by correspondence. For this precious instruction they were to pay \$50.00, and on passing a written examination would receive a diploma. Imagine a nurse trained in this way coming into a home in time of stress, and taking charge of a life that is dear to you. This is just what did happen right in Winnipeg within the past month. A nurse, with one of these correspondence school diplomas, arrived from the south, signed the ordinary nurse's register, adding the words "trained nurse," and almost immediately was called into a case of pneumonia. The case was serious, and on the third day another nurse, this time a graduate, was called in to assist. It did not take her ten minutes to find out that something was wrong, and on diligent questioning she found out that the nurse first called did not even know how to take the temperature, in fact, knew nothing but some theory, which she was entirely unable to reduce to practice. By noon the following day the patient was dead. A provincial Society and a proper registration act would put a stop to such things, and it cannot come too soon. Graduate nurses all over the country, who are not practising, should become associate members of this organization and lend it their countenance and support. Miss A. M. Crawford, 233 Kennedy Street, Winnipeg, is the secretary, and all particulars can be obtained from her. By the way, I am glad to see that Canadian nurses at last have a publication of their own, and a particularly bright, readable magazine it is.

truth been a helpmeet to him. For many years she kept the records of experiments on the farm, a labor of great magnitude and great value to the country at large. But she did better work even than that. Travelling last summer on the train, I made the acquaintance of a charming little maid of six, who told me, shyly, she was going on the train for the first time. Presently her father came in, and we fell to chatting. In the course



S. A. BEDFORD.

of the morning, the Experimental Farm was mentioned, and I shall not soon forget the way that man's face lighted up as he spoke of the Bedfords, and of what the example of their Christian home had done for those employed on the farm. He had worked on the farm for some years, and it was evident that what he had seen there had been his incentive to go and do likewise.

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"Well, I'm not surprised," replied Mr. B. "She's been giving me a piece of it every day for twenty-three years, and she didn't have a whole lot to start on!"

Women Writers. The list of Western women who are contributing to Canadian literature is growing. During the past month I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Nellie L. McClung, of Manitou, who for some years has contributed sketches and dialect-verse, more or less regularly, to the Canadian Magazine. In the Christmas number she had a sketch, entitled, "Sowing Seeds in Downy," that was particularly bright, and readers of that magazine will be glad to learn that the sketch has developed into a story that will run serially and afterwards appear in book form. Mrs. McClung is a charming woman, with a ready wit as well as a ready pen. She has taken an active interest in reform along many lines, but is perhaps most keenly interested in the study of child life. Before her marriage she was a teacher, a very successful one, and her own children have deepened her love and widened her experience. Let me whisper it low, she is a capable housewife as well as a devoted mother and a clever writer.

S. A. Bedford. It was with very real regret that I read the other day of the resignation of Spencer A. Bedford from the superintendence of the Brandon Experimental Farm. Through attendance at institute meetings, Mr. Bedford is well known in the homes of the province, and wherever he is known he is deservedly esteemed. He has stood for something beside clean farming and good agriculture. By example more than by precept he has taught a high standard of morality, business integrity and patriotism in the best sense. In this he has been ably seconded by his wife, who has in very



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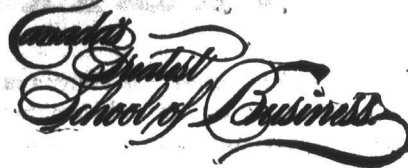
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What to Wear One has scarcely finished buying winter clothing before the stores blossom out with a bewildering display of summer goods that tempt the remaining dollars from purses already severely taxed by flannels and furs. The woman is lucky, however, who can afford to buy her summer wardrobe now, as she can have a much better choice than later on. The buyers seem to make a point of having the choicest patterns shipped in first, and very often it happens that only a limited quantity of these designs have been secured, and can not be duplicated later, so that one not only has the satisfaction of having the first choice, but is almost certain not to meet a half-dozen other women wearing the same gowns of the same material as her own.

Muslins. Never before have I seen such beautiful muslins at such reasonable prices as are being shown just now. The most popular material seems to be the cotton voile which is indeed very pretty. Most of it is slightly mercerized, so that it has a silky appearance. It is shown in all the plain colors at the very low price of twenty-five cents per yard. Other varieties at 35 and 40 cents a yard show beautiful floral designs in dainty colorings. The very newest design is called the shadow design, and is shown in both the cotton voiles and organdies, ranging from 40 to 75 cents a yard. The floral pattern in these are faint and shadowing being in the pastel tints of the natural flower. These muslins are exquisite, and would make lovely summer gowns that would serve either as afternoon or evening costumes. The colorings in all the summer goods are more delicate than usual, mauve and pale blues being the leading shades, although pale shades in pink and green are much in evidence. One of the prettiest of the voiles, with a shadow design, was of pale blue with design of the palest of mauve violets in tiny clusters. Anything daintier would be difficult to imagine. This piece was marked 38 cents a yard. While some of the floral patterns are quite small, others are very large, and plenty of gowns will be seen this year covered with roses and other flowers, in quite their natural size, although, perhaps not the natural colors, as pale blue and mauve roses seem quite as popular at the muslin department as either pink, yellow, or red ones.

Laces and Embroidery. It is only a step from muslin to lace and embroideries, and these are quite as tempting as the muslins, and, like them, are cheaper than ever this year. Embroideries lead this year as a trimming, and the eyelet embroidery vies with the blind embroidery for first place. As for choosing between them, it is a case of "How happy would I be with either, were the other dear charmer away." One of the stores is showing a beautiful range of linen embroideries, both insertion and edging, and so beautiful is the work that it is difficult to distinguish it from hand work. This is not expensive, when one considers that it will wear indefinitely. The edging, which is quite wide, is about 80 cents a yard, with two widths of insertion, one at 45 cents, and the other at 90 cents. In this same store I was shown some handsome linen costumes, which could be very easily put together by the home dressmaker. The skirts are already to be put on the bands. They are of heavy linen, beautifully embroidered, either in the blind or eyelet work, the pattern usually running down the front of the skirt and around the bottom, finished with a

hem-stitched hem. These vary in price from \$15 to \$20. Separate waists of the same embroidery can be bought from \$3.50 to \$6.50.

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Hats. By next month, I hope to have much to tell you of the spring hats, as the milliners will be back from New York and other eastern markets before then. The latest rumour from fashion centres states that pale blue and mauve will be the leading shades in millinery, with mauve and gray leading in spring dress goods, and the most fashionable hat is to be of medium size, the bill box turbans of last season having entirely disappeared from the world of millinery.

A Bit of History. To-day is essentially the reign of all kinds of muslin, and there is no one woman who does not recognize its value in dress or decoration. But how did muslin derive its name? Muslin is so called from having first been manufactured at Mosul, or Moussul, a town in Turkish Asia. It was afterward made in India, and imported into England about 1670. About twenty years after it was manufactured in France and England, and now, as we are well aware, there are endless varieties of the original fabric, many of which rival in fineness the most beautiful kinds hailing from India.

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pitals in memory of Canadians who fell in that struggle, presentation of colours to regiments; erection of the Alexandra Gate, Toronto, in commemoration of the visit of T. R. H. the Prince and Princess of Wales; literature and comforts sent to sailors on the Great Lakes, settlers in the North-West, and fishermen in Labrador; meeting and welcoming to Canada immigrants at the port of Quebec, distribution of Navy League literature, and many efforts to interest the press and public of Canada in the vital question of the absolute necessity of a supreme navy, and our responsibility with regard to its support; successful endeavours to preserve historic landmarks, and prevent encroachment by foreigners; the presentation recently of a silk white Ensign to the battleship Dominion, the first gift from Canada, etc. Patriotic anniversaries are observed by the members, and it is constantly borne in mind that the object of our existence is to honour the British flag, and to draw more closely the bonds of Empire.

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Several other undertakings are in progress at the present time, but we must not trespass at greater length upon your space, and enough has been said to prove that the Order is established upon a broad basis, and in one direction or another should appeal to all patriotic women, who by uniting with us will aid us in furthering the interests of our great Dominion as a component portion of a still greater Empire.

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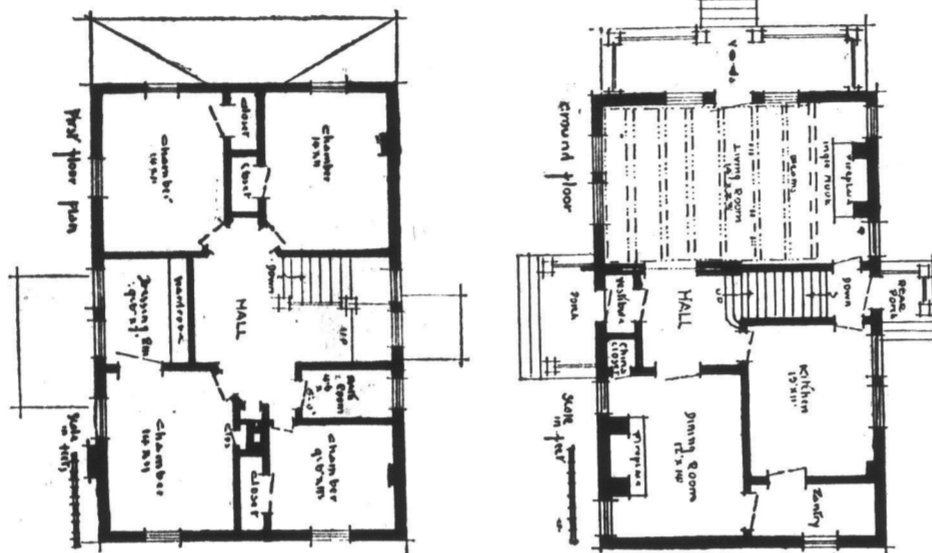
The Morning Meal.

ORIGINAL PLANS

Prepared Specially for The Western Home Monthly
by V. W. Horwood, Architect, Winnipeg

The exterior of this house is very quaint in style and if built by an artist makes a very picturesque dwelling. The lower story being treated in a rough red brick with open white joints raked back a quarter of an inch. The upper stories being in plaster and half timber work. The timber work is stained a green and left rough, giving a good contrast with the red brick below. The roof B. C. shingles

ately before, broad and ample, with access from the kitchen. Opening from the hall is the living room, which is a feature of the house and is well lighted and with entrance on to a side veranda. The walls are papered a dull red with a burlapped wainscot in green below, all the wood-work being a fir stained an antique and rubbed off with a cloth, making a very effective color scheme. The end of the room has a fireplace while there



left to weather. The entrance is protected by a hood, which while being simple in design yet distinctive so that no mistake can be made as to the main entrance. The projection of the first story is slight and must be carefully carried out to avoid the appearance of top heaviness. This projection gives effective shadows and lends a charm to an otherwise plain wall. From the vestibule you go into a spacious hall with the stairs immedi-

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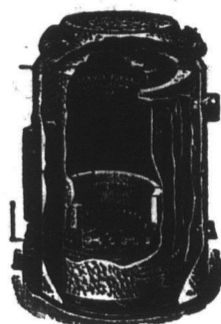
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5. Why does a Russian soldier wear brass buttons on his coat, and an Austrian soldier wear steel ones?
6. Why is Philadelphia more subject to earthquakes than any other city?
7. What would contain all the snuff in the world?
8. Why does a bachelor who has a counterfeit half dollar passed on him want to get married?
9. Why are men like facts?
10. Why is Patti like a jeweler?
11. When is a door not a door?
12. Why is a young lady's age after she has reached twenty-five like a floral wedding-bell?

POETICAL CONUNDRUMS.

13. My first doth affliction denote,
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14. My first of anything is half,
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My first and second meet.

ARITHMETICAL PUZZLES.

15. A farmer having an ox-chain consisting of fifteen links, broke it into five equal parts, and took it to a blacksmith to be welded together. The blacksmith agreed to repair it for fifty cents for each welding; but when he presented his bill he charged for four weldings, making the bill \$2.00. The farmer objected to the bill, saying that it should have been repaired with only three weldings. How was it done?
16. Three men travelling with their wives came to a river which they wished to cross. There was but one boat, and but two could cross at one time; and since the husbands were jealous, no woman could be with a man unless her own husband was present. In what manner did they get across the river?

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES.

1. It's Holiness.
2. When he is a spoon.
3. One misses the kisses and the other kisses the misses.
4. To make the trousers and vest first.
5. When you have a piano for tea (pianoforte).
6. Because he makes faces and busts.
7. Because they wring men's bosoms.
8. Two in the shade.
9. The wind is a zephyr, a zephyr is a yarn, a yarn is a story, a story is a tale, a tail is an attachment, an attachment is love, and love is blind; therefore the winds are blind.
10. Because he provokes his wife by going out at night.
11. One charms the he's, the other harms the cheese.
12. One keeps the lawn wet; the other keeps the laundry.
13. A flea.
14. Welcome.
15. 22 plus 2 equals 24.
16. All will admit that 8 minus 8 equals 4 minus 4. Divide both these by 2 minus 2, and the quotient will be equal. Thus:
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 8 - 8 = 4 - 4 \\ 2 - 2 = 2 - 2 \end{array} \right\} \text{or } 4 - 2$$
17. The weights are 1, 3, 9 and 27 pounds. In weighing we must put one on each side in both scales, or some in one and some in another, thus: 7 lbs. on one side, plus 1 lb. minus 3 lbs. on the other.
18. The "catch" in this is that the sides of the triangle form no triangle.



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Correspondence

We reproduce this month another grist of letters received from our readers, the major portion of them devoted to the evils of intemperance among our young farmers and the deterring effect it has on young women becoming the wives of drinking husbands.

Many young women write us that they are willing to become the helpmate to a sober and industrious young man, but they draw the line at becoming the life partner of a man who has contracted the drink habit. Many male readers defend their sex against the general accusation made by some women correspondents that all young men in the West are drinkers. We will publish all sensibly written letters on the subject, believing that by so doing we will enable our readers to better understand the views held by the many on the question of the excessive use of strong drink and its relation to wedded life.

Correspondents must always give their names and addresses, not for publication, but as an evidence of good faith; otherwise no notice will be taken of them by us. Confidential letters addressed to us will be forwarded by us to any person writing in this column with whom the writer desires to get acquainted. All correspondence will be treated strictly confidential.

Would Exchange Photos.

Moosomin, Sask., Jan. 2, 1906.
Editor, Western Home Monthly,—

I am very much interested in reading the correspondence in your magazine, especially "Young Woman's" letter from Saskatoon. I do not blame her in her choice of a husband for those whiskey and tobacco users are not desirable companions. But she should not judge them all by her surroundings as there are lots of good looking and sober bachelors that have fine buildings and good stock who would take a life partner if Miss Right could be found. I would like to exchange photos and correspond with "Young Woman."

Bachelor Farmer.

A Plea for Larger Salary.

Saskatchewan, Jan. 3, 1906.
Editor, Western Home Monthly,—

Last month you had an article on the worth of school teachers and considered them underpaid. There is another class of school officers beside school teachers who are apparently lightly esteemed and paid accordingly: I refer to school secretary-treasurers in rural districts. When one considers the amount of time and running about, the writing and book-keeping, the severe requirements of the education authorities at Regina and by official auditors and the school ordinance, the substantial bond he is personally pledged to, and that the successful running of the school affairs of the district depends more largely upon having an efficient officer than even upon the trustees, it is patent that the services of the secretary-treasurer are but scantily remunerated on a salary of \$25 or \$30; for any farmer or workman worth his salt can easily make at least twice the amount in the that the officer has to give to the work. Trustees seem to give the salary in the kind of spirit that the local resident ought to give his services free or for the smallest amount possible.

Justice.

Encouragement is Gratifying.

Yorkton, Sask., Jan. 26th, 1906.

I intend to become a regular subscriber to your monthly. Any of the several good features would alone induce subscription. The tone of the journal particularly is excellent. The illustrations of Western industry and development, the attractive view of the beautiful scenery of our Western country, the practical character of

most of the articles, and the many entertaining and instructive bits scattered throughout every issue will ensure rapid increase in the circulation.

A. H. B.

Home for a Good Girl.

Stavely, Alta., Jan. 19, 1906.

Editor, Western Home Monthly,—
I am an interested reader of your magazine and I feel that you could help me. I am a bachelor and I am ready to take a lady partner. I have a good home for a good girl. If you would kindly refer this to some good girl that wants a good husband and a good home I would be grateful. I am not in town and so do not want a girl that would want to be in town all the time.

Young Bachelor.

Maiden Fair Wants a Home.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 16, 1906.

Editor, Western Home Monthly,—
After careful study of your valuable Monthly I thought you might be able to help me get a comfortable home which I am now in want of owing to my parents' demise. I feel so lonely I would appreciate a home of my own but fear to undertake anything alone. I am a respectable farmer's daughter (Protestant), strong and healthy. Kindly let me know at your earliest convenience if you have a God-fearing, respectable bachelor farmer wanting a good wife. Please get him to correspond with me. I have good clerical testimonials and references if necessary.

Maiden Fair.

Woman's Place—In the Home.

Wascana, Sask., Feb. 2nd, 1906.

Editor, Western Home Monthly,—
Having read with interest the correspondence page of your valuable Monthly I feel that I must pay my tribute of admiration to the correspondent who advocates the rights of women—in their proper sphere. I am of the opinion that women have not any more right in the political field than they have in the hay field. If a person calls at a house when the woman is out in the field what will they generally see? A pile of dirty breakfast dishes on the table, an unwashed porridge pot and frying pan on the stove, and a very dirty floor. And things would be much worse if they had their say in the election campaign and I think the laws of the country would be broken more than what they are at the present time. Some of your readers may think that I am hard on the gentler sex but I contend that if women and girls keep their proper places they will be respected and admired the more.

"Roamer."
P. S. I would like to correspond with those signing "Where duty lies" Brandon, Man., and also "Farmer's Daughter" Minto, Man.

R.

Looking for a Lady Partner.

Moosomin, Sask., Jan. 13th, 1906.

Editor, Western Home Monthly,—
Having read with interest a letter signed "Young Lady" from Saskatoon. I would say that I am looking for a lady partner. Being a teetotaler, healthy and strong I would like to correspond with the Young Lady from Saskatoon. If you would send her address I would consider it an honor.

Farmer.

Says the Men Are All Right.

Craven, Sask., Jan. 12th, 1906.

Editor, Western Home Monthly.—
I am an interested reader of your valuable Monthly and I consider that we, as Westerners, would be doing an injustice to our country to let such a letter as "Young Woman's" in your December issue go unchallenged. What about our brothers and what must our fathers be if all bachelors are drunken and selfish? "What a corner of the west she must have

struck!" I have lived in Manitoba five years and in the Territories four and I have never met even "one" of those bachelors that "Young Woman" tells us about. Bachelors of my acquaintance are in general persevering, hard working and well educated. Were it otherwise would they leave home and friends and every comfort to make a home even for themselves. And I am thankful that I do not live in that corner of the world where most of those chaps are "seedy, chronic, pokey old waybacks." How dreadful it must be!

A Western Girl.

Should Wake Up.

Dubuc, Sask., Jan. 22nd, 1906.
Editor, Western Home Monthly.—
I am an interested reader of your Monthly but have a grievance. Why do not the farmers advertise their stock for sale? I have been looking for such advertisements particularly with regard to poultry and sheep but without avail.

A Reader.

A Scarcity of Desirable Girls.

Saskatoon, Sask., Jan. 10th, 1906.
Editor, Western Home Monthly.—
I am an eager reader of your interesting and attractive Monthly. In reply to a letter in your issue of December 1905 signed "Young Woman," where she complains of the drunken and vile bachelors, I would say that there may be exceptions but those of my acquaintance are a sober and industrious lot. I have been in this country more or less for three years, and have farmed for the last two as a bachelor without a beautiful young girl to help brighten the way when the path seems dull. After a long day's work to come in and get one's own meals is discouraging, just because the girls are so scarce. Why, recently at a dance we could not get enough girls for one set, let alone attempting to supply the demands made for them by bachelors. Now in regard to myself. I am young, strong and not bad looking and I cannot find one young girl that is free that I want.

Young Fellow.

Thinks, "Saskatoon Girl" O.K.

Maple Creek, Sask., Jan. 11th, 1906.
Editor, Western Home Monthly.—
I am a reader of your valuable paper and find it most interesting. In your issue of December 1905 a young lady of Saskatoon says all the bachelors are over-fond of the bottle. This is so with a large number, I am sorry to say, but what of those who do not drink? I know a good many fine young men in the West who are sober and working hard to make homes. Must they be classed with the rest? But I admire the young lady of Saskatoon for not being willing to throw herself away on a man who is a slave to drink. What we want in the West is more young ladies like her who are willing to help make homes. Good homes make a good nation and a happy people. I am a horse rancher with a good start and would like to make the young lady's acquaintance. Can you not manage it?

Rancher.

Incloses a Letter.

Hillburn, Jan. 12, 1906.
Editor:—
Would you be good enough to give me the name and address of the young lady of Saskatoon. I enclose you a letter to her. Please forward it to her address and oblige.

Lover.

Wants "Marriageable Widow."

Editor:—
Gleichen, Alta., Dec. 12, 1905.
Will you please add the proper name to the address on this enclosed envelope and address it to "Marriageable Widow" which appeared in the November issue of your interesting Monthly.

Veteran.

Lend a Helping Hand.

Wetaskiwin, Alta., Jan. 22, 1906.
Editor:—
I have taken great interest in your correspondence p.g.e. I would like to point out that a number of young men who come to this country to seek their fortune, leave good homes and loved ones behind them. Out here some of them get careless and lonely and seek company and enjoyment which often leads them into temptation and drink and other vices. If some of the gentlemen who have homes and home comforts would invite those lonely bachelors to spend an evening now and again it would do a lot towards making them feel that some one cared for them. I have had men tell me 'hat "it did not matter as no one cared now." If those women want something to do let them join hands with their husbands and try this plan. I cannot see why a woman would want to vote. I cannot find any time for politics. I don't think that God intended that women should meddle in affairs that justly belong to men. I think a woman's sphere is her home.

Farmer's Daughter.

Willing to Help.

Balgonie, Sask., Jan. 17, 1906.
Editor:—
Having read the correspondence page in the last two issues of your paper, I am pleased to join the circle as I see in it a chance to make less dreary the home of some lonely bachelor, for even a letter is a ray of sunshine to such. I feel sure that these bachelors are not seeking correspondence with any "marriageable woman" but rather a kindred spirit. Through letters we may read the character and judge if there be something in common in the lives. With Longfellow I believe that "No one is so accursed by fate, no one so utterly desolate, But some heart though unknown, Responds unto his own." Is it womanly to stretch out the hand to help such an one? It is not the home but the congenial companionship that the good young woman wishes, and no doubt the offering of the home is a secondary consideration with the bachelor. The correspondence in your last two papers is to limit a woman's influence in the home but if she is a true wife and mother her influence does not end in the home but is felt in the community and may reach even the political life.

Western Woman.

Wants Editor to Assist Bachelors.

Alberta, Jan. 19, 1906.
Editor:—
I have followed with much interest the correspondence in your excellent magazine, and should like to say that there are a great many really good bachelors, both farmers and ranchers who would be only too glad to marry if they could find suitable young women. As has been mentioned before in other letters, they are hard for men to find. A man intent on making a good comfortable home and a little money, has no time to go gadding about the country to look for a young woman who would after all probably bestow her affections on somebody else and so he has no opportunity to get acquainted with anybody outside of a business circle. If Mr. Editor stands by us he may be able to introduce many lonely bachelors of both sex who are wanting to make a home; a thing that could not be accomplished in any other way.

Young Bachelor No. 2.

Wants a Housekeeper.

Moose Jaw, Feb. 13, 1906.
Editor:—
In glancing over the correspondence column a few days ago I made up my mind to ask you to give me the address of any respectable young lady. I am a young bachelor in need of a housekeeper. If you can manage it for me I would be very much obliged.

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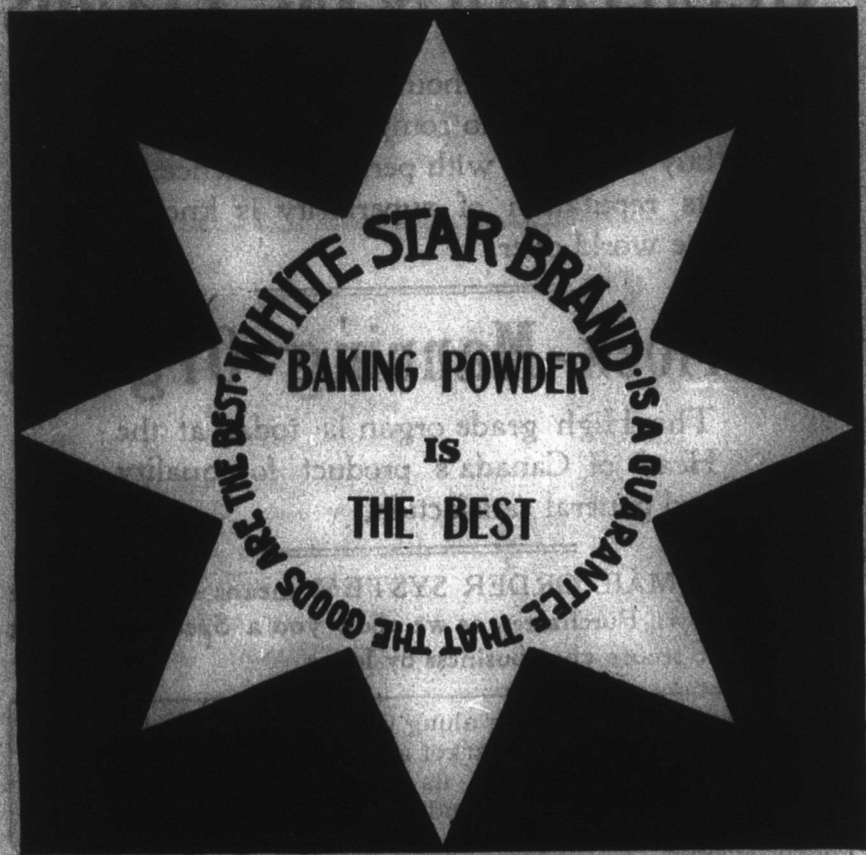
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- Only a single glass;
- Only a lack of courage,
- Only the answer, "yes."
- Only an evil companion,
- Slyly luring him on;
- Only a "free-hearted Willie,"
- And the fatal work is done.
- Only "a little bit tipsy,"
- Only bloodshot eyes;
- Only a pleading mother,
- Only a wife's surprise.
- Only an aching forehead,
- Only a bruised face;
- Only a broken promise,
- Only a deep disgrace.
- Only a cheerless shanty,
- Without a fire or wood,
- And little half-clad children
- Waiting and crying for food;
- Only curses for kisses,
- Only sorrow for woe;
- Only a drunken father,
- Only an angry blow.
- Only weeping children,
- Only a dying wife;
- Only another's promise,
- Only a drunkard's life.
- O, the woe and the anguish
- That mortal tongue can tell!
- Only a glass in the barroom,
- Only a drunkard's hell!

A Great Surgeon on Drink.

At a banquet in New York during the visit of Dr. Lorenz, the great surgeon, he was reported by the newspapers to have said: "I cannot say that I am a temperance agitator, but I am a surgeon. My success depends upon my brain being clear, my muscles firm, and my nerves steady. No one can take alcoholic liquors without blunting these physical powers, which I must keep always on edge. As a surgeon, I must not drink."

But why should not every man's brain be clear, and his muscles firm and his nerves steady. If liquor makes these blessings impossible for a surgeon, it makes them impossible to men who are not surgeons; and what right have they in God's sight and in justice to themselves, to muddle their brains, to weaken their muscles, and to unsteady their nerves? A man should be the best man he can be, and not indulge in what impairs his manhood.

A Grave National Peril.

While there may be differences of opinion regarding certain liquor reform measures, there is absolute unanimity concerning the social wreckage and criminal results of alcohol. Time was, and that was not so very long ago, when the daily press paid little or no attention to the terrible havoc wrought by the liquor traffic, and to the deadly part played by it in the criminal annals of the country. Happily that time is now past, and today it is gratifying to find influential journals vying with each other in placing King Alcohol in the dock, and condemning him to capital punishment.

Let us take an illustration. Our attention is arrested by the caption "A Grave National Peril," to a leading article in a London daily paper which is read briefly by society ladies. "No one," says the writer, "who reads the newspapers can have failed to notice how full they have been lately of appalling cases of drunken women's crimes. In one a little boy was guarding his dead father's coffin against the bibulous violence of his mother. In another a policeman told how an intoxicated woman had been swinging her baby round and round her head. Such horrors are reported daily. The remedy required is the entire removal of intoxicating liquors from the social tables, and the abolition of public and secret drinking by the shutting-up of public-houses. "Except with meals" and the like remedies have proved absolute failures in the past as effective restraints on drinking by men and women alike, and if our friends of the daily press really wish

men and women to retain their respect and their good name, so far as drink is concerned, they should join hands with true temperance reformers in their efforts to banish the intoxicating cup from our social usages, public and private. In doing so, they would be employing the largest pulpit in the world for the advocacy of the emancipation of humanity from the greatest enemy of the race.—Scottish Reformer.

A Master Opinion.

SIR FREDERICK TREVES, the illustrious surgeon, speaking at a London temperance meeting made a sensation by his outspoken condemnation of the use of alcohol. "The Quiver" says:

The high rank of the speaker, his distinguished position in the world of science, and his extraordinary popularity in society, combine to give a distinction to his deliverance upon alcohol which must compel the attention of those whose habit it is to give a wide berth to the consideration of the temperance question. Sir Frederick's testimony stands out among medical opinions for the simplicity and clearness of its statement. He says:

"The point with regard to alcohol is simple enough. It is a poison, and it is a poison which, like other poisons, has certain uses; but the limitations in the use of alcohol should be as strict as the limitations in the use of any other kind of poison."

Sir Frederick Treves' indictment of alcohol may be summarized in the following sentences, which are given as nearly as possible in his own words:

1. It is Not an Appetizer.—"No appetite needs to be artificially stimulated. There is no need, supposing this property of alcohol to be true, to use anything that will excite an appetite. So on that ground I do not think that there is much to be made out for its use."

2. It is Not a Work Producer.—"Alcohol has undoubtedly a stimulating effect, and that is the unfortunate part of it. The effect, however, lasts only for a moment, and after it has passed away the capacity for work falls. It does this: It brings up the reserve forces of the body and throws them into action, with the result that when these are used up there is nothing to fall back upon."

3. It Leads to Physical Bankruptcy.—"I was with the relief column that moved on to Ladysmith. It was an extremely trying time, apart from the heat. In that column of some 30,000 men the first who dropped out were not the tall men, or the short men, or the big men or the little men—but the drinkers; and they dropped out as clearly as if they had been labeled with a big letter on their backs."

4. Its Action on the Heart.—"Alcohol produces an increased heart heat, a fuller pulse, and a redder skin. It calls upon the reserve power of the organ, but the moment the effect has passed off the action of the heart is actually weakened."

5. Its Action on the Nerves.—"It first stimulates the nervous system and then depresses it, and, as with other poisons which act upon this part of the body, the higher centers are affected first."

6. The Testimony of Professional Men.—"I am much struck with the fact that many professional men have discontinued the use of stimulants in the middle of the day. Why? For no other reason, probably in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, than that they find they can do better work without it."

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Useful Handiwork.

Plate Doily or Table Mat.

Make a chain of 3 stitches, join.

1. Make two doubles in each stitch of chain, join; chain 1, turn.
2. Make two doubles in each double of last row, taking the back loop of stitch; join, chain 1 and turn. The work is turned over each row, and the doubles made in the opposite direction, thus forming a reversible rib.
3. Make 1 double in 1st stitch, 2 in next; repeat all around; join, chain 1 and turn.
4. A double in first two stitches, 2 in next; repeat around.
5. A double in each of three stitches, 2 in next; repeat around. Continue this until you have 7 ribs (or more, if a larger mat is desired), taking care to increase the number of stitches between widerings by 1, each round. Then make a row of openwork, thus: 1 treble in a stitch, chain 1, miss 1, a treble in next, and so on around, making 2 trebles with 1 chain between in the widening doubles of preceding row. Make 2 more ridges. 1 row of openwork, 2 ridges, 1 row of openwork and two ridges. Then commence the border.

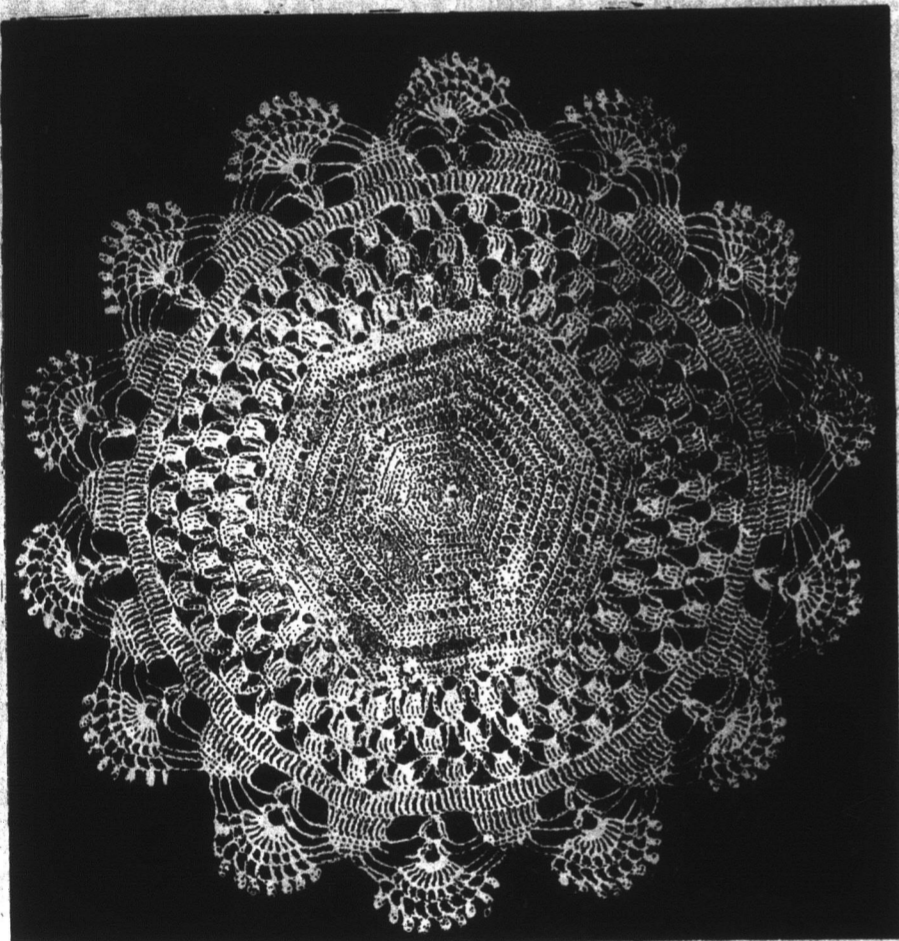


Plate Doily or Table Mat.

1. * Make a double in each of 4 stitches, chain 4, miss 2; repeat from * all around, joining last 4 chain to 1st double.
2. A double in 2d and 3d of 4 doubles, chain 4, 4 double trebles under 4 chain, chain 4; repeat from * around.
3. Work with slip-stitch to top of 1st 4 chain, * 4 doubles in 4 double trebles, chain 4; repeat around.
4. Like 2d row.
5. Like 3d row.
6. Like 2d row.
7. Like 3d row.
8. Chain 4, a double treble in each stitch all around, join to top of 4 chain.
9. Chain 4 for a double treble, 10 double trebles in next 10 stitches, * chain 5, miss 4, shell of 2, double trebles, 2 chain and 2 double trebles in next 11 stitches; repeat from * around, joining after last 5 chain to top of 1 chain at beginning of row.
10. A double in 9 double trebles, miss 1st and last, chain 5, shell (like that of previous row) in shell, chain 5, repeat around.
11. Make 7 doubles over 9 doubles, miss 1st and last, chain 5, 11 triplets (read over three times) in

shell, chain 5; repeat around.

12. * make 5 doubles over 7 doubles, missing 1st and last, chain 5, a treble between each of the double trebles of last row, separating each treble by 1 chain, chain 5, and repeat around.
13. * a double in each of 3 doubles, missing first and last, chain 5, a treble in first treble (chain 5, a double in 1st stitch of chain to form a picot, treble in next treble) 9 times, chain 5; repeat from * around. Made of No. 25 linen, this pattern may be used for a set of hot-dish mats, making them round and oval, in different sizes. Such a set usually consists of 1 large oval, 2 smaller ones and 3 round mats, but the assortment may be varied as desired. To make the oval mats begin with a long chain, and widen at ends and once on each side of ends.

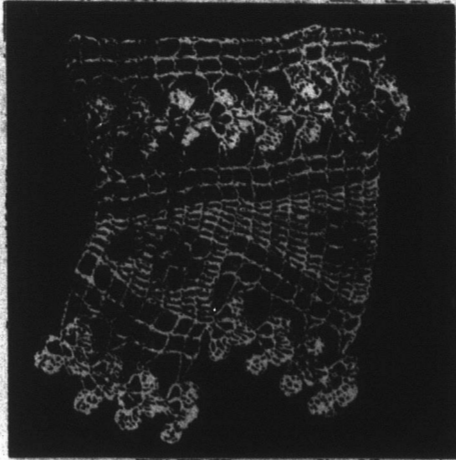
Clover Lace.

Make a chain of 45 stitches, turn.

1. Miss 7, a treble in next stitch, chain 2, miss 2, 1 treble in next, chain 5, miss 5, 4 trebles, each separated by 2 chain in next stitch, chain 5, miss 5, 1 treble in next, chain 2, miss 2, 1

over 9 trebles, putting 2 in 1st and last; finish like second row from 2d * to the end.

5. Like 3d row to 1st *; 4 trebles in 3 trebles, (chain 2, miss 2, 1 treble in next) twice, 3 trebles in next 2 trebles; finish like 3d row from 2d *.
6. Like 2d row to 1st *; 4 trebles in 1st 3 trebles, (chain 2, a trebles under 2 chain) twice, chain 2, miss 1 treble,



CLOVER LACE.

- 4 trebles on 3 trebles; finish like 2d row from last *.
7. Like 3d row to 1st *; 5 trebles on 4 trebles (always making 2 in 1st treble) and 1 under chain following, chain 2, a treble under 2 chain, chain 2, a treble under next 2 chain and 5 trebles over 4 trebles following, (chain 2, miss 2, 1 treble) twice, and continue like 3d row.
8. Like 2d row to 1st *; 2 trebles in 1st treble, 1 in each of 16 stitches and 2 in next treble, finish like 2d row from 2d *.
9. Like 3d row to 1st *; 5 trebles in 5 trebles, (chain 2, miss 2, 1 treble) twice, chain 5, 4 trebles, separated by 2 chain in last of 19 trebles, turn. Repeat from 2d row.

Hat Pin Holder.

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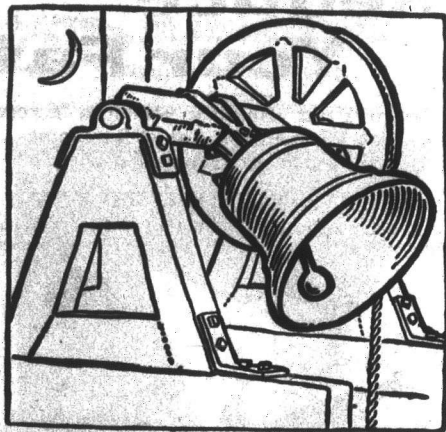
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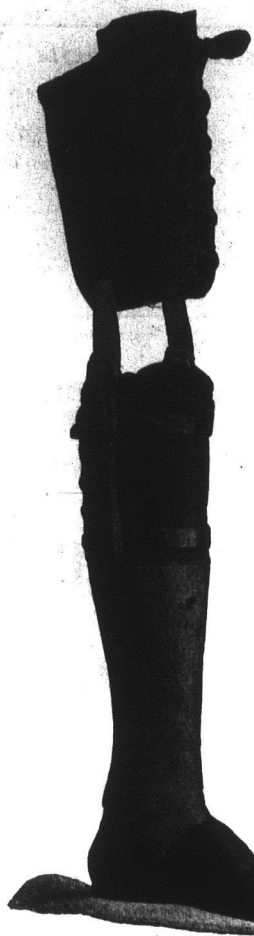
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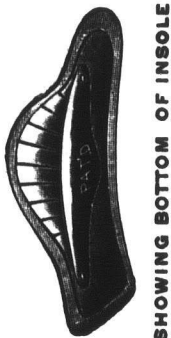
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 "A supper to-night and things to sell;
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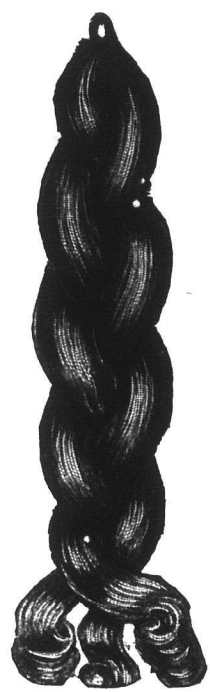
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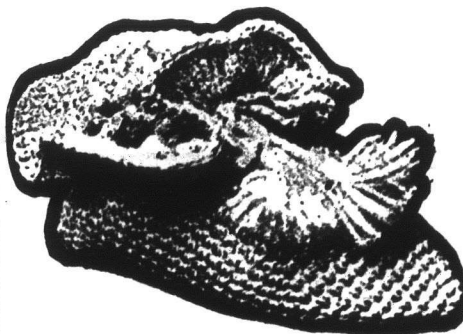


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BABY MOCCASINS.

and around, increasing one stitch each time at the lower corners of the block until there are twelve rows; sew the bottom openings together from the center of the front to the center of the back.

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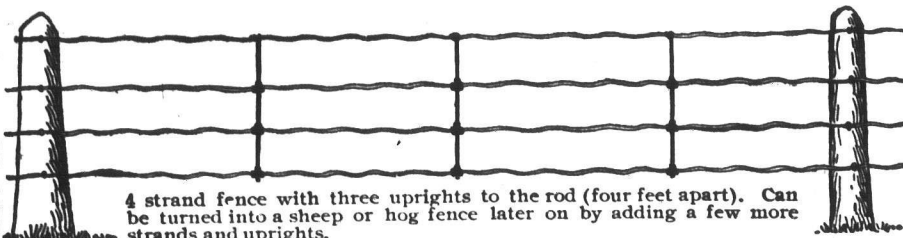
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THE HOME DOCTOR.

"What keeps the doctors' trade alive? Bad air, bad water; more's the pity! But lawyers walk where doctors drive, And starve in streets where surgeons thrive."

For a slight cut press the edges together and bind with sticking plaster. Do not bathe immediately after eating or when overheated from a walk.

For choking, give a smart smack with the open hand between the shoulders.

Cover slight burns and scalds with a little common whitening moistened with water.

To stop bleeding from the nose, stand upright and raise both arms above the head.

If you feel very tired and ready to drop, change your footwear and go for a mile walk.

Sleep with the windows wide open and pile up the blankets, but do not shut the windows.

If you feel ill and don't know what is the matter, take a hot bath, a drink of herb tea and go to bed for twenty-four hours.

Don't make up the baby's bed on the floor. The air is most pernicious near the floor, and purest in the middle of the room.

Should a child set fire to its clothes immediately lay it on the floor and roll it in the hearth-rug or any other heavy woolen article.

Ammonia vapor has been discovered to be the best disinfectant for use in cases of cholera or diphtheria. It will free a room from germs in two hours.

To Remove Warts.—Do not disfigure the hand with caustic to remove warts, but touch them with strong soda water several times a day. They will disappear.

Simple Cough Cure.—Roast a medium sized lemon; when hot through cut and press the juice upon three ounces of pulverized sugar. Take a spoonful whenever the cough is troublesome.

Croup.—Pure onion juice will cure croup in the first stage. Cut the onion fine, put in a cloth, pound with a hammer, and squeeze into a small dish; sweeten and give until it produces vomiting.

To prevent swelling after a blow rub the part immediately with butter, or dip a handkerchief in cold water, roll it into a thick pad, press it to the part, and tie on with a bandage until other remedies can be obtained.

If you feel cross and impatient, irritable and inclined to quarrel, it means that your nerve centers are disturbed. Put on cool seasonable clothing and go out into the air. Take your lunch and stay out a whole day, if you can. You need the solitude cure.

Hiccough is not to be trifled with. The instant it appears go to the nearest pharmacy, get a few drops of amylin tincture upon a handkerchief and breathe it energetically into the mouth and nostrils. If it doesn't relieve, take a cab for the most experienced physician in your locality. Don't wait until next day.

Formula for Insect Bites.—One of the very best applications for the bites of the mosquitoes and fleas, also for other eruptions attended with intense itching, is menthol in alcohol, one part to ten. This is very cooling and immediately effectual. It is also an excellent lotion for application to the forehead and temples in headache, often at once subduing the same.

To Relieve Neuralgia.—Take two large tablespoons of cologne, and two teaspoon of fine salt; mix them together in a small bottle; any time you have any acute affection of the facial nerves or neuralgia, simply breathe the fumes in your nose from the bottle and you will be immediately relieved.

It is always a difficult task to give children medicine. A trained nurse says the best way to give castor oil is to fill a wineglass half full of orange juice, then pour in the oil, with more juice on top. The oil forms a ball in the middle of the juice, and it is swallowed without coming in contact with the tongue.

Even if the bottle is marked, it is safer to measure the dose in a properly marked glass than to pour it from the bottle, trusting to the marks on it.

Three rules must be borne in mind as being absolutely necessary before taking or giving medicine:

Read the label on the bottle. Shake the bottle before you pour the mixture out.

The school girls of San Francisco have taken kindly to the bareheaded habit. The school and health authorities encourage it. Dr. Ragen, health officer, says: "By going without hats the girls are less liable to catarrhal troubles, sore throat, coryza, and the other numerous ailments the child is exposed to. I am strongly in favor of sending the girls to school without hats. Let the hair be strengthened by the air and sunlight."

How many nurses ever think of washing a baby's mouth, either before or after it eats? This should always be done. Babies' mouths, like the mouths of older people, collect more or less impurities from the air, sometimes from other sources. The baby's mouth should be rinsed out before eating; and after eating, the remains of food should be carefully removed by means of a soft brush or the corner of a wet napkin. Borax water is cleansing and antiseptic. It may be used with benefit in the proportion of two drams to a pint of water.

"Sick headache is often periodical, and is the signal of distress which the stomach puts up to inform us that there is an over-alkaline condition of its fluids; that it needs a natural acid to restore the battery to its normal working condition. When the first symptoms of a headache appear, take a teaspoon of lemon juice clear, fifteen minutes before each meal, and the same dose at bedtime; follow this up until all symptoms are past, and if not an exceptional case you will soon go free from your unwelcome visitor. Many will object to this because the remedy is too simple, but I have made many cures in this way.

Do not use the eyes to any extent by artificial light, as in reading fine print and sewing on dark cloth, nor use them for any considerable time without some change of employment, especially if the head is unusually hot.

This heat may be aggravated by the excessive use of the fats, oils, sweets, and starches, causing an inflammatory condition of the system.

In the matter of cure, discontinue the causes already referred to, and apply wet cloths to the lids at night, the cloths to be thick enough to remain wet all night, thus removing the heat from them.

The sunlight is an excellent tonic for the eyes—obtained by exercise in the open air, and by placing the face in the strong rays of the sun, as at a window, the eyes being closed, the light shining on the lids.

The eyes may be extensively used if we do not strain them, not making any effort to compel them to see, but simply opening them, letting them see.

One of the newest fads of the medical world is the sleep cure. According to the physician who has sought to introduce his ideas among the Parisians one sleeps entirely too little. It is his argument that one lives a certain length of time, and that this time (sickness not considered) is extended over a long or short period according to the temperament of the person. He cites in support of his theory the longevity of the negroes, and declares that they attain a ripe old age simply because they sleep when work is not absolutely essential.

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POETRY OF THE HOUR.

The Name Writ in Water.

(The Spirit of the fountain Speaks.)
Yonder's the window my poet would sit in
While my song murmured of happier days;

Cupid at Church.

By chance I sat within her pew,
And, glancing in her eyes,
Discerned in their cerulean hue
The beauty of the sky.

Farther West.

The west wind calls from its farthest west,
Farther still! Farther still!
Up and follow! do not rest,
Farther still!

Omnia Vincit Amor.

To watch the weary years go creeping by,
To see Spring yield to Summer, Summer turn
Her back on Winter, see the snow-flakes fly,

Wreck of the Valencia.

BY ROBERT J. C. STRAD.
(Published in the Western Home Monthly by special arrangement with the author.)
The Storm King reigned on his ocean wide
And roared through his vast domain,

The Doing.

To try is better than the thing you try for,
To hope is higher than the height attained,
To love is greater than the love you sigh for,

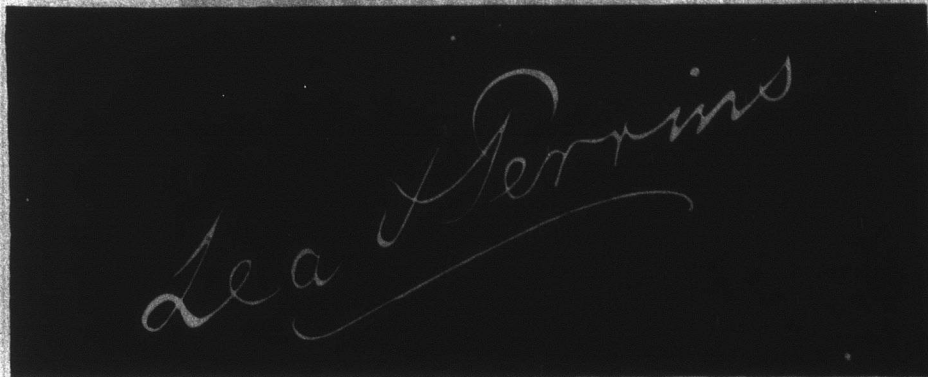
Who.

"Who was it helped me win my bride,
When I was downcast took my side,
And never has been known to chide?"

Sinner and Song.

Sweetheart, I shall love you long—
I'm a sinner—you're a song—
I'm the heartbreak in the sigh
When you hear the music die,

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The Empire Loan Co

The Annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Empire Loan Company was held at the office of the company, in the Bank of Hamilton Chambers, on Tuesday, the 15th of February, 1906.

Table with columns for ASSETS, LIABILITIES, and PROFIT ACCOUNT. Includes items like 'Loaned on first mortgage', 'Prepaid Stock', and 'Net earnings after paying expenses'.

"I hereby certify that I have examined the books of accounts, vouchers and securities of the Empire Loan Company as on the 31st day of December, 1905, and that the above statements are correct.

In moving the adoption of the Report, Mr. Byrnes said that he did so with great satisfaction, and that he must congratulate the shareholders on the excellent statement now in their hands.

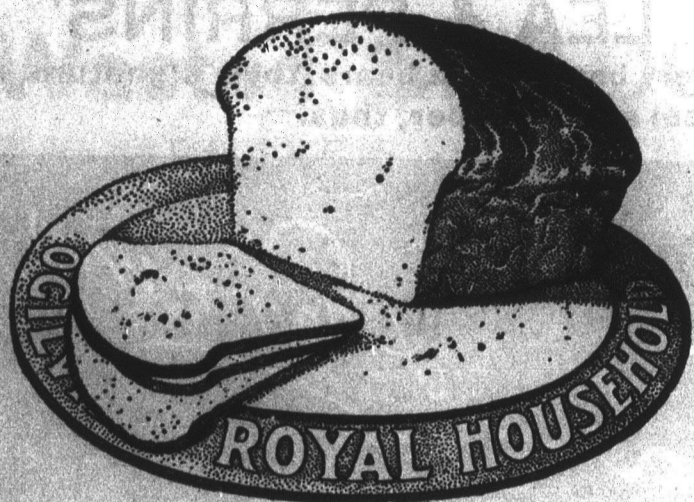
In seconding the adoption of the Report, Dr. Clarke addressed the meeting at some length, and stated that among the many enterprises with which he was connected, none were more carefully or economically managed than the Empire Loan Company.

The Report was unanimously adopted, after which the meeting was addressed by Messrs. A. N. McPherson, J. E. Law, of Darlingford, A. H. Sutherland, of Hartney, and J. M. Young, of Regina.

A ballot was then cast and the scrutineers reported all the members of the former board to be re-elected, being as follows: Messrs. H. Byrnes, H. H. Beck, R. H. Agur, A. N. McPherson, William Brydon, Dr. Clarke and Charles M. Simpson.

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Alphabetical Health Hints.

To Hearts and Homes:
The following simple rules were published for general circulation by the Ladies' Sanitary Association of London:
As soon as you are up shake blankets and sheet.
Better be without shoes than sit with wet feet.
Children, if healthy, are astir, not still.
Damp beds and damp clothes will both make you ill.
Eat slowly, and always chew your food well.
Freshen the air in the house where you dwell.
Garments must never be made to be tight.
Homes will be healthy if airy and light.
If you wish to be well, as you do, no doubt,
Just open your windows before you go out.
Keep your rooms always tidy and trim,
Let no dust on the furniture be seen.
Much illness is caused by the want of pure air.
Now, to open your window should be ever your care.
Old rags and old rubbish must never be kept.
People should see that their floors are well swept.
Quick movements in children are healthy and right.
Remember the young cannot thrive without light.
See that the cistern is clean to the brim.
Take care that your dress is always tidy and trim.
Use your nose to find out if there be a bad drain,
Very sad are the fevers that come in its train.
Walk as much as you can without feeling fatigue—
Xerxes could walk for full many a league.
Your health is your wealth, which your wisdom must keep.
Zeal will help a good cause, and the good your health will reap.

Useful Information.

Household Weights and Measures:
Wheat flour weighs one pound to a quart. Butter, when soft, one pound to a quart. Indian meal, one pound two ounces to a quart. Loaf sugar, broken, one pound to a quart. White sugar, powdered, one pound one ounce to a quart. Eggs, average size, ten to a pound.

To Prevent Lamp Chimneys Breaking:
To prevent lamp glasses breaking by the sudden contact with heat, the best way is to cut or scratch the base of the glass with a glazier's diamond. Another method is to put the glasses into a saucepan of water and boil them. This seasons them.

To Make a Candle Burn all Night:
To make a candle burn all night, when, as in the case of sickness, a dull light is wished, put finely powdered salt on the candle till it reaches the black part of the wick. In this way a mild and steady light may be kept through the night by a small piece of candle.

To Increase the Milk of Cows:
Give your cows, three times a day, water slightly warm, slightly salted, in which bran has been stirred at the rate of 1 quart to 2 gallons of water. You will find, if you have not tried this daily practice, that the cow will give 25 per cent. more milk, and she will become so much attached to the diet that she will refuse to drink clear water unless very thirsty; but this mess she will drink almost any time and ask for more. The amount of this drink necessary is an ordinary water-pail full each time, morning, noon and night. Avoid giving cows "slops," as they are no more fit for the animal than the human.

Toilet Hints.

Lemon juice rubbed on the roots will often stop the hair from falling.

For rough skin cover the face with cream or good milk, over which dust some good powder; wash with milk and use cold cream.

Once a week the teeth should be cleaned with the finest pumice stone. Take a little of the very finely powdered pumice and place it on the tooth brush. Brush the teeth lightly, and remember that while pumice is good in its way it will take off the enamel if used too vigorously. Just how much of the pumice to use is a question of judgment, but women who lightly touch the teeth with it once a week are never in need of having the teeth cleaned at the dentist's.

For discolored or stained finger nails, a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cup of warm, soft water is invaluable; this is one of the very best manicure aids. It will loosen the cuticle from the finger nails as well as remove discolorations. In the West Indies a lemon bath is almost a daily luxury. Three or four limes or lemons are sliced into the water and allowed to lie for half an hour in order that the juice may be extracted. A remarkable sense of freshness and cleanliness is given to the skin.

Freckles on the hands will yield to daily applications of violet water, one ounce; glycerin, one dram; tincture of benzoin, one-half dram; rub the borax with the glycerin, gradually add the violet water; lastly, the tincture of benzoin, slowly stirring; rub some of this on the hands at night and then draw on a pair of big, but very clean, sweet-scented, white suede gloves, that are slit open in the palms and cropped off at the top of every finger.

A woman who has reached middle age with a skin of cream and roses says of her complexion regimen: "My recipe is the simplest and cheapest in the world. A little milk and water and ten minutes a day are all the secrets involved. All women know that to consult a skin specialist, or even the family physician, about their complexion means an endless routine of dosing and doctor's bills, but my remedy will serve for the busiest as well as the most economical of women. I use nothing but milk and warm water—one part milk to two of water. With this I bathe my face and neck freely twice a day, five minutes, night and morning."

A good lotion for the skin is as follows: Slice into half a pint of blue skim milk as much cucumber as it will cover. Let it stand for one hour, then bathe the face and hands with it and wash it off in clear, soft water. This is an excellent lotion, but, of course, must be used almost as soon as made.

To make the cheeks red.—Beat together a quarter of a cupful of thick, sour cream and a heaping teaspoonful of soda. Beat well; then add a spoonful of lemon juice. Apply this to the face with a bit of cloth, allow it to remain half an hour, then wash it off with good tar soap and warm water.

Formula for grape lotion is as follows: Dip a bunch of green grapes into a basin of water and sprinkle with a mixture of powdered alum and salt. Wrap the grapes in paper and bake them under hot ashes; then express the juice and wash the face with the liquid. This is recommended by specialists as an excellent remedy for freckles, tan and sunburn.

Good health is the starting point for all good times. A million-dollar salary is a poor exchange for steady nerves, and a round million for the ability to eat a square meal.

Boys and Girls

Cooking Things.

When mother's cookin' things
You bet I never wait
To put er way my ball er gun—
I drop 'em where they are and run
Fer fear I'll be too late.
The most exciting kind o' game
Er toy, er story book,
I let'em go, and never mind,
The very minute that I find
My mother's goin to cook.
When my mother's cookin' things
P'raps it's pies to bake,
Er doughnuts bobbin' up an' down
In boilin' grease till they are brown.
Er p'raps it's Johnny cake,
Whatever kind of thing it is,
I always like to hook
The biggest piece of dough I can
An' bake it in a patty-pan,
When me an' mother cook.

The Bride Choosing.

There was once a young Shepherd who wished to get married; but although he knew three Sisters, each one was as pretty as the others, and the choice was therefore so difficult, that he did not know to which to give the preference.

So he asked his mother's advice; and she told him to invite all three of them to supper, and to place a cheese before them and observe how they ate it.

The youth did so; and the first Sister ate her cheese, rind and all; the second cut off the rind so hastily that she cut with it some of the good cheese and threw it all away; but the third Sister pared off the rind very carefully, neither too much nor too little.

The Shepherd thereupon told all this to his mother, and she said, "Take the youngest sister to wife."

And he did so, and lived contentedly and happily with her all his life long.—Grimm Brothers.

Reynard Wants to Taste Horse-Flesh.

One day a bear was lying eating a horse which he had killed. Reynard was about again and came slinking along, his mouth watering for a tasty bit of horseflesh.

He sneaked in and out and round about till he came up behind the bear, when he made a spring to the other side of the carcass, snatching a piece as he jumped across.

The bear was not slow either; he made a dash after Reynard and caught the tip of his red tail in his paw. Since that time the fox had always had a white tip to his tail.

"Wait a bit, Reynard, and come here," said the bear, "and I'll teach you how to catch horses."

Yes, Reynard was quite willing to learn that, but he didn't trust himself too near the bear.

"When you see a horse lying asleep in a sunny place," said the bear, "you must tie yourself fast with the hair of his tail to your brush, and then fasten your teeth in his thigh," he said.

Before long the fox found a horse lying asleep on a sunny hillside; and so he did as the bear had told him; he knotted and tied himself well to the horse with the hair of the tail and then fastened his teeth into his thigh.

Up jumped the horse and began to kick and gallop, so that Reynard was dashed against stock and stone, and was so bruised and battered that he almost lost his senses.

All at once a hare rushed by. "Where are you off in such a hurry, Reynard?" said the hare.

"I'm having a ride. Bunny!" said the fox.

And the hare sat up on his hind legs and laughed till the sides of his mouth split to his ears, at the thought of Reynard having such a grand ride; but since then the fox has never thought of catching horses again.

Your Good Name.

Take home to yourself this lesson of the hour. Your greatest earthly treasure is your own good name. Guard that as you would your truest self. Count every other possession its inferior.

If any one comes to you asking your name, as the manager of an association or of a corporation, as the recommender of a school, of a business firm, or of an applicant for office or service, understand that he asks that which involves to you more than the most liberal cash donation you ever yet made to the choicest cause of your confidence or your affections.

If you want to help him, and can do so by emptying your purse in his behalf, by leaving your business and going out with him from house to house, by sitting up with him three nights in a week for the next six months, be glad that you can get off with so small an outlay as that. But unless you are ready to do all that for him, and a great deal more,—don't give him your name.

A Short Sermon.

In New York City a bright-eyed, barefooted, shabby little fellow was working his way through a crowded car, offering his papers in every direction, in a way that showed him well used to the business and of a temperament not easily daunted. The train started while he was making change, and the conductor, passing him, laughed. "Caught this time, Joel!" he said. "You'll have to run to Fourteenth street."

"Don't care," laughed Joe, in return, "I can sell all the way back again."

A white-haired old gentleman seemed interested in the boy, and questioned him concerning his way of living and his earnings. There was a younger brother to be supported, it appeared. "Jimmie" was lame and "couldn't earn much hisself."

"Ah, I see. That makes it hard; you could do better alone."

The shabby little figure was erect in a moment, and the denial was prompt and somewhat indignant. "No, I couldn't; Jim's somebody to go home to; he's lots of help. What would be the good of havin' luck, if there was nobody to divide with?"

"Fourteenth street!" called the conductor, and as the newsboy plunged out into the gathering dusk, the old gentleman remarked, to nobody in particular. "I've heard many a poorer sermon than that."—Selected.

To Achieve Success.

A New York lawyer whose income is now \$12,000 a year and who began life a little less than a quarter of a century ago as a clerk in a law office at \$8 a week, gives this recipe for success.

"Success will come to the man who recognizes that genius lies in doing all the commonplace things of life well and promptly, and especially in doing them better than other people. A certain number of hours a day devoted to a given ambition will do more than any meteoric plunge for success in any field. Keep plodding from day to day and don't lose sight of the object."

William Meyer, another New Yorker whose career began as a clerk and who is now rounding into an international merchant with an income each year that is not far from \$50,000, says: "Success must come to the man who will try to do the things of life better than anyone else, and, if he can't do that, do so much more than anyone else that he must be in demand. From \$8 a week to \$8,000 a year was a steady mark I thought I was doing very well and was rather proud of my success, but I soon saw that if I allowed myself to be content with that I would go back, because no one stands still; they either go ahead or go back. So I took a new grip on things and started ahead, and I am in the same position today. I must go on. There are no secrets of success; success is an open book."

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WOMEN AND THE HOME.

Spring Shall Reign.

Winter reigns in all its fury;
Snow-drifts cold and white and deep
Cover woodland, hill and meadow,
Where the grass and flowers sleep.
Loud the wild wind roars around us,
And the snowflakes fall all day,
While an icy coat of crystal
Covers river, lake and bay.

Yet, the sun through all is shining,
And its rays, so bright and warm,
Falling on the cold, white snowdrifts,
Melts the ice, and lulls the storm.
And in spite of storm or tempest,
Flowers will bloom where snow has lain,

For in Nature's book 'tis written:
"Ice must melt and Spring shall reign."

The Easiest Thing to Do.

Do you know what is the easiest thing in the world to do? It requires no education, no culture, no high position in society—on the contrary, these qualifications rather detract from its facility of execution. Any and everybody can do it, young and old, though as a rule the more years to one's credit, the more apt is he in its performance. With some it becomes a habit so strong that it warps their judgment, clouds their perception and prejudices their opinion, while at the same time it arouses antagonism in the unfortunate who happens to encounter the individual.

Do you want the answer to this conundrum? Do you guess what is this easiest thing to do? It is fault-finding. The mother begins it with her baby, the father keeps it up with the growing sons and daughters, the husband or the wife can make the home a hell upon earth by means of it, the employer can embitter the days of his employees, the teachers can check the progress of the most ambitious pupil, and society can mar the happiness of its most favored members.

Oh, the pity of it all, that neither church, nor state, nor school, nor society, nor home, is free from this blasting evil—that we willingly lend our thoughts and our tongues to the work of pulling down, not building up, and the making of scars where we should be healing wounds.

Think of these things the next time you are tempted to scold and don't do it. Think a little less of your own feelings and a little more of those of others. The older ones can bear it better than the little children. On their tender hearts an impression is made which time cannot efface. When you are lying quiet in your last sleep, how do you want them to think of you? Regulate your words and deeds so that your memory will always be the dearest of their possessions.

Make Home a Fun Center.

Don't be afraid of a little fun at home. Don't shut your house lest the sun should fade your carpets, and your hearts lest a hearty laugh shake down some musty old cobwebs there. If you wish to ruin your sons, let them think that all mirth and social enjoyment must be left on the threshold without when they come home at night! Young people must have fun and relaxation somewhere. If they do not find it at their own hearthstones, it will be sought at other less profitable places. Therefore let the fire burn brightly at night, and make the homestead delightful with all those little arts which parents so perfectly understand. Don't repress the buoyant spirits of your children; half an hour's merriment round the fireside of home blots out the remembrance of many a care and annoyance during the day, and the best safeguard they can take with them into the world is the influence of a bright little domestic sanctum.

As to Gossip.

Men find their greatest amusement in their work, in the rush and bustle of the every day grind. Women find theirs in gossip, social calling, in the dressing up to go out shopping. Such are the conclusions reached as the result of a symposium on "How a Great City Amuses Itself" at a Winnipeg woman's club. Perhaps this is true, but there are still people who do not believe that the frivolous woman is in the majority, whose daily lives feel the inspiration of the influence for good unconsciously exerted by the woman who knows no joy so great as that which she finds in her husband's success or in the happiness of her children. It has always been a popular thing to emphasize woman's love of gossip as though she had a monopoly on that tendency and as though it were an unfailing proof of her frivolity. Gossip which is not malicious is not particularly harmful nor the worst waste of time which can be imagined. Then, too, back of the diverse ways in which people find enjoyment lies the fundamental love of sociability, mankind's desire to rub elbows. Man finds his best chance to brush against his fellow man in his work. Opportunity does not come so easily to woman, and perhaps this explains the feminine fondness for the neighborly call and the shopping tour, a desire which disappears from the life of the independent woman who finds the needed, though often silent companionship through her work. Humanity is naturally sociable, and this explains many faults and follies, as well as many virtues.

Go Out of Doors.

Because the weather is cold is no reason why women and children should stay in-doors, and it is really necessary to health that we get out-of-doors every day, once or twice at least and cleanse and fill the lungs with fresh air. We make our houses as nearly air-tight as possible, and unless we are careful to open a window or door now and then to allow the fresh air to sweep through the rooms we breathe the same air over and over again, which has been exhausted and poisoned after one inhalation. Breathing such foul air is the cause of much disease. The blood is purified by passing through the lungs and coming in contact with the oxygen inhaled through the air passages, and where the oxygen has been exhausted from the air we breathe, the process fails to purify the blood, which then breeds disease. Plan some means of ventilating the house to secure a supply of fresh air that will not blow directly in upon the inmates, and cleanse the air cells of the lungs and fill them with fresh oxygen by deep breathing in the open air as often as possible during the day.

Water Drinking.

Sometimes a person writes to us that it is harmful to drink two or three quarts of water daily; sometimes a friend argues that we ought to drink only when thirsty, etc. Drinking, like breathing, is a matter of habit. Few persons breathe deeply or take in all the air that is necessary for health; few drink enough pure water. It is a mistake to think that water-drinking is harmful. Water does not tax the system like food; it undergoes no chemical change; no vital force is used in eliminating water, as evaporation, gravity, capillary attraction, osmose, etc., perform the greater portion of the work without any drain on the vital powers. Pure water in the body dissolves and carries off waste material, mineral matter, poisons, impurities, and this absorption of the debris of the body is performed without any appreciable effort on the part of the system.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

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Cooking Recipes

Egg Bouillon.—Boil three tablespoonfuls of pearl tapioca in two quarts of bouillon until it is creamy; place raw eggs (one for every two persons) in the bottom of the soup tureen, pour in the hot soup, then beat with a fork to a froth.

Creamed Bacon.—Bake in the oven slices of bacon till they are brown and crisp; put them on a hot platter; add to the fat in the pan a tablespoonful or more of flour; stir till smooth, add gradually a teacupful and a half of milk and cook two minutes.

Apple Cake.—Make a batter as for sponge cake; bake in three layers; when cold, spread between the layers a filling made as follows: Grate sound, tart apples quickly; add whites of two eggs, sugar to taste, flavor with lemon and whip to a froth. Nice served with whipped cream.

Salmon Salad.—Take cold salmon and pick it to pieces carefully, removing the bones; heap it up on a salad dish that is lined with lettuce leaves; lay about the edges hard-boiled eggs cut into long slices; add a few slices of beetroot and olives and pour over all either a French dressing or mayonnaise.

Cheese Rice.—Into a saucepan put butter the size of a walnut, let it color a light brown, mix into a pint of cooked rice, minced parsley, salt and pepper; put it in the butter, stir gently until heated, remove from the fire, and add an ounce of grated cheese; turn into a hot dish and sprinkle cheese over the top.

Prune Souffle.—Beat the whites of six eggs to a stiff froth and add one-third teaspoonfuls of cream tartar; beat the yolks of three eggs and add them to a pint of cooked and sweetened prunes that have been picked up into fine bits; mix lightly into the beaten whites and bake in a buttered pudding dish set in a pan of water a half hour.

Baked Oranges.—Bake a desired number of sour oranges in a moderate oven for twenty minutes; when done, open at one end and remove the inside; sweeten with sugar and whip up with one egg and a teaspoonful of dissolved gelatine, then fill the orange cups and drop a spoonful of whipped cream on top instead of putting the covers on.

Maple Coconut Squares.—Put in a kettle a scant cupful of maple syrup and a tablespoonful of butter; when it boils, add a grated coconut and cook over a slow fire until done, which will be when it hardens if dropped in cold water; pour on to a buttered marble slab or in a buttered pan, and, when hardened sufficiently, cut into squares and wrap in paraffin paper.

Sponge Drops.—Beat separately, then thoroughly together, the yolks and whites of four eggs; add one cupful of sugar and beat, then one-third of a cupful of boiling water and beat again; next add by half-cupfuls, beating all the while, one and one-half cupfuls of flour; pour a tablespoonful into each patty pan and bake fifteen minutes in a quick oven, or drop on buttered tins.

Rice Meringue.—To one-half cupful of cold, boiled rice add two cupfuls of scalded milk and soak until very soft; beat the yolks of two eggs, add one-half cupful of sugar, a teaspoonful of salt, and then gradually the hot milk and rice; cook until it becomes a soft custard; add flavoring to taste and pour into a pudding dish. Make a meringue of the whites of the eggs and powdered sugar, cover the pudding and brown in the oven.

Banana Pie.—Free enough bananas from skin and coarse threads to fill a

cupful when the pulp is pressed through a sieve or ricer; to the pulp add a beaten egg, one-half cupful of sugar, one cracker, powdered linc, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-third of a teaspoonful of cinnamon, two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one-third of a cupful of cream and one-half cupful of milk; mix thoroughly and bake until firm in a pie pan lined with pastry, as for squash pie.

Pineapple Custard.—Make smooth three tablespoonfuls of flour with one of butter and stir into a quart of boiling milk; have ready the beaten yolks of eight eggs, add to them two-thirds of a cupful of sugar and turn into the milk, stirring continually for three minutes; add, when cold, a cupful of chopped pineapple and four tablespoonfuls of lemon juice; cover with a meringue of the whites of the eggs and four dessert spoonfuls of powdered sugar; brown lightly in the oven.

Stewed Celery.—Look over the celery, discarding the coarse, outside leaves, which may be utilized later for a cream of celery soup. Be sure and keep the root which holds the heart of the celery, merely paring off the rough exterior. Make a rich, brown sauce, using two tablespoonfuls each butter and flour, and browning in a spider; season with salt and butter and a suspicion of mace, then add two cupfuls of rich stock. If you have neither stock nor gravy on hand, dissolve beef extract in boiling water and use; stew the celery in this sauce half an hour and serve on toast.

Ham Timbales.—Mince cooked, lean ham to a paste, then press through a sieve; to each cupful add one tablespoonful breadcrumbs soaked in milk until soft, then press through sieve; add the beaten yolk of one egg to each cupful, ten drops onion juice; beat well together, then to every cupful of pulp fold in whites of two eggs, whipped dry; put mixture in timbale cups, buttered, filling three-fourths full; set in pan of water, covering three-fourths of the mould; cover with greased paper and cook in a moderate oven for twenty minutes; do not let water boil; turn timbales on hot dish and surround with a cauliflower puree.

Home-Made Candies.

Chocolate Fudge.—One quart of granulated sugar, one-half pint of milk, one-half cupful of butter, half a cake of Baker's chocolate; let it boil nine minutes, then remove from the fire; add two teaspoonfuls of vanilla and stir steadily for five minutes, until it is soft and creamy.

Butternut Taffy.—Two cupfuls of light brown sugar, one-half cupful of butter, which must be washed to take out the salt, three-quarters of a cupful of thin cream, boiled together until the mixture is elastic but not brittle; it will take about one hour for this purpose. Do not stir it. When it is done, add one teaspoonful of vanilla and a cupful of butternut meats.

Candied Fruits.—A box of candied fruit is enjoyed by many, even more than candy. They may be daintily packed in a small straw basket. When tied with ribbons, it makes a very attractive gift. Two cupfuls of granulated sugar and one cupful of hot water; boil this slowly half an hour without stirring; carefully dip the point of the spoon into the syrup and then into cold water. If the thread formed is brittle, the syrup is ready for the fruit. Figs cut in halves, white grapes, English walnuts halved, blanched almonds, dates and oranges pared, quartered and dried, may be used, also large raisins and peanuts. Hold each piece of fruit on the end of a long silver hat-pin, dip them separately and then drop them on a cold dish covered with paraffin paper.

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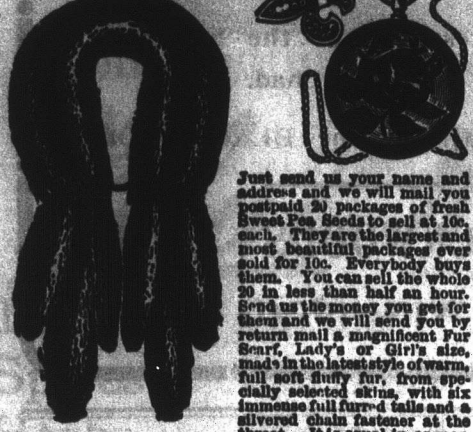
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ABOUT THE FARM.

The Old Guest and the New.

Loud, fitful winds of winter blow
 Rent clouds across the sky;
 And close against my door the snow
 In drifts is piling high.
 Yet one must take his way from here,
 And speed in silent flight;
 Across the world the banished year
 Will pass at mid of night.
 We mourn him not—no vacant place
 For him shall ever be;
 For one there is comes on apace—
 A lustier wight than he.
 No wish have we to see him more,
 So sullen grown and grim;
 Our new guest enters at the door;
 We'll pledge good health to him.
 —EUGENE C. DOLSON.

Dairy Notes.

The neglected calf this season means a stunted cow next summer. Sunshine is the best disinfectant that can be used. Cleanliness in all departments of the dairy is the secret of good butter. By investigating the sticks and dirt in the strainer, it is easy to ascertain in what condition the barn is kept. The milk cow should by all means be well brushed before being milked. If this is not done there will be a repetition of that old story about the billy-goat swallowing the rabbit. There will be a "hair in the butter." The skim-milk has the highest feeding value when it can be returned to the barns or pens clean and sweet. The hand-raised calf or the pig does not relish sour, clabbered, or dirty milk much more than the average human being. But they drink it because it is often a case of necessity. A damp, mouldy cellar is one of the poorest places to keep milk. Another bad place is the kitchen, where there is a constant odor of cooking. Milk is a great absorbent of odors and taints. And in eating some kinds of butter we get the full benefit of a second-hand meal. The country storekeeper has his troubles in disposing of poor butter. If he does not seem to want to pay you quite so much for your butter as for your neighbor's, don't blame him entirely, or think it is because of favoritism. See if you can't make your butter so good that the town people begin to inquire where "that fine butter comes from." The kicking cow may have a good reason for kicking. Before you proceed to cure her of the fault, look over the udder and teats well and see if it would not be better to start curing up the sores or cracks which have probably been the cause of her unamiable disposition. A little unsalted lard well rubbed in will help to correct the trouble. Ropy milk, sour milk, bloody red milk (not due to cow), bitter milk, and mouldy milk, are all due to the work of certain kinds of bacteria. Each trouble mentioned is due to a certain kind of bacteria. The bacteria may get into the milk in a dusty barn when the milk pail sits when the cows are being turned out, or they may get into the milk from a dirty pail or a mouldy cellar, or they may be lurking in the unclean creases of the pail or pan where the wash rag has failed to penetrate. They thrive best at low temperature and work on the milk after it has been set to cool. Eternal vigilance is the price of good butter. Cleanliness will cure all the trouble.

Dairy Dont's.

Don't keep the pet dog in the cow manger.
 Don't keep the milk in the cow stable.
 Don't oblige the cows to stay out of doors when they want to stay in the barn.
 Don't expect the hog to lay on fat when he is fed corn and then get ripping mad if the cow gets fat and goes

dry when fed exclusively on the same diet. Don't fail to provide the cows with an abundance of bedding, for the cow that must stand up to rest and be hutching back and forth from one foot to the other while ruminating is not doing the best.

A Business Talk.

Selling "strictly fresh eggs" and dressed fowls to private customers. This is a phase of poultry keeping, or poultry work rather, that should appeal to all farmer's wives. Some have not the time and patience necessary for the work. Others consider it beneath their dignity, forgetting that all honest ways of earning a penny are honorable. The first customer is always the hardest to get, as in this and every other case, a satisfied customer is one's best advertisement. Some women make the mistake of asking so little more than market price that it does not pay them to deliver the goods. Warrant every egg you sell, and don't be satisfied with one cent per dozen more than market price. This does not pay you for your time and trouble, and those who are not willing to pay more than that should be satisfied with store eggs. Farmers' wives who are honest in their dealings with their merchants, do not realize the kind of eggs that are sent to the grocery by some who would be offended if called dishonest. Last winter a few dozen eggs were sold to a grocer in a near-by town, as strictly fresh, bringing 30c. per dozen, that had been found in a hay mow and were rotten. It is not an uncommon occurrence for our grocer to have infertile eggs that have been tested out of an incubator, or even those that have remained in the incubator or under the hen the full time of incubation, brought to them for sale. Is it any wonder that the price of eggs is not higher than it is? What a difference it would make, if every one were honest and careful in selecting and sending eggs to market? Remember these things, sort your eggs as to size, shape, and color, and ask at least 5c. above market price per dozen. This will pay you for the extra work, time, and trouble that it takes to deliver these eggs. Often, too, these egg customers would be delighted to get a plump, tender chicken for Sunday dinner. Bring it to them ready to be cooked, and comparing it with the skinny, blue chicken obtained at the market, make your price accordingly. To the person accustomed to the plump, well-fattened chicken, the ordinary market chicken is distasteful.

A farm wife whom I know ships all her eggs, and some from her neighbors, to a commission farm in Chicago, doing much better than by selling at home.

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One thousand four hundred dollars per year over and above all expenses of a family of five seems a large sum to make from ten acres of ground. M. V. Carroll, vice-president of the Missouri State Dairy Association, is authority for the statement that a Missouri farmer does this. He lives near Sedalia. He began with cows that averaged 175 pounds of butter each per year. Now he has a herd of seven cows (Jerseys) that average 400 pounds of butter each per year. He sells the butter at 25 cents per pound the year round. In addition to the cows he keeps a herd of pedigreed hogs which turn the skim-milk and buttermilk to good account. He buys his grain. This man has simply made a factory of his ten acres. He is turning out a finished product condensed into small packages. His land becomes more productive each year because he is not only keeping the original fertility there but he is adding to it the fertility from other farms wrapped up in the hay and grain he purchases. The hired help question does not bother him; there are enough in the family to do all the work. Of course he makes money.

The Wife as a Partner.

How many farmers treat the good wife as a partner in their business? I have often thought of this as I go through the country and see the "lord and master" of the home spending his time in loafing around town and his money in smoking and drinking. He frequently puts up at the best two-dollar-a-day hotels while his wife is drudging away at home looking after the family.

She is denied many of the necessities of life, to say nothing of the luxuries. She never attends lectures, state fairs, or farmers' institutes, for the reason, as her husband gives it, that she cannot get away. Ofttimes she would hardly know how to act if she were to go to a first-class hotel. No wonder, she has never had the opportunity.

Now this is all wrong. The wife that does her part at home has just as much right to spend some of the money that is earned as her husband. The husband who will continually leave his wife to slave at home on the farm, while he is enjoying himself away and spending alone the money that she has helped to earn is a husband only in name. To speak plainly, he is a hog. Sometimes the wife is given this usage through the thoughtlessness of her husband and not by intention.

Brother farmers, think of this matter. Are you one of this class? Are you allowing your wife as much money to use and as many privileges as you take? If not, you are making a mistake. How much good it does the housewife to take a day away occasionally and eat some meals of other cooking than her own; to meet other women and have a good visit. She will not only enjoy it, but she will be healthier, happier, and better able to take up the cares of life again. Treat her as a partner and not as a slave, and you both will be the happier.

The Trotter and the Farmer's Son.

The ambition of many young men is to have a trotter with a fast gait. There is no harm in having such an ambition, if it is only kept in place. If the ambition is to breed some fast horses and the means will admit of it, the ambition is a noble one, but if it is to take those horses into a speed ring and to bet on them, then the ambition is an ignoble one. Aside from the immorality of betting, no farmer's boy can afford the time for it, and no farmer's boy can afford the cash.

When he enters such an arena, he bets with men who are sharper than himself, and he is pretty certain to lose. It is all right for young farmers to have spirited horses, but these should never be allowed to turn their heads.

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The Gait of the Draft Horse.

The normal gait of the draft horse is a walk. He was not made to trot or run. It is important, however, that he acquire when he is first broken the habit of walking lively and walking slowly when a slow gait is required.

The gait is largely a matter of inheritance, and the draft stallion or mare can walk briskly should in all cases be preferred to one that moves off as though it had all the time there was in which to go a short distance. Much, however, depends on the trainer. Most trainers when they break their colts put them alongside of some steady old mare, a regular "leisure" which may be all right to start with; but as soon as the colt

moves off by himself let him acquire a brisk walk, as though the time was too short for him to do the allotted work. While for plowing heavy sod a slow, steady gait is inevitable, and in plowing corn for the first time preferable, in almost every kind of farm work a better job will be done by a team that knows how to step up briskly.

The training of a draft horse is a comparatively simple matter, and yet it is of very great importance to so train horses that they will normally move briskly, and at the same time adopt a slow, steady gait when the necessities of the work on hand require it.

Now Why Don't You.

Why don't you stop up the cracks in that poultry house so that you may have healthy, comfortable fowls?

Why don't you put several layers of new papers back of, and at the sides of, the roosts?

Why don't you make a business of your poultry work, and attend to it as you would to any other business?

Why don't you kill that roopy hen when she is not worth doctoring, and when there is so much danger of contagion?

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I know of men who keep their pigs on the manure pile under or near the horse barn. It isn't right, though. Nice, sweet, healthy meat cannot be made in that way. Think of this, and put the pigs into a good clean pen.

Do you throw the nubbins of corn over into the pen and let the pigs shell for themselves? If you do, clean the cobs out often. Doesn't take long for them to get real deep.

Ever try feeding the pigs alfalfa? Just try giving them a bunch of nice, bright clover and see how they will go into it; it will astonish you. Fine for the pigs, too.

You may feed the pigs some heavy feed these cold days, but be careful not to overdo it. What you want to do now is to get the framework up for the fat that is to be put on later. Ground oats are first-rate for this. Add a little oil meal and you have a good ration.

Dishwater alone isn't very filling. Mix it with something that will stay the stomach of the porkers.

BEE NOTES.

Don't be satisfied with the old books your grandfather read, but get the latest up-to-date works. It will be money well invested.

It must surely be a poor locality for bees where a few colonies well managed will not pay their way and leave a neat balance for their owner.

The farmer bee-keeper is surely here to stay, and I hope the time is not far distant when they will discard the old box hive and some of the old methods that go with it.

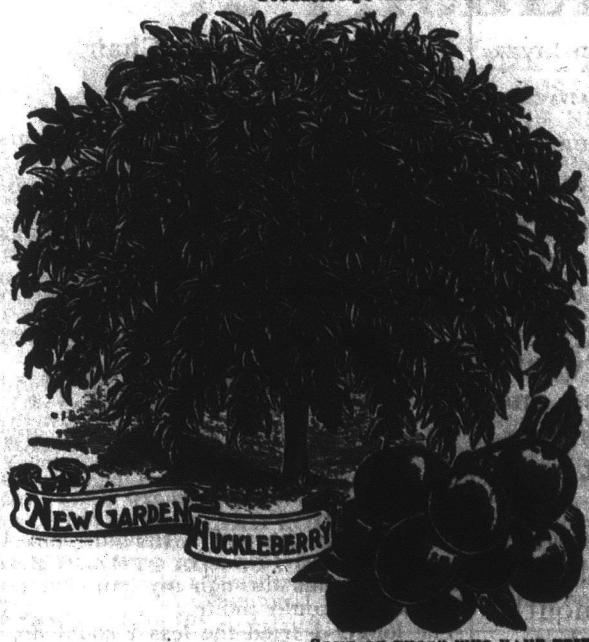
Beekeeping has made some wonderful strides during the past few years, and if the farmer beekeeper wishes to keep abreast of the times, he must give this branch a little more thought and study.

Some of the large honey producers would be glad if all the farmer beekeepers would make their bow and step "down and out," leaving the entire field to the specialists. I trust this will never be, at least not so long as the farmers own nearly all the flowers from which the bees sip their precious loads of nectar.

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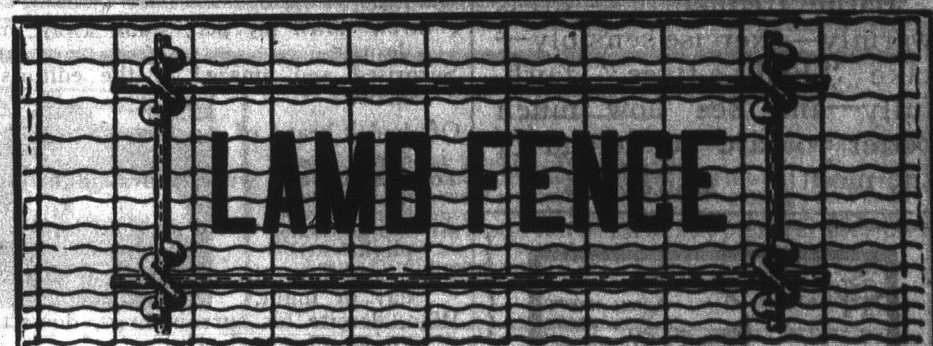
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In the Editor's Chair.

A Farmer.

The editor absent, I slipped into his chair.
"How easy," I thought; "how comforting fair!
The office well furnished, surroundings rare,
Surely the editor's a man free from care.
I took up his pen and resolved I would write;
I thought 'twas an honor, and would be a delight
To produce there on paper and give through the press
My feelings just then, too big to express.
Then I thought and I thought and I tried hard to write;
Ran my hands through my hair, but no words could indite.
The longer I tried the less I could do,
And the wiser I looked the less did I know.
At length from my brow perspiration did ooze;
My mind was a blank—to think it refused!
I threw down my pen, slunk away in despair,
Surprised and amazed at the editor's chair.
Off had I heard of it; 'twas easy, they said,
To sit there and write, and at night go to bed.
And I guess it would be but for the plight
That comes to the man in that chair, day or night,
Who, despite his surroundings, doesn't know what to write.

"The Life Was in Him."

Daniel O'Connell once unravelled a queer plot in a will case. Witness after witness swore that he saw the document duly executed. At last a constantly reiterated expression caught the lawyer's attention. "The life was in him," over and over repeated.
"By the virtue of your oath, was he alive?" he asked one witness.
"By the virtue of my oath, the life was in him," he was answered.
Then O'Connell turned to the man, and very slowly and very solemnly said, "Now I call upon you, in the presence of your Maker, who will some day pass sentence upon you for this evidence,—I solemnly ask you, and you answer at your peril,—was there not a live fly in the dead man's mouth when his hand was placed upon the will?"
Cornered and pale with fear, the witness confessed that this had actually happened.

The Guest's Premature Congratulations.

The daughter of the house was pounding away at the piano like a human pile-driver, and the faces of the assembled guests bore traces of acute mental anguish. Suddenly the "music" ceased, and the company, in order to remove all possibility of its resumption, burst into a salvo of applause. The proud and happy mother of the performer approached the guest of the evening, old Herr Dresqui, who was stamping his feet and clapping his hands like an unemployed cabman on a frosty morning.
"And what do you think of my daughter's execution, Herr Dresqui?" she inquired, smiling sweetly upon the old gentleman.
"Your dorder's vot, matam?" he cried.
"Her execution," replied the somewhat astonished lady.
"Er egsecution!" shouted the professor. "Er egsecution! Matam. I gongratulate you! Ven vos eet to be? Ven vos eet coming off? I to be present vill efery effort make!"
And in his excitement he shook his hostess violently by the hand, and almost burst into tears.

He Knew When He Had Enough.

Moses Ezekiel, the Roman sculptor, said that at the luncheon that preceded the unveiling, in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, of his statue of A. J. Drexel: "Whenever I see a toothpick, I think of a dinner that was given in Rome in honor of two Turkish noblemen.
"I sat beside the younger of the noblemen. He glittered with gold embroidery and great diamonds; but, nevertheless, I pitied him sincerely, for he was strange to our table manners, and some of his errors were both ludicrous and painful.
"Toward the dinner's end a servant extended to the young man a plate of toothpicks. He waved the plate away, saying in a low and bitter voice: "No, thank you, I have already eaten two of the accursed things, and I want no more."

Plenty of Time.

A long-haired man walking along the street met a little boy, who asked him the time.
"Ten minutes to nine," said the man.
"Well," said the boy, "at nine o'clock get your hair cut," and he took to his heels and ran, the aggrieved one after him.
Turning the corner, the man ran into a policeman, nearly knocking him over. "What's up?" said the policeman.
The man, very much out of breath, said: "You see that young urchin running along there? He asked me the time and I told him—ten minutes to nine—and he said, 'At nine o'clock get your hair cut.'"
"Well," said the policeman, "what are you running for? You've got eight minutes yet."

All Over.

One afternoon, during an adjournment for the holidays, a number of prominent senators and representatives visited Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.
A venerable negro acted as guide for the party, and the distinguished callers were much interested in his quaint disquisitions upon the place and its memories. To this old fellow one of the Western representatives chanced to address the question whether any battles had been fought in the vicinity of Monticello.
"No, sah," promptly replied the aged dandy, "no, sah, not sence de wah."

Publicly Threatened.

A certain Caledonian preacher, when he saw a member of his flock nodding while he was preaching cried out: "Hold up your heads, my friends, and mind that neither saints nor sinners are sleeping in the next world!"
Then, finding that this general exhortation was insufficient to deter a

certain well-known member of the church from getting his night's rest forward, the reverend gentleman turned toward the offender and said: "James Stewart, this is the second time I have stopped to waken ye. If I need to stop a third time, I'll expose ye by name to the whole congregation."

Reid's Story About Greeley.

Whitelaw Reid was interviewed on the eve of his departure for England by a young political writer. He received his visitor good-humoredly. "I control a paper of my own," said Mr. Reid, "and if I had anything important to divulge I should use it, but if you care for matter of the kind, I can tell you about a conversation I once had with Horace Greeley.
"One day Mr. Greeley called me into his office.
"I believe this copy was turned in by you," he said, showing me some loose sheets which I recognized. "You say in this copy that 'Daniel Webster was fond of telling an interesting story about President Harrison.' What have you done with that story? Why don't you turn it in?"
"It follows my statement in the copy," I stammered.
"What, this?" he exclaimed. "It is no more like Harrison than a sour apple. Neither is there anything in it that is interesting. This story is dull."
"He tossed it in the waste basket and went on."
"Young man, when you write a story don't begin it by saying you are going to do it, and don't say that it will be interesting, humorous, exciting, or anything else. If you do your work well the reader will see the point for himself."
"I never forgot Mr. Greeley's words," concluded Mr. Reid. "Perhaps nowadays writers in general will find them of value."
"I shall use your story," declared the caller. "How would you advise me to begin it, Mr. Reid?"
The Ambassador smiled and said, with a twinkle in his eye: "Just say that Mr. Whitlaw Reid is fond of telling an interesting story about Horace Greeley."

Making Married Life Happy.

An English paper tells of an East End visitor's conversation with Mrs. Hawkins:
"Where did you get that beautiful black eye, Mrs. Hawkins?" she asked.
"It were the result of a trifling altercation with my 'usband, mum."
"Dear, dear, dear!" cried the visitor, in horror, "what a wicked man your husband must be!"
"Not at all, mum," retorted the other, with dignity. "'Awkins is 'asty, but 'e's a puffed gentleman at 'cart. I can assure you that, after 'e'd give me this black eye, 'e sat 'oldin' a cold frying-pan to it for hupwards of a hour, a-tryin' to deduce the swellin'." A little hattention like that goes a long w'y toward makin' married life 'appy, mum, as I dessay you've found it yourself."

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Why He Trusted John.

A shipmaster, having discharged his cargo and crew, employed a sailor to take charge in his absence in the country. He had little confidence in the man—he believed all sailors would steal; but as he could do no better, he put everything under lock and key. Before leaving for the country in the morning, he thought he would take an early peep at his ship. He quietly stepped on board, and, unperceived, opened the cabin door. There was John upon his knees, the Bible opened before him. He carefully closed the door, and when John appeared he handed him a bunch of keys. "Here, John, you had better open all these drawers and trunks, and air the things. Keep everything snug; I shall be back in a few days."

Good Guide in a Fog.

The London Chronicle relates that during the recent fog a military man, advanced in years, lost his way completely in the nocturnal vapor. Bumping against a stranger, he explained his misfortune and gave his address. "I know it quite well," said the stranger, "and I will take you there." It was some distance, but the guide never hesitated for a moment on the whole route. "This is your door," he said at last, as a house loomed dimly before them. "Bless my soul," said the old gentleman, "so it is! But how on earth have you been able to make your way through such a fog?" "I know every stick and stone in this part of London," said the stranger, quietly, "for I am blind!"

When He Liked the Minister.

When the Rev. Mr. Bell had been translated from his English country parish to a church in a large city, a friend of his, visiting the old parish, asked the beadle how he liked the new minister. "O," said the beadle, "he's a very good man, but I would rather hae Mr. Bell." "Indeed!" said the visitor. "I suppose he was a better preacher?" "No; we've a good enough preacher now." "Was it the prayer of Mr. Bell, or his reading, or what was it you preferred him for?" "Weel, sir," said the beadle, "if you maun ken the reason, Mr. Bell's auld clothes fitted me best!"

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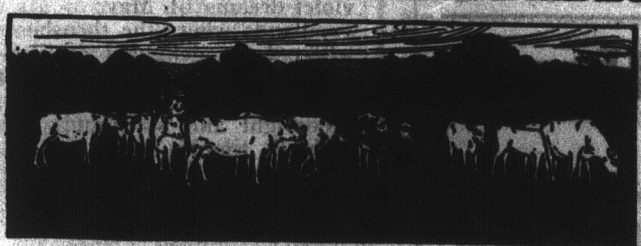


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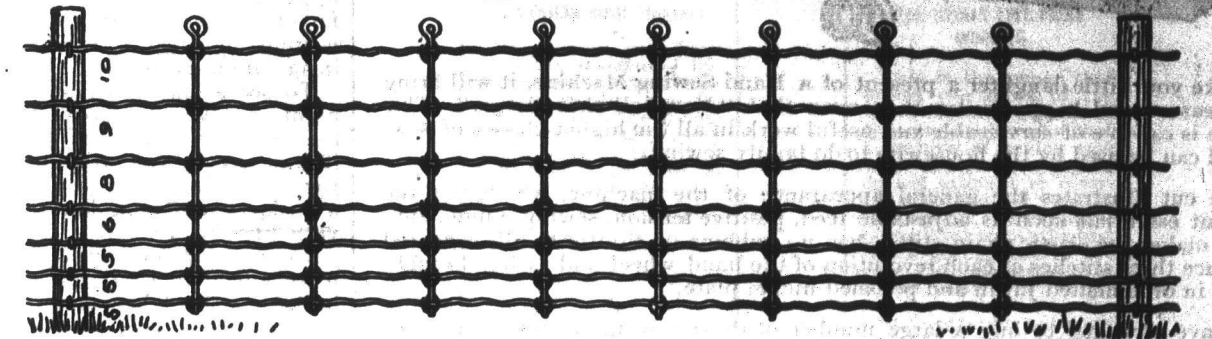
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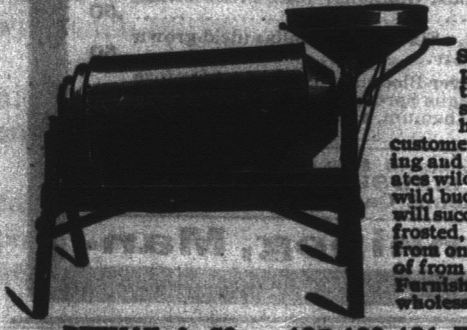
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And rosy cheeks a-waiting for the cattle at the bars,
Whippoorwills a-singing—and the first, faint gleam of stars.
Life time is youth time—
Youth time is best;
The bells sing of love,
And the bells sing of rest.

Bells across the meadows, wafted sweet along;

This is youth's own summer, blossom-bright with song;
Dewdrops seek the lily, where bees the honey drain;
Cheeks are only rosy for the lover in the lane!
Moonlight and starlight;
Youth time is best;
For the bells sing of love,
And the bells sing of rest.

Bells across the meadows—Far and far away;

They take you back in memory to violet-dreams of May;
To woodlands where the thrushes sung, where Love delighted dwells—
The sweetest of your dreams are there—faint echoes of the bells!
Moonlight and starlight;
Youth time is best;
For the bells sing of love,
In the meadows of rest!

Meaning of Dreams.

If you see somebody's back or your own in a dream, there is some mischief brewing.

Much joy and large profits are promised to one who dreams of grapes.
To dream of a man is a sign of unpleasant gossip; if he is very plain-looking, expect a quarrel; if he is colored, you are threatened with trouble and money-losses.

To dream of insanity or of some insane person is an omen of great trouble; to see yourself becoming insane is an excellent promise of a long life.

There are many cares and no little danger in store for one who dreams of jewels.
A dream about a judge signifies that you are surrounded by intrigue, opposition, and ill-feeling.

If you dream you are receiving a letter, expect one very soon from a far-off country; if you see yourself writing one, that is evidence that your imagination is fertile.

To see a spider in your dream is, at night, a token of hopeful success; in the morning, a sign of trouble ahead; if you dream you are killing it, great joy is coming; that you are eating it, a luckier sign still, but that dream is very rare.

Kissing someone in a dream out of mere affection, is a sign that you will be his (or her) benefactor; if you give him or her a real love kiss, you will be yourself the recipient of the benefits.

If you kiss on the neck, great happiness is in store for the one you kiss. If the kiss is given on the shoulder, you will be highly thought of by a person of the other sex; if given on the arm, your benefactor will be a brother or close friend. If you dream you are kissing a beloved one already dead but alive in your dream, his or her heirs will do you a great kindness.

What the Census Tells.

In London each day 400 children are born and 250 enter school for the first time.

The yearly consumption of beer averages fifty-seven gallons a head throughout the German empire, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. since 1882.

The length of the railways in Canada on June 30, 1903, was 19,836 miles. Of this 19,077 miles were operated by steam and 759 by electricity.

In Osaka, Japan, of the 53,000 workers, 13,000 are children under 14 years of age. Certain industries, for example, the making of matches and mats, employ almost entirely children of seven or eight years, who work twelve hours a day.

Fifty years ago, the population of England and Wales was divided equally between city and country; now 77 per cent of the people live in the cities. While the average number of persons to a house is eight in London, it is thirty-four in Paris and fifty-four in Berlin.

Electric street cars have killed 1,210 persons and injured 47,428 in the last twelve years since they came into use. In that time the number of passengers carried in a year has increased from 2,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000.

Malta is the most thickly populated island in the world. It has 1,360 people to the square mile. Barbadoes has 1,054 people to the square mile.

London employs over 16,000 policemen to keep order, and most of them are on night duty. It costs nearly \$6,000,000 a year to maintain them.

Among any 100,000 people, 15,000 experience during the year an accidental injury of some kind severe enough to cause a claim on an accident policy.

Russia is the largest seller of eggs in the world. She sells to foreign countries over 1,500,000,000 dozens nearly every year. In 1896 she sent abroad 1,475,000,000 eggs; in 1897, 1,737,000,000, and in 1898, 1,831,000,000. Her sales are all the time increasing.

The statistics of life insurance show that in the last twenty-five years the average woman's life has increased from nearly 42 to nearly 46, or more than 8 per cent.; while the man's life average has increased from nearly 42 to nearly 44, which is 5 per cent.

Famous Sayings of Famous Men

Let us do or die.—Campbell.
Enthusiasm is the breath of genius.—Beaconsfield.

Men, in general, are but great children.—Napoleon.

Where there is much light the shadow is deep.—Goethe.

Give me liberty, or give me death.—Patrick Henry.

Common sense is very uncommon.—Horace Greeley.

There's a small choice in rotten apples.—Shakespeare.

Alas! we are the sport of destiny.—Thackeray.

You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.—Charles Buxton.

Present opportunities are not to be neglected; they rarely visit us twice.—Voltaire.

Mean spirits under disappointment, like small beer in a thunderstorm, always turn sour.—Randolph.

Men are April when they woo, December when they wed.—Shakespeare.

Contempt is the only way to triumph over calumny.—Madame de Maintenon.

Many men build as cathedrals were built,—the part nearest the ground finished, but that part which soars toward heaven, the turrets and the spires, forever incomplete.—Beecher.

Many men are mere warehouses full of merchandise—the head, the heart, are stuffed with goods. * * There are apartments in their souls which were once tenanted by taste, and love, and joy, and worship, but they are all deserted now, and the rooms are filled with earthy and material things.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Historical Information.

Carpets were used in Ninevah and Babylon, as shown in paintings B. C. 1700.

In the British Museum is an advertisement of a reward for a runaway

slave. The "ad." is written on papyrus, and is 3,000 years old. It was exhumed from the ruins of Thebes.

The Democratic national convention of 1852 was in session for six days and forty-nine ballots were taken on the nomination of a candidate for president. Franklin Pierce did not receive a vote until the fortieth ballot, when twenty-nine were cast for him. On the forty-ninth ballot he was unanimously nominated.

The use of coffee beans was first known to the Abyssinians, but the employment of coffee as a beverage was first recorded in the fifteenth century. Two varieties of "gahous" were known. One was a preparation from the shells of the seeds, which was known as "qicharyat," and one from the seeds proper, which was known as "bonnyat."

Music's first step was the drum. As you wander through the displays made of the primitive musical instruments of savage races, those that have only one have the drum. Music began with thumps, on a calabash likely enough, and, later on, the skin of a wild animal was drawn over the mouth of the calabash. The bass drum of the Sousa band is not so far removed from the calabash drum that its cousinship can't be recognized.

In 1811 Java passed into the hands of the English without fighting, and was held by them for five years. It was restored in 1816. The old economic system had been overthrown in the meanwhile, and the Dutch found themselves confronted with altogether new difficulties and embarrassing conditions, the difficulties of which have hardly been overcome since.

After conquering Burmah the British undertook to carry the great Rangoon bell, the third largest in the world, to Calcutta as a trophy, but dropped it overboard in the Rangoon river, where it defied all the efforts of the engineers to raise it. Some years later the Burmese, who had not ceased to mourn its loss, begged to be allowed to recover it. Their petition was granted, and by attaching to it an incredible number of bamboo floats the unwieldy mass of metal was finally lifted from its muddy

Weak Kidneys.

It is of but little use to try to doctor the kidneys themselves. Such treatment is wrong. For the kidneys are not usually to blame for their weaknesses or irregularities. They have no power—no self-control. They are operated and actuated by a tiny shred of a nerve which is largely responsible for their condition. If the kidney nerve is strong and healthy the kidneys are strong and healthy. If the kidney nerve goes wrong you know it by the inevitable result—kidney trouble.

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The idea of a prepaid envelope originated in France, early in the reign of Louis XIV., with M. De Valfyer, who, in 1853, established, under royal consent, a private penny post, placing boxes at the corners of the streets for the reception of letters wrapped in envelopes bought at offices established for that purpose. M. De Valfyer also had printed certain forms of "billets" or notes, applicable to the ordinary business among the inhabitants of great towns, with blanks which were to be filled out with such special matter as might be desired.

Notes About Nature.

In the Andes there is said to be a wax tree, the produce of which is very similar to beeswax.

An orange tree in full bearing has been known to produce fifteen thousand oranges; a lemon tree six thousand and fruit.

Rain has never been known to fall in Iquiqui, Peru. The place contains fourteen thousand inhabitants.

Spinach contains more iron than yolk of eggs, which again has more than beef. Apples, lentils, strawberries, white beans, peas, potatoes, wheat, come next, and milk is at the bottom of the scale.

In central Asia, near the Caspian sea, is a lake of beautiful rose color, while the banks are covered with salt crystals as white as snow. From the waters of this lake there arises a flower-like odor. The color and the odor are supposed to be caused by vegetable matter in the depths.

Prof. Assmann, one of the German government meteorological experts, says that lightning seldom strikes in a forest where the trees are dense and of about the same height. Danger exists only where isolated trees rise high above their surroundings.

In the island of Jamaica grows a tree, with the botanic name Daphne Lagetto, from the branches of which native workmen make peculiarly strong and excellent whips, which have the handle and lash all of a piece. The handle consists of a part of the stem retaining the bark. For the lash the stem is deprived of bark and then split into strips, which are woven together in a flexible cord six or seven feet in length. The proper taper is afforded by detaching more and more of the strips as the end of the lash is approached.

Peculiar Customs.

Hats worn by Korean state functionaries have brims of enormous dimensions, three feet across sometimes, and are required to be made of clay. The reason for this is that some years ago the then ruler of Korea was annoyed at the habit of whispering that prevailed at court and so decided upon compelling his courtiers to wear hats that would make it difficult for them to put their heads close together and exchange confidences. Every Korean official also wears a band of woven horsehair, which fits tightly around his head. A recent writer says: "The origin of this curious adornment is attributed to a desire on his imperial majesty's part to restrain the intellectual powers of his servants. According to his notion, brains might expand if not thus held in." However, the emperor does not deem this adornment necessary in his own case.

In certain localities in Europe and Asia the people still adhere to the exceedingly curious custom of salting re-born babies, notwithstanding its cruelty and danger. The method varies with the different nationalities of the people using it.

The Armenians of Russia cover the entire skin of the infant with a very fine salt, taking great care that the salt reaches all the spaces between the fingers and toes, and the depressions in the body, such as the armpits and the hollows under the knees; for not a spot of the surface of the child must remain untouched by the salt. The salt is left on the body for three hours or more, and then washed off with warm water.



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LIFE'S COMIC SIDE TREATED BY CLEVER PENS

Stella—"Did you give him your love?"
Bella—"Yes, conditional on his raising an equal amount."

Waiter—"Sorry, sir, but we are entirely out of bread."
O'Brien—"Then yez may bring me an arder av toast."

Visitor—"Is your mistress at home?"
Bridget—"Faith, an' I think she's out, but if yez wait a mimit I'll go an' ask her, to make sure."

Bacon—"I suppose, like most women, your wife wants the earth?"
Egbert—"Well, yes; but I have learned that she doesn't want it on her parlor carpet."

"I suppose those feasts given by Lucullus were the most expensive ever served?"
"Lucullus? What insurance company was he connected with?"

Mamma (at breakfast table)—"You always ought to use your napkin, Georgie."
Georgie—"I am using it, mamma. I've got the dog tied to the leg of the table with it."

Tom—"Her father kicked you out, eh? I thought you said you'd make him come to terms?"
Dick—"So I did—to heated terms. You should have heard them."

Parson Jackson—"Does yo' take dis man fo' better or wuss?"
The Bride—"Ah'll take him jest as he am. If he gets any better, I'se 'fraid he'll die, and if he gets any wuss, I'll kill him mahself."

Job—"Here's an account of a fellow what just paid \$84,000 for a seat in the New York Stock Exchange, Mandy."
Mandy—"Well, I reckon he must 'a' wanted to sit down powerful bad!"

"John," asked the teacher of the boy in the front seat, "can you tell me why George Washington was the father of our country?"
"Because Roosevelt wasn't born then, I suppose," was the reply.

"Yes, sir," said the soldierly-looking man, "I have spent fifteen years of my life in the service of my country."
"So have I," volunteered the low-browed individual, offering his hand; "what were you in for?"

"Want any typewriting supplies?" asked the peddler, sticking his head in the office-door. "No," replied the young business man, absent-mindedly. "I just got her a box of bonbons only an hour or so ago."

"Everybody, you know, eats his peck of dirt before he dies."
"That was the ancient estimate. You're a hundred years behind the times. In these days of dairy farms, sausage factories, pie bakeries, railroad lunch counters, glue jellies, and fruit canneries, everybody eats his peck of dirt once a month."

"Maggie!"
"Yes'm."
"Why didn't you put this watermelon in the ice box as I told you?"
"I did, mum."
"But it isn't cold."
"No, mum. Yez see, I had to take the ice out to get it in."

In a Glasgow street the other day, a Scots Gray went up to a bootblack and asked to have his boots brushed. The boy looked at the soldier's boots, and then shouted to one of his chums who was not far off: "Haw, Jamie—come an' gie us a haun'; 'ave got an army contract."

She—They tell me Mr. Hawkins was disappointed in love. I wonder why the girl didn't marry him?
He—She did. That's the trouble.

He—Which would you prefer, dear—to be married at church or a registry office?
She—I don't care as long as it's binding.

Mr. Meanly—I see they are wearing gowns longer this year.
Mrs. Meanly (fiercely)—Well, if they wear 'em any longer than I do, they will have to make 'em out of sheet iron.

She—Some say you married me for my money, and some say you married me for my looks; now, tell me truthfully, what did you marry me for?
He—I'll be blest if I know!

Pa—I suppose he clasped you in his arms when the canoe upset?
She—No, quite the opposite. The canoe upset when he clasped me in his arms.

The Reminiscent One—Yes, sir, he weighed nine pounds when we got him in the boat, and he had antlers four feet across.

"Bobbie, were you looking through the keyhole last night at me and your sister?"
"Honest, no. Mother was in the way."

Mrs. Jimps (to her lady visitor)—Yes, that patchwork table-cover recalls to us both tender memories. It is made from the seats of trousers worn by my husband during his thirty years' service in a government office.

"Popley's looking badly. What's the matter with him?"
"Lungs."
"You don't say! Weak, eh?"
"No, strong. There's a new baby at his house that keeps him awake nights."

This conundrum was hurled at a stockbroker by his better half, who had been sitting up for him, when he arrived home about one in the morning.
"Can't shay, m' dear," he replied.
"What ish it?"
"You speculate all day and I speculate late at night."

Why don't the girls propose? is what The faddists are inquiring!
It seems to us the plan would not suit maidens who're retiring;
A girl would find it hard, you see,
For her to tell just when to;
She can't propose, herself, but she
Can always help the men to!

Benevolent Gent—What was the worst case of misery you saw during your travels?
Traveler—I saw a deaf mute strike himself on the thumb with a hammer one day. It was awful to see his agonized expression at not being able to swear aloud.

A travelling salesman just back from Maine says that he recently asked an old fisherman in a snow-bound hamlet what he did with himself in the evenings.
"Oh," said the old man, "sometimes I set and think, and then again I just set."

Teachers who have trouble in keeping their charges attentive and interested may well take to heart the reply of Henry Ward Beecher to a young theological student, who asked him what to do when people went to sleep.
Said the great preacher: "All I can tell you is what we do in Plymouth Church. The sexton has orders, when anyone goes to sleep there, to get up into the pulpit and wake up the minister."

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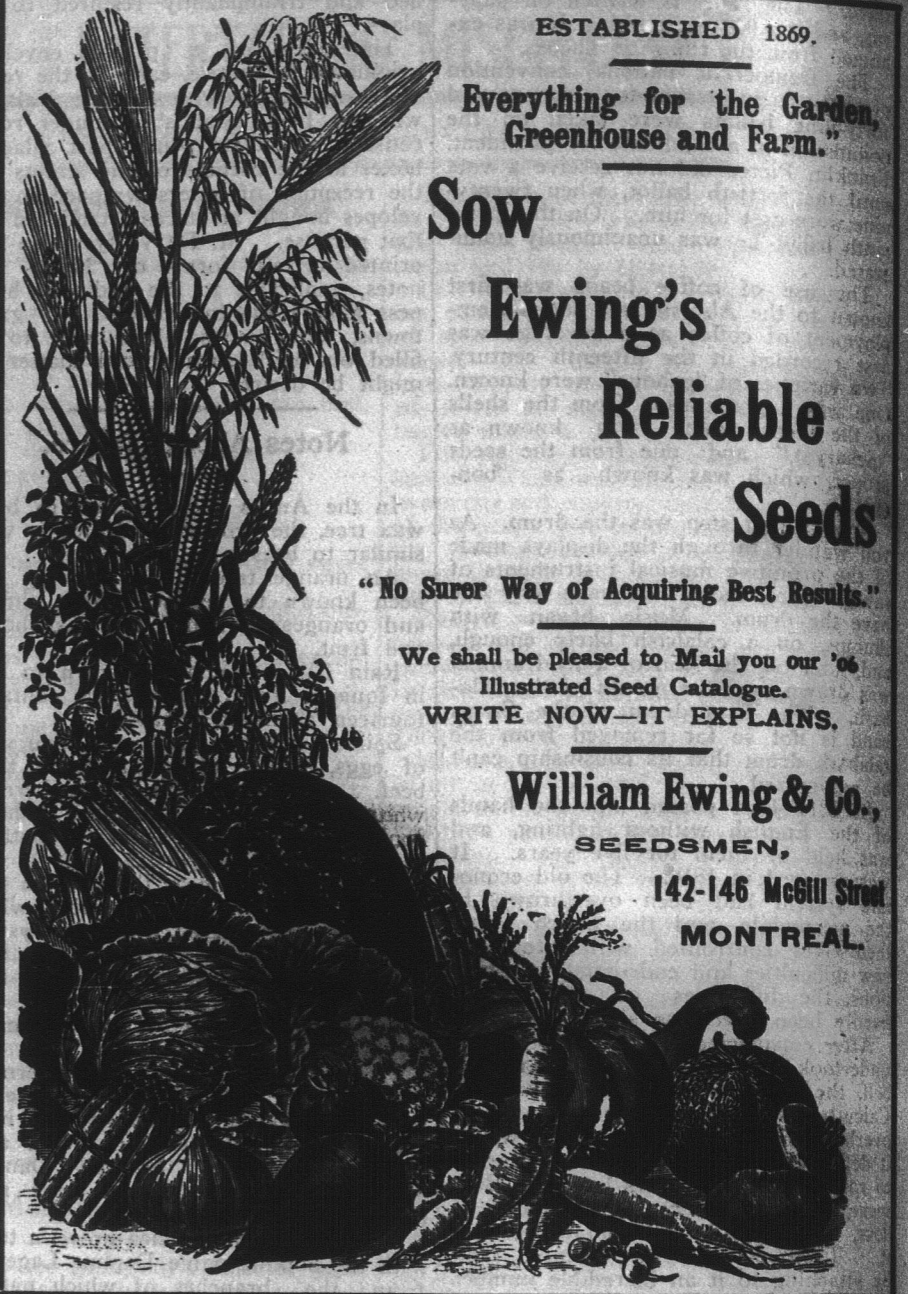
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