

THE heart will commonly govern the head, and it is certain that any strong passion, set the wrong way, will always infatuate the wisest of men, therefore the first part of wisdom is to watch the affections.

FULL exercise of the brain is favorable to health and longevity, and prolonged brain-work is not necessarily injurious when unattended by hurry, anxiety, or excitement. Where the nerve-force is limited, the effect of over-activity is dangerous; but in the young and strong it is not injurious.

It is as men have been able to find freedom of mind for themselves above the law which governs the stronger brute, as through it he governs the weaker, that they have been able to increase the general freedom by showing others how to rise superior to the law of the strongest arm and heaviest weapon.

CARRIED into the prison proper, the grading system, excludes drunkards, who should only be sent to jail when confirmed thebriates, all helpless and destitute persons, for whom poorhouses should be built, and the insane who belong either with their relatives, in the poorhouse or in the asylum. A decided stand is demanded against the importation of children from foreign reformatories, etc., particularly when they are known to be the offspring of criminals.

WHAT the great majority of people want in a novel is something as real as life and a great deal more delightful. The novel need not necessarily begin well, but it must end well. Many a reader always reads the last chapter before he buys a novel, and if the hero and heroine get satisfactorily married and live happy ever after, he buys the book—if he cannot borrow it. If there is a funeral at the end, like the old Sunday school books, that is enough. There is a sufficiency of funerals in real life.

In all plans for healthy prison reform particular stress is laid upon the necessity of grading the juvenile offenders, and placing them in industrial schools, where they can be taught habits and knowledge of work, rewarded according to their skill and good conduct, kept free from contact with older criminals, and the demoralizing influences inseparable from the common jail. The system of classification, in fact, is the dominant idea. The youth of both sexes are less prone to evil when they are kept apart from their elders in both years and criminal practices. The reformatories for both boys and girls where the group or cottage system is employed are said to show far better results in stimulating the effort and desire for more creditable conduct.

A PECULIAR feature of vanity is the absolute unconsciousness of those who suffer from it. Though they parade themselves as a transparency before all the world, they never seem to realize that they are known, assessed, and understood by their fellows. Vanity is a parasitic growth that will attach itself to any character. If it is oftener seen in women, in them it is a milder form, taking the shape of a desire to be attractive. The vain man does not care to be attractive; he is not upset by the thought that he repels. Vanity indeed has been the vulnerable heel of many a demi-god. We may well cover with a cloak of kindly charity a fault which clings to humanity in every stage of its intellectual and moral development; but because we smile at and pity and overlook a failing in others, we need not give it quarter in ourselves; and the best use that each of us can make of the discovery of such folly in those around us is to ask, "Am I vain?"

THERE are many people who never hesitate or delay in answering a business letter, but whose private correspondence is always in arrears. This is not solely because selfish motives appeal to them more strongly than regard the former as a part of their definite daily duty, while the latter assumes no such authority in their eyes. The former deals with the actual and material; while the latter may be largely made up of feeling or sentiment, or at any rate, subject-matter which, it is thought, can be expressed at any time. Moreover, the habit of attending to the former has been thoroughly acquired, giving an increasing facility in doing it, while in the latter the habit of postponement has been strengthened, and the work becomes correspondingly arduous and repugnant. Thus, while dilatory habits are seldom suffered to injure a business correspondence, they are frequently permitted to destroy social intercourse, to break up friendships, and to sow seeds of discord and unhappiness in domestic life.

A Winter Night;

Found in a Snow-Drift.

CHAPTER IV.—CONTINUED.

"I will do as you wish, Jim, on one condition, and that is that we take my child with us. Far away in a new country, among fresh scenes and faces, she will soon forget her father and love me. Her father will have other children to love, and perhaps she may be slighted. A stepmother is not a pleasant possession; you know that, Jim, to your sorrow, don't you?"

"Yes, Ally; but mine was a bitter hard one. This girl is not like that. She has no vice about her."

"How do you know that? Her virtues have to be tried, and you confess you know nothing of her; she may be what you call a bitter bad one. Virtuous women are not plentiful enough to be picked up like withered sticks on the high-road. Well, you know my condition, and you know where to find me. I'm going now, I have a long walk before me, and I am chilled to the heart. I came here to-night to humble myself to him, to plead for the only possession I care for under heaven—the possession of my own little child; but in face of what I have seen, I dare not enter his doors, my blood is up, there would be murder done. Oh, I wonder you can want me, Jim, knowing my black heart and my bitter past."

"So do I wonder," said Jim honestly, "yet I can't help longing for you. I have loved you all my life, and somehow I think I will be that in time—not at first, perhaps, but I could be patient. You might get to care for me. Not as I do for you, of course, I can't expect that; there is, nothing in me to love, while you are proud, beautiful, and clever. Oh, my girl! I could give up all hope of winning you to see you happy and innocent in your old place as Pierce Penfold's wife."

"Hush, Jim! Why talk of that which is beyond retrieving? I should do it all over again if I could live my life afresh."

"You did love the scoundrel who led you from your duty, then, Ally?"

"Yes, God pity me! That was the worst of it, that was what made me suffer the tortments of conscience. I used to have a warm heart, and could feel impulses of good, now I am all evil. You had better not ask for that which is so worthless, it may be your lot to know the misery of a granted prayer."

The woman's great haggard eyes softened a second, and she laid her shapely hand in her cousin's.

"Poor, foolish, faithful fellow! as he pressed a kiss on it a tear blotted the earnest out."

"Why, Jim, I thought I was beyond crying for, or praying for. You are a good fellow, and deserve a better woman than I can ever be. Good-night, I would say God bless you if I was not afraid the order of things would be reversed and you cursed instead."

"Let me walk with you to the town, my girl; the way is long and dark, and I have nothing to do."

"It is pleasant enough work with only one child."

"You are very young, Miss Snow, to have had any experience. Why, you can't be twenty."

"No, I wish I was; I am only nineteen. Ally, which is it?"

Jane went away singing softly to herself, and the afternoon passed away, and the sun went down amid flame-colored clouds.

Dorothy was teaching Ally the beauty of the ever-changing sky. The sun sank like a ball of fire, and dusk crept over the earth like a mantle of silence.

Ally slipped away to see if papa had finished his business. She found him in his study sitting before a writing table reading a paper; his face was pale and troubled, and the light of the reading lamp shone full upon his haggard face.

Ally ran to him, climbed upon his knee and said:

"May I have tea with you, papa?"

"He kissed her very tenderly, then hastily writing on a sheet of paper, "Darling, does this refer to you? Send back word by Ally, yes or no," he then cut out half a column of newspaper and enclosed it, saying to Ally: "Where is Miss Snow, pet?"

"I left her in the nursery, papa; she has dressed for dinner, so I shall find her there still."

"Run then, pet, and give her this. Tell her papa wants an answer."

When Ally ran into the nursery, her pretty white frock fluttered about her, her tiny dancing feet tripping lightly over the polished floor, Dorothy stood by the fire in her black velvet dress with the jeweled cross flashing on her fair bosom.

"Here's a letter from papa, Miss Snow."

"Dorothy took it in surprise, and knelt down to read it by the light of the blazing log-fire. The printed slip fluttered down on the rug; she hastily picked it up and read it with the look of a hunted creature."

"Ally grow impatient."

"Please, Miss Snow, papa says I am to take back an answer."

Dorothy rose, pushed her hair back from her forehead like one dazed, and with a weary sigh drew it to her, saying:

"Ally, did papa look grieved or angry?"

"He looked sorry, Miss Snow, and he forgot to kiss me."

"Then run back to him, pet, and when you tell him Miss Snow says 'yes,' kiss him very kindly with your little arms around his neck."

Ally ran away to do her bidding, and found Mr. Penfold pacing the room in an agitated manner. She ran to him with outstretched arms; he picked her up tenderly, and she put her arms about his neck, saying as she kissed him:

"Miss Snow says yes, papa."

TELL-TALE AUTOMATON.

CONTRIVANCES TO PREVENT PECULATION.

Watching of Watchmen—Ingenious Mechanical Spies and Night Guards Used in Postoffices and Elsewhere.

A large part of every civilized community is always kept busily employed in watching other members of the community, in keeping guard to prevent depredation, and in putting down records to be used, possibly as evidence in future law suits. Such work is a very extensive part of every large business, and there is a constant effort to keep down the expenses of such work. The problem is always how to watch the watchmen.

Take, for instance, watchmen in the big buildings. It is necessary that they should visit every part of their buildings at frequent periods during the night in order to prevent fires getting under headway, or to discover leaks in water pipes, or to interrupt burglars. But, when the watchman is left alone in his building, who is to say whether he has faithfully performed his duty or has lain down peacefully to sleep? Now, there are a number of mechanical devices, says the New York Sun, which are arranged so that the watchman must make his rounds in order to produce a record that shall show that he has made them. The general plan of these things is to put something at each stated point which the watchman must touch in order to make the record which demonstrates his faithfulness.

One contrivance is a big clock with a dial having a lot of holes and corresponding pins. In order to push a certain pin into a certain hole the watchman must go to a certain part of the building and pull a string. If he fails to do this at a given time the absence of the pin from the holes tells the story of his remissness. There is only one way to get the pin into that hole, and that is to do his duty at the precise time required. This sort of a device has been in use for a number of years. It is purely a mechanical device.

Within the clockwork of an electrical apparatus was a paper dial, divided by radial lines and carried around by clockwork in synchronism with an hour hand in the usual manner of all electric clocks. The record of the visitations made by watchmen in patrolling the various stations was made by means of perforations in the sheet of paper by needle points attached to the prolongation of the armatures of electro-magnets connected with a circuit reaching to some one of the several stations. In order to make his record the watchman was compelled to go to a certain box and insert a key and turn it around once, thus creating a circuit to convey his record. There is no electricity in any portion of this system except at the instant when the watchman generates it by the act of turning a key at a station box. If he goes to the wrong box, or does not go at all, the clock dial has a blank to show him up.

The ingenuity of watchmen in finding out the ways to work dials without making their rounds has taxed the fertility of inventors to devise methods to prevent such dishonesty. One of these is a watch clock with a safety lock so contrived that the watchman cannot see the dial, and records any attempt to open it. There are twelve different keys securely fastened at so many different points inside or outside the building. There is a paper dial and marking apparatus inside the clock. The watchman must carry his key to the place where the key is, and there make his record by inserting the key. The apparatus punches the paper dial so as to show at what times during the night the watchman visited each station. Precautions must be taken to prevent the watchman from getting a set of keys and making all his records from one comfortable place in the building. In the same category may be placed the various contrivances for telegraphic and telephonic signals from policemen on their beats in use in this and various other cities.

The frequency of fires arising from the neglect of watchmen properly to patrol their buildings has led to the invention of various appliances for automatic fire alarms. The general plan of these is that the heat of the fire sets a mechanism in motion to ring bells. An ingenious device is one that makes the fire put itself out by releasing stop cocks that let on showers of water from reservoirs in the building. Once in a while the apparatus makes trouble by letting on a shower of water when there isn't any fire.

It often happens in business that it is necessary to record upon a document the precise time at which it was received. There is, for instance, in the postoffice, a pretense of recording on a letter the time of its receipt and delivery by means of stamps denoting the hour. But this record is never absolutely correct, as all the letters received within a certain half hour are stamped as received at the end of that half hour.

There has been, however, for several years a time stamp in use which records the actual stamp time by stamping, and it changes automatically every minute, so that the time may be recorded on papers almost as fast as ordinary printing. This time stamp was long ago urged upon the postoffice authorities as a more accurate and trustworthy means of stamping letters than the one now in use, but the postoffice authorities decided that it would be too expensive, as it involved the purchase of patented inventions. As usual, however, private enterprise has gone ahead, and various time stamps got up by different concerns are now in use for business purposes.

WHY SHE WAS HAUNTED.

A Ship Whose Cruel and Merciless Captain Had Been Murdered.

Few ships that sail out of Liverpool are regarded with more suspicion by sailors than the ship Glangarry, says the San Francisco Call.

"The ship is haunted," said one of her crew to a reporter recently, "and I wouldn't make another trip in her if I had to stay ashore all my life. There was only eight of us in a watch, yet every time we had to furl the foretop gallant-sail at night we could count from ten to fifteen men on the yard."

"Where did the extra men come from?"

"Well, I'm not what you call superstitious, but I don't mind telling you. It all lies with the captain who formerly commanded her, and whose name was Lisle. That man would 'hoodoo' the best ship that floated, and no matter what captain has charge of the Glangarry now he always has trouble with his crew. Why, on the trip from London to Sydney every seaman in the forecabin was locked in for fourteen days. The captain said it was for refusing to bend the main-sail so he fed us on bread and water until we agreed to bend the sail after dark."

"The Glangarry is a fast ship, and Captain Lisle used to drive her for all she was worth, and in consequence has lost more men than any two masters who ever had charge of a vessel. One night while on the passage from Liverpool to Baltimore he carried sail until she drove into a big sea that took twelve men off the deck at once, and every man of them was lost."

"On the next passage the foretop-gallant mast was carried away, while seven men were on the top-gallant yard furling the sail, and not a man of the seven was saved."

"That was his last trip in the Glangarry, but since that time the vessel has been haunted, and any one can prove it by going aloft after night."

"Captain Lisle carried his bad luck with him to his next ship, and he also took a Malay cook who had been with him on several voyages. The way he used to treat that cook was a caution. Not a day passed that he did not beat or kick him, and every one wondered why the man stayed with him. The cook waited and watched, and the chance he was looking for came at last."

"He was one of those men who never forgot or forgave an injury, and he only stayed with Lisle in order to get revenge. One night the ship was caught in a terrible gale on the passage out to Ragoon, and the mate ordered the Malay cook to call the captain. Lisle always locked his room door when he retired, and never moved without a pistol in his pocket, and this the cook knew. On the night in question he called Lisle as ordered, but in coming out of his cabin he was thrown against the cabin door by a sudden lurch of the ship, and dropped to the floor senseless."

"The Malay quickly perceived the opportunity for which he had been waiting, and seizing a large knife he sprang on the prostrate man like a tiger, and in an instant plunged the keen blade into his breast. Again and again he stabbed Lisle, and then ripped open the body and cut out the heart of his enemy."

"The murder was discovered by the mate, who went into the cabin to see why the captain did not turn out. The murderer was close at his heels, and, daring any one to lay a hand on him, coolly walked to the rail and jumped overboard."

"It was some time before another captain could be found to take command of the vessel, but at last a master was sent out to her, and she sailed from Ragoon, bound for London."

An Ancient Underground Town.

The Russian newspapers are reporting a singular discovery in central Asia. They say that in Russian Turkestan, on the right bank of the Amou Daria, in some rocky hills near the Bokharan town of Kurki, a number of large caves have been explored which were found to lead to an underground town built apparently before the Christian era. Enigmas and inscriptions have been found, and also designs upon gold and silver money, which lead to the belief that the town dates back to some two centuries before the birth of Christ. There are a number of streets and squares surrounded by houses two and three stories high. Urns, vases, cooking-pots, and other utensils have been found in great abundance. The symmetry of the streets and squares, and the beauty of the baked clay and metal utensils, attest the fact that the people had reached an advanced stage of civilization. It is supposed the town was concealed in the earth to give the population a refuge from the incursions of savages and robbers.—Chicago Times.

Great Fires of History.

The great fire of Moscow, which occurred in 1812, was the most gigantic conflagration of history. In it 30,800 buildings were destroyed, valued at \$450,000,000. The estimated loss in the great Chicago fire of October, 1871, was \$125,000,000. The buildings destroyed numbered 17,450. The number of buildings destroyed in the great fire in London, 1666, was 13,200, valued at about \$55,000,000. The property destroyed by the great fire in Boston, 1872, was valued at \$50,000,000. That fire burned over sixty-five acres and consumed or ruined 776 buildings of all kinds. In 1870 Constantinople had a conflagration which entailed a loss of \$25,000,000 and burned 1,000 persons and 7,000 buildings. In 1851 San Francisco lost 2,500 buildings valued at \$17,000,000. In 1852 Hamburg, Germany, had a fire which consumed 1,747 of the finest buildings in the city.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Valuable Recipes.

The girl who freckles, says the N. Y. Star, is said to be lovable, therefore any girl who freckles should not fret about it. She always does, however, and for this reason—to prevent the freckles and the fretting—Dr. Anna Kingsford once devoted a long article to the subject. I am going to make an extract or two from it, for the reason is, that a little talk of this sort is at least appropriate. To prevent summer freckles—that is, freckles caused by heat—when going out in the heat of the day, run a little cold cream on the face and wear a veil—unless you prefer the freckles; and between the latter and its remedy I believe I would prefer the freckles. Cold cream is, however, an innocent and beneficial ointment, softening and whitening the skin far better than either glycerine or vaseline. It should be composed of pure white wax, spermaceti, the best quality, almond oil and rosewater, or better still, cucumber juice. A little oxide of zinc is sometimes added to give consistency to the mixture. This makes a perfectly harmless cosmetic which can be applied to the face to remove freckles.

Many country places are beset with visitors who are apt to suffer. It is well to have a little ointment for such applications of wood lice. The wood ashes in a bag and boil a few moments. Dilute so that it will not be too harsh, yet leave it quite strong. Paint with it the afflicted parts, and in ten minutes wash off with soft tepid water and anoint with vaseline. Repeat two or three times, or till a cure is effected.

A method of whitening tarnished silver that is used by many jewelers is to immerse the article in a bath of cyanide of potassium. The strength of the solution should depend on the condition of the jewelry to be cleaned. After immersing the piece thoroughly in this liquid clean with whiting free from dust or grit.

Closes His Saloon with Prayer.

A saloon man has been found in Washington who closes his place with prayer. His application for a renewal of license having been rejected on the ground that his place bore a bad name, he appeared before a Commissioner Robert in his own behalf. In reply to the question "Do you shut up promptly at midnight?" he answered: "When ten minutes to 12 comes, I kneel down, say my prayers, and shut up."

Mrs. John E. McElroy, sister of the late President Arthur, is a quiet little home body, and lives at Albany. Her love of domesticity, her charm of manner and her beauty are still as notable as when she was the first lady of the land, presiding in the White House.

OUR OWN STATE.

NEWS FROM ALL PORTIONS OF THE TWO PENINSULAS.

A Boiler Explosion at Mayville Results in a Loss of Two Lives--A Well-Known Banker Suicides.

The Stock Breeders. The Michigan association of breeders of improved live stock held a series of interesting meetings at Lansing last week.

A Banker's Suicide. Henry Marshall Kingman, formerly cashier of the First national bank of Chicago, committed suicide at Grand Rapids last week by hanging.

AROUND THE STATE.

The Lake Shore's new depot at Grand Rapids is completed.

New ladies' literary club at Grand Haven with 94 members.

Grand Rapids' police force is nearly annihilated by the grippe.

One firm in Eaton Rapids is said to be shipping 2,500 rabbits a week.

Semi-annual meeting of the tri-state medical association at Hillsdale on the 22d.

Gov. Winans has appointed James Gallagher as county agent of Mackinac county.

Ed Gonthro, charged with the murder of Jacob Kilan at Escoda in August last, has been acquitted.

Over 50,000,000 feet of hemlock logs will be cut up by the mills in the Saginaw valley next season.

Chief of Police Winney closed every gambling den in Jackson and says he will keep them closed too.

With a force of 1,000 men the Ludington mine at Iron Mountain is able to hoist 2,000 tons of ore daily.

The new railroad between Charlevoix and Petoskey is completed, but trains will not be run until spring.

Hillsdale college needs a new conservatory of music and plans have been drawn for a \$20,000 structure.

Charles Sharbineau has been arrested by Cheboygan, charged with assisting in the murder of James Kemp.

Stephen Valentino, aged and respected citizen of Escanaba, was found dead in his bed; cause, heart failure.

Crude oil shows up quite plentifully in Manistee's salt wells and an attempt will be made to secure more of it.

Prof. P. Harwood, of Ravenna, O., may become professor of agriculture at the Michigan agricultural college.

Joseph Cariban is under arrest at Lodi, charged with making a criminal assault upon his wife's sister, aged 16.

William Dishman, pumpman at the Iron Belt mine, at Ironwood, fell down a shaft and was instantly killed.

The Michigan state teachers' association will hold its 41st annual meeting in Grand Rapids December 28, 29 and 30.

Gerard Louhrs, justice of the peace of Montague, has caused the arrest of Village Marshal Duran for slander.

Hubbard H. Church's grocery at Bay City was damaged \$1,000 worth by fire; insurance sufficient to cover loss.

Rev. David C. Howell, new state superintendent of Presbyterian missions, will take up his residence at Lansing.

Frank Purchase accidentally ran a pitchfork into his son's eye at Stanton, the sight of the organ being destroyed.

George E. Miller, whose relatives are all good people, is under arrest at Brighton, charged with stealing wheat and beans.

The tug F. M. Merick is at Grand Haven and will attempt to keep the harbor channel open during the winter.

Mrs. Sarah Peterson, of Muskegon, is suing Matthew Roman, a saloonist, for \$5,000 because he sold liquor to her son Samuel.

J. V. Brown and W. A. Burdick, of Galesburg, are making preparations for rebuilding their stores which were burned last month.

Mrs. John Marks, of Charlotte, gave birth to triplets. The mother and two of the babes are doing well but the third child has died.

Mrs. John VanDyke, pioneer of Holland, aged 84, has died of the grip. A number of cases of the disease are reported in Ottawa county.

Capt. Matthews, of the Frankfort life saving station, has been held on a charge of committing a murderous assault upon one of his crew.

Mason is in darkness. Its contract with an electric light company has expired and the aldermen refuse to renew it at the old price, which is \$79 per lamp.

Jacobus F. Dyle, capitalist of Grand Rapids, aged 75, was wedded to Mrs. Anna Beucirles, aged 69, at the residence of the bride in the town of Holland.

The fourth-class postmasters of the state hold a convention at Hillsdale on the 15th for the purpose of taking preliminary steps to a request for larger salaries.

Ho--"Are you sure I am the only man you ever really and truly loved?" She--"Perfectly sure. I went over the whole list only yesterday."--New York Weekly

Hoffman Howes--"Ah, I say, have you any English books on cricket?" Deacon--"No; nothing except Dickens' 'Cricket on the Heath.'" Hoffman Howes--"Well, give me that."--Puck.

Rev. F. J. Chase, for four years pastor of the Second Universalist church of Rochester, N. Y., will succeed Rev. S. H. Roblin in the Universalist pulpit of Bay City.

Dr. W. H. Cooper, of Manistee, who has been practicing dentistry at Ontonagon, has been arrested, charged with obtaining money and goods under false pretenses.

Lewis Crew, the Stanton man accused of outrageously assaulting his stepdaughter, Rosa Kirby, has been convicted and taken to the reformatory to serve a five years' term.

Silas Kent, of Greenville, disappeared in January last. His skeleton has just been found by some hunters in Cato township, Montcalm county. It is believed he was murdered.

James Schermerhorn, Flint & Pere Marquette railway brakeman, slipped at Reed City and fell under the wheels. His right arm was crushed and amputation was necessary.

Charles Hackley, Muskegon philanthropist, has asked his fellow townsmen to abandon their plan of erecting a \$10,000 bronze statue to his memory. They will respect his wishes.

The new Fifth regiment of state troops has elected the following officers: Colonel, F. D. Lyon, of Calumet; lieutenant-colonel, J. R. Bennett, of Muskegon; major, E. H. Russell, of Marquette.

Bertie Ford and the Whiting boy, who mysteriously disappeared from near Hart two weeks ago, have returned home with the father of young Ford. They were found in a hotel at Belvidere, Ill.

Grand Rapids people have not given up the idea of a large steel steamer to navigate Grand river. One is now promised that will carry 800 passengers, and that will draw but three feet of water.

Mr. Arnold, of the once famous Hull & Arnold "quadriple band," is now living in Constantine and is over 80 years old. Mr. Hull died in 1854. Their band was organized in Constantine in December, 1837.

W. H. Bridges, of Bay City, solicited a donation from Capt. John Powell for the Masonic fair. Powell came in from his farm and brought two lively black pigs which he turned loose in Capt. Bridges' office.

George Patchen, living three miles west of Colon, while doing work in the barn jumped from a hay mow. He struck astride a small door, injuring him so severely that he is now in a critical condition.

The old and mean trick of tripping up a person by thrusting out a foot has another victim. Little Nellie De Hause, of South Grand Rapids, had a shoulder dislocated and received other injuries by getting a fall in that way.

John Roup has been convicted in the Kent circuit court of altering tax receipts. He was marshal of Cedar Springs and raised 24 tax receipts \$1 each and pocketed the proceeds. He is an old man and a life-long democrat.

The badly cut up remains of a man were found near the depot at Escore. He had been run over and killed sometime in the night. He was identified as Charles Sanchez, a farmer living about three miles west of the village.

Five years old Garrett Weimer, of Marquette, pulled a sled that had been placed leaning against a barn down upon him and was instantly killed. His younger brother was also caught under a runner and sustained a broken leg.

Mrs. Martin, of St. Ignace, is the oldest woman in Michigan, being 103 years old. She is still smart and recently traveled from St. Ignace to DePere, Wis. She was born in Green Bay and has not visited her birthplace in 90 years.

The railroad gas factory at Jemison is being operated again upon a small scale and the large plant that flourished with much blare and red fire for only a few short weeks will try to make a go of it under a more conservative management.

A newly born babe was discovered alive in an outhouse at Escanaba. The mother proved to be a domestic and was about her work as usual. She claims a man in a woman's camp, near Metropolitan, is his father, and officers are in search of him.

Muskegon's shipments for the season were as follows: Lumber, 234,985,000 feet; hulk, 13,777,000; shingles, 2,469,000. The number of vessels entering and clearing were, 2,887, the aggregate tonnage being 706,837, an increase over last year of about 70,000 tons.

A building in course of construction by the German workmen's benevolent society, of Battle Creek, collapsed owing to a poor foundation. The timbers pierced the adjoining residence and the family barely escaped with their lives. No one was injured. The loss is fully \$0,000.

Some wreckage, including flour, crackers and other jettisoned freight was picked up in the vicinity of Hammond's bay last week. This gave rise to rumors that a steamer was ashore below Cheboygan light but such was not the case. Where the wreckage came from, however, is a mystery.

Fred Lawton, elevator man in the Sheppard building at Grand Rapids, was fatally crushed in a peculiar manner. He stepped out of the cage to talk with a friend without stopping the machine. He saw it rise and tried to jump back but was caught across the abdomen. He is 26 years old and has a family.

Dr. John P. Mason, health officer, reported to the state board of health that he has fully investigated and that there is no truth in the newspaper report that there was a case of leprosy at Houghton. The false report started in a joking or evasive reply by a physician to a question as to what ailed his patient at a laundry.

A boy named Charles Du Frane, a waif 15 years of age, is in the county hospital at Homer with a terrible wound in his left thigh. Although he was ragged and unkempt he carried a cheap revolver, and this was discharged in his pocket. The ball ploughing down toward his knee, cannot be found by the doctors and he may die.

In the center of a saw log 33 inches in diameter, that was found at Moore, Mich., was an Indian tomahawk. It is six inches in length and has a blade of roughly forged iron about two and a half inches long. The solid timber over the head of the tomahawk was ten inches in thickness. It is estimated that it has been in the tree two centuries.

The total salt product of Michigan for the year ending November 30 last was 2,966,784 barrels. The receipts of the state salt office for the year were \$11,783 01, and the expenditures \$9,488 48, leaving a balance of \$2,294 53. For the first year in the history of salt manufacture the Saginaw district takes second place, Manistee going to the front.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

SCENES, INCIDENTS AND NEWS OF INTEREST TO MANY.

Senator Sherman and His Country's Flag.--Sherman Gallinger and the Public Service.

GOOD FOR GALLINGER. Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, has introduced a bill which provides that every head of every department, bureau and division of the government, and all persons having charge in any department, bureau or division of the government shall forthwith dismiss from the public service all persons employed in or about any such department, bureau or division in any way connected with the army, navy or United States by nativity, or by having fully completed their naturalization by due form and process of law; that hereafter no person shall be appointed to or hold office or place in the service of the government who is not a citizen of the United States by nativity or who has not fully completed his naturalization by due form and process of law.

SEASON'S EVENTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. The President has announced the program of the social events at the white house as follows: Friday, January 1, the President's reception; Saturday, January 9--Mrs. Harrison's reception; Thursday, January 14--Diplomatic reception; Thursday, January 21--Cabinet dinner; Saturday, January 23--Mrs. Harrison's reception; Thursday, January 28--Congressional and judicial reception; Thursday, February 6--Diplomatic dinner; Saturday, February 8--Mrs. Harrison's reception; Thursday, February 11--Army, navy and marine corps reception; Thursday, February 18--Supreme Court dinner; Saturday, February 20--Mrs. Harrison's reception; Thursday, February 25--Public reception.

SHERMAN AND OUR FLAG. Senator Sherman's flag bill authorizes the quartermaster-general of the army to sell for cash to G. A. R. posts and citizens of the United States flags of the pattern prescribed by the army regulations, and to fix at the same they cost; the government, the object being to promote and encourage the display of the flag. The bill further provides that any person found guilty of printing, painting or affixing to any flag anything tending to bring the government into contempt, shall be guilty of misdemeanor and subject to a fine and imprisonment.

Capitol City Gossip. Congressman Whiting has recovered from his recent illness.

Senator Washburn is hot on the trail of dealers in "options" and "futures" and has introduced a bill for taxing such.

Ex-Rep. J. E. Baker, of Indiana, has been appointed judge of the court of claims vice Judge Schofield, retired.

House Clerk Kerr has appointed F. H. Hosford, of his Washington correspondence of the Detroit Free Press, as tally clerk.

Senator Stockbridge has introduced a bill increasing the compensation of inspectors of bulls and boilers along the great lakes.

In the committee assignments of the democratic caucus committee Senators Kyle and Irby, alliance men, were treated as democrats.

Harry H. Smith, of Michigan, who has held the position of journal clerk of the house for 16 years has been superseded by N. T. Crutcher, of Kentucky.

The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Stephen E. Elkins, of West Virginia, to be secretary of war.

The nomination was referred to the committee on military affairs.

Speaker Crisp has announced the appointment of Messrs. McMillin, of Tennessee; Catchings, of Mississippi; Reed, of Maine; and Burrows, of Michigan, as the committee on rules, of which the speaker himself is chairman.

Senator McMillan has introduced a bill to establish the northern judicial district of Michigan, to be made up of the peninsular counties. A judge, marshal and district attorney are to be appointed for service in this district, court to be held in Marquette in December and June of each year.

The president has sent to the senate the following nominations: To be circuit court judges, William L. Putnam, of Maine, for the first judicial circuit; Nathaniel Shipman, of Connecticut, for the second; Gen. M. Dallas, of Pennsylvania, third; Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, fourth; William H. Taft, of Ohio, sixth; William A. Woods, of Indiana, seventh; Warren T. Tamm, of Oregon, United States district judge for the district of Alaska.

There will be a big excursion of members of congress from Washington to Chicago to see the preparations for the world's fair, the trip will be made on Washington's birthday. Chicago wants to see congress, and as Chicago cannot go to Washington for that purpose the only thing that could be done was to invite congress out to Chicago. That will enable Chicago to see congress and will also afford Congress an opportunity to see Chicago.

Senator Allison introduced a bill in the senate granting a pension to Gen. George W. Jones, the last delegate in congress from Michigan Territory. The bill authorizes the secretary to place his name on the pension roll on account of services as a drummer boy in the volunteer company of Capt. William Lynn at St. Genevieve, Mo., in 1814, and also on account of services as aide-de-camp to Gen. Henry Dodge in the Black Hawk war of 1832.

The state department announced the conclusion of a satisfactory reciprocity treaty with the British West Indies and British Guiana. The arrangement includes Jamaica, Barbadoes, Trinidad and the Leeward islands, and goes into effect January 1. These countries will greatly enlarge their free list, and will make large reductions to agricultural and other American products in consideration of the free entry of coffee and sugar. Last year we imported \$18,190,000 from these countries and exported to them \$10,300,000.

Myron H. Ellis, of Michigan, has been sworn in as an assistant doorkeeper of the house. This is the first appointment given to Michigan by Doorkeeper Charles L. Turner. He will have charge of the seal room.

Squandered Peter's Pence. Mgr. Folchi, of Rome, has been deposed by the pope from the vice chancellery of the apostolic chamber, owing to faults of administration. Mgr. Folchi was one of the administrators of St. Peter's pence, and in July last he was removed from that position on account of the losses sustained by that fund, and because of the imprudent investments and loans which had been made under the administration.

GOPER SLIPPED.

The Secretary of State Resigns Upon the Urgent Request of Gov. Winans.

Daniel E. Soper, the debonair secretary of state, under the present administration, has been brought up with a short turn by Gov. Winans. For some time past rumors of pending trouble in that department have been quietly circulated at Lansing, so many were not astonished when it was announced that Gov. Winans had asked Mr. Soper to step down and out immediately. The charges were brought against Soper by Mayor Johnson, of Lansing, and include the disposal of property belonging to the state, purchasing unnecessary supplies, demanding a portion of the salary of Louis E. Rowley, assistant secretary of state, to be paid to him, and corruptly appropriated state funds to himself. When summoned to appear before the governor, Soper acknowledged his guilt and said he would tender his resignation to take effect on January 1. He was informed that it must be given at once to take immediate effect and the consequence now is Mr. Daniel E. Soper, erstwhile social lion of the capital city, is now out of a job. Many who have watched his career express the opinion that Mr. Soper's private life was a trifle rapid for safety.

China Won't be at the Big Show.

The Chinese empire has officially notified the state department that it will take no part in the world's fair. The emperor's grounds for declining to send an exhibit are that the United States has discriminated against the citizens of the empire, and that Chinese could not come to the exposition without being put in the humiliating attitude of needing a special passport, to be granted by the senate of congress. No objection is raised to Chinese merchants already in the United States participating in the exposition, but China as a country refuses to take any part whatever in the fair. The result of the Chinese negotiations, which were carried on through Minister Denby, have been wired to Director General Davis.

For Russia's Starving Peasants.

The movement originated by the North-western Millers of Minneapolis, to send a shipment of flour from the millers of the United States to the starving Russian peasants is being heartily endorsed by flourmakers in all sections of the country. The flour mills of Akron, Ohio, have contributed 24,500 pounds to the cargo; the southern Indiana millers' association, 23,000 pounds; the mills of Topeka, 50,000 pounds; and the millers of Duluth, 32,000 pounds; the mills of New Ulm, Minn., 16,000 pounds; the North Dakota millers' association, 50,000 pounds. Individual millers from every part of the country are responding generously, and the total amount so far promised exceeds 700,000 pounds.

Federation of Labor.

President Gompers in calling together the meeting of the federation of labor, at Birmingham, Ala., said that it was the largest convention in the history of the organization. The object is to negotiate directly with eastern capitalists for the necessary amount for defraying farm mortgages indebtedness without the assistance of the middlemen. McGrath wanted the alliance as a state organization to take hold of the scheme, and stated in an interview that it was high time the alliance was building up a credit for itself and giving the lie to the charge that it was an association of calamity howlers. The company will obtain securities by forming a fund of the effects, personal and real, of its members.

Child Burned to Death.

Mrs. Peter Neitz, of Kalamazoo, left her three-year-old daughter in the house to go to a neighbor's. When she returned she found the body of her child lying in the yard and burned to a crisp. The child had been playing with fire in the house and her clothing igniting she ran out but was overcome before help arrived or any one heard her cries.

Movant Wants Reciprocity.

In an open letter to Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Oliver Movant, premier of Ontario, discusses annexation and reciprocity. He declares that the time is not ripe for national independence, and gives many reasons against political union with the United States, but believes that unrestricted reciprocity is desirable.

MEN AND THINGS.

The pope says the Catholic journals must not attack the French government.

New York dry goods men want their state represented \$500,000 worth at the big fair.

Three killed, and seven wounded in a railroad collision. This time at Anderson, W. Va.

Congressman Wilson, of West Virginia, has been made president of Richmond university.

The Jewish relief committee at Berlin has reached the bottom of its pile and wants public help.

A brewery collapsed at Pinnaburg, Prussia, and 15 of the 28 workmen caught in the fall were killed.

Charles Lomax, colored, and Policeman Miller exchanged shots at Washington, D. C. Lomax was killed.

Three robbers made a \$500 haul in a Minneapolis jewelry store, but the swag was soon hauled back again.

Lieut. Gov. Angiers, of Quebec, has dismissed the local cabinet and called upon Mr. Debourcheville to form a new one.

The \$20,000 worth of diamonds stolen Nov. 20, at Dayton, O., from R. E. Krainig, a salesman from Herman Keck & Co., has been recovered and the thieves arrested.

George James, an actor who was injured at the recent rear end collision on the Lake Shore railroad at Toledo, has died. This is the tenth death from this accident.

Milwaukee has raised a guarantee fund of \$100,000 for the democratic national convention, and a carload of beer will be sent to Washington for free distribution during the session of the national committee.

The volcano of Colima, in Mexico, continues active. The government has ordered that villages adjacent to the mountain be abandoned as it is feared they will be the fate of Pompeii.

It is stated at New York that the famous case of the Adams express company against ex-President Hoey will be settled out of court. The terms of the compromise will involve the return of \$500,000 to the company by Mr. Hoey.

Edward Brown quarreled with his wife in Hannibal, Mo., because she was intoxicated, and shot her. The next day the woman gave birth to a dead child, the pistol ball having passed through its head. Later the woman died, and Brown is in jail.

NO MORE WAR.

CHURCHES ALLIED TO SECURE AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

Colored Emigrants to Liberia Return in Great Poverty.--Tramps Murder Four Helpless People.

For International Arbitration.

A conference of delegates from various Christian churches of the United States that have accepted the overture and petition in favor of international arbitration emanating from the general assembly of the southern Presbyterian church, was held in New York city, delegates from the northern and southern Presbyterian churches, from the Virginia, North Carolina, Illinois, Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Georgia, Nebraska, South Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and from the United Presbyterian and Reformed Episcopal churches were present. The petition, or overture, which was read to the meeting proposes an address to the several governments of the Christian nations of the world advocating the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means. A committee on correspondence was appointed to take means to secure the co-operation of every Christian denomination. It was also agreed to hold a conference in Chicago during the world's fair. The petition will be printed in the language of each country to whose government it is sent.

Highwaymen Bold.

A Chicago special dated the 15th says: Jesse James' exploits were outdone to-night in Chicago. On one of the leading thoroughfares five highwaymen suddenly surrounded one of Uncle Sam's biggest mail wagons and at revolver point forced the postal employes to throw out several sacks. The bulky government vehicle was then sent flying on its journey, the occupants being threatened with instant death if they made outcry. So complete was the surprise effected by the bandits that the mail drivers failed to utilize the services of a large bulldog which was beside them on their seat. Near midnight the stolen mail-sacks, slit open and rifled of their content, were found on Superior street, in the north division of the city, fully three miles from the scene of the robbery. At that hour every available man of the city detective force and the post-office inspector's staff were straining every nerve to obtain a clue to the identity of the highwaymen or their whereabouts.

The Alliance's Latest Scheme.

The Kansas alliance co-operative mortgage association, capital stock \$1,000,000, was organized at Topeka as the central figure in the latest alliance enterprise. The charter has been filed with the secretary of state at Topeka, and business will commence with the new year. The scheme of co-operation, which is to rid the world of the ruinous system of competition, will be applied to the payment of mortgage indebtedness. Its object is to negotiate directly with eastern capitalists for the necessary amount for defraying farm mortgages indebtedness without the assistance of the middlemen. McGrath wanted the alliance as a state organization to take hold of the scheme, and stated in an interview that it was high time the alliance was building up a credit for itself and giving the lie to the charge that it was an association of calamity howlers. The company will obtain securities by forming a fund of the effects, personal and real, of its members.

Reservation Lands Illegally Opened.

Regarding the action of the attorney-general in declaring half-breeds not legally Indians the following special from Pierre, S. D., shows that serious trouble may result. The act of congress which gave the president power to declare the Sioux reservation of 11,000,000 acres open to settlement stipulated that two-thirds of the Sioux Indians must give their consent before it could be done. The half-breed Indians now claim that if the decision is upheld declaring them not Indians, then the necessary number of names were not secured by the commissioners, and the reservation was never legally opened. A large number of filings on Indian allotments were made before the land office. No blood has yet been shed, although it is reported that some squaw-men have run the whites off from their claims with guns. Two islands in the river opposite Pierre have been gobbled up by a number of whites. They are considered very valuable.

Liberia a Barren Land.

Among the steerage passengers arrived in New York by the steamship Dania, are two families of colored people from Liberia. They consist of Moses and Warno Davis, brothers, and their families, consisting in all of 11 persons, six of whom are children. The latter were scarcely any clothing, while that on the women was tattered and scant. Until May of last year the brothers were well-to-do farmers in Gallinesville, Ga. Hearing of Liberia's excellent prospects for their race in Liberia, they sold everything they owned and traveled to Monrovia, in Liberia. Their money dwindled and their families almost starved. There was no work and the much-lauded farming opportunities were a myth. Things became so bad that Warno wrote to friends who assisted the brothers to return to this country.

A Woman in Jail 50 Times.

Mrs. Sophie Rompt, a middle-aged woman, who is at present serving about her 50th term in the county jail, in Paterson, N. J., for drunkenness, has just received word from her relatives in Germany that her father has died, leaving \$10,000, \$8,000 more of which will come to her. Mrs. Rompt is the wife of a locksmith and her parents are said to have held a high social position in Germany.

The Grip in Philadelphia.

The ravages of the grip in Philadelphia are most severe at the Home for aged women. Out of 100 inmates, 39 are prostrated with the disease, 10 have died within five days, and Elizabeth McCaw, aged 81 year, white crazed with the malady, cut her throat, dying shortly afterwards.

Mayes, the chief of the Cherokee nation, has died at Talequah, I. T. The assistant chief is said to be dangerously ill.

Counterfeit silver money in various denominations to the amount of \$600 was uncovered by well diggers near La Grange, Ind. It is supposed to be the work of the Bloomfield gang of counterfeiters arrested six weeks ago.

Rev. J. Parker, of Sherman, Tex., a member of the North Texas conference, was arrested at Dallas, Tex., charged with pension fraud and forgery. In one of the cases a woman has been drawing \$23 a month from the government for the past ten years.

ACCURSED RUSSIA.

Affliction Upon Affliction Fall on the Unfortunate Population.

To the horrors of famine in Russia have been added smallpox, which is carrying off large numbers of the impoverished people, who, in their weakened condition, fall a ready prey to the disease. No mention of the existence of smallpox is made by the newspapers. This is due to secret instructions issued by the police ordering the newspapers to ignore the famine and epidemic of smallpox. In two small villages of the government of Riazan, 200 persons are down with the loathsome disease and 50 deaths have already occurred. Smallpox is also ravaging the provinces of Viatska, Samara, Khar'kov, Vladimir, Kursk, Orenburg, Peterhoff and Saratoff. In addition to this visit of smallpox, typhus fever is carrying off numerous victims in various provinces. On the whole, a more gloomy outlook could not be well imagined, and although the few doctors scattered through the country are doing their utmost to stay the disease their efforts are almost useless. The people have reached a stage where they think it useless to fight against any affliction sent to them, and consequently many who might recover had they any energy or will power, lie down and succumb to disease without making a single effort in their own behalf. Many, too, prefer death from disease to suffering the slow torture of death from starvation.

Railroad Accidents.

One man on the Chicago express, which crashed into a way freight engine near Newburg, N. Y., was killed and 11 others injured, one so badly that he will die. The man who was killed was Fireman Joseph Smith, of East Albany, James Kelly, engineer, was fatally injured.

A collision occurred on the Chesapeake & Ohio near Alderson, W. Va., between a passenger train which left this city and a freight. A brakeman, fireman and mail clerk were killed and three tramen injured.

A frightful wreck occurred two miles east of Lima, O., on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago road by which three persons were killed and forty injured. It was the westbound Columbian express that suffered by a most peculiar accident. The train was running fast to make up lost time, and on approaching switch work a freight train was standing. A rail broke apparently after a part of the train had passed over it. The dining car left the track and struck the freight engine. The sleeping car left the track and struck the freight engine. The sleeping car Delphos was wrecked but the crew, the Arden was lying on its side in the ditch.

A freight train ran into the depot at Acconington, Lancashire, England, wrecking the building and burying a number of people. One dead body has been taken from the ruins.

A wreck occurred on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad at Dudley, Ia., and Engineer Welch and Fireman McGovern were instantly killed.

The shareholders of the defunct Metropolitan national bank, of Cincinnati, have sued the officers and directors for \$1,000,000.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various commodities like CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, LAMBS, etc. in Detroit.

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MR. BUMPAS, having grown weary of the time-worn custom of sneaking in at the back door on Christmas eve, after the children had retired for the night, leaving their largest and most elastic hostility suspended from nails around the fireplace, and seeking to relieve the monotony of filling the hosiery aforesaid with the indigestible and hard-shelled reproductive contrivances of trees indigenous to the equatorial regions, together with varicolored fish, birds and other zoological monstrosities constructed from candy by gifted foreign confectioners, hit upon an original method of conducting the proceedings.

He conceived the happy idea of dressing himself to personate Santa Claus and then coming down the chimney and filling the stockings, while the children, under the supervision of their maternal parent, viewed the ceremony through the half-open door, deluded into believing that they were witnessing a genuine visit from old St. Nick himself.

Accordingly, he let his wife into the secret, and betook himself to the house-top with a two bushel bag filled with the wonderful productions of fairyland. The first intimation the breathless watchers below had that Santa Claus was about to make his appearance was the sudden descent of a toy horse with flowing mane and waving tail, but with three of its legs in a sadly dilapidated condition, and with its back irrevocably broken by reason of its having defied the laws of gravity in effecting its descent.

It was followed by a cow that might, at some time in the remote past, have had a "crumpled horn," but which had probably been left behind in a fit of absent-mindedness, together with that portion of the animal's body about the shoulders-blades.

Then came a perfect avalanche of small animals, such as sheep, pigs, dogs, cats and other representatives of domestic zoology; and, as though nature had had an eye to their bodily comfort, miniature barns, cowsheds, pigpens and other outbuildings came tumbling after them in great profusion, together with vast quantities of provisions in the shape of candy pumpkins, corn, popcorn balls, etc., etc.

Then there was a sound like unto the blowing off of steam from a locomotive—a sort of cross between a yell and a screech—with a terrific scratching and clawing, during the progress of which immense quantities of soot rolled forth



THE COOK THEN TURNED ON THE HOSE from the fire-place and spread out over the handsome carpet

Suddenly a pair of very fat legs appeared in the opening, the body of the owner being entirely out of sight. The feet belonging thereto switching about in all directions with marvellous energy. The pantaloon designed to cover the legs were drawn up so far that several inches of soot-begrimed cuticle flashed before the eyes of the astonished children.

Santa Claus appeared to have stuck fast in the throat of the chimney, and, despite his admirable manipulation of his lower extremities, could advance no further.

"O Lord! I'm choking! Somebody help me, quick! Why don't you fly around lively!" shrieked the unfortunate man.

The unusual noise brought the cook from the kitchen. She knew nothing of the St. Nicholas programme, and seeing the half nude legs of her employer dangling from the chimney, supposed they belonged to a burglar and called in the family dog. He evidently took the rapidly-oscillating pedal extremities for some hybrid nocturnal monster with two heads, for he seized the calf of one of the legs with his teeth and added his suppressed growls to the registrations of his imprisoned master.

The cook then turned on the hose, and yelling "fire!" at the top of her voice, gave the amateur Santa Claus a drenching with cold water.

By the time Bumpas' wife had succeeded in inducing the cook to refrain from her target practice the room was in a very moist and melancholy condition, and when, by their united efforts, they drew the bedraggled and half suffocated head of the Bumpas family from the fireplace, he was a sight to inspire pity in the heart of a mummy.

His wife says that she does not anticipate a repetition of the experiment another Christmas, but rather inclines to the belief that Mr. Bumpas will dispense his holiday gifts in the old-fashioned way, which he seems to think is good enough after all.—Col. Max Scudder.

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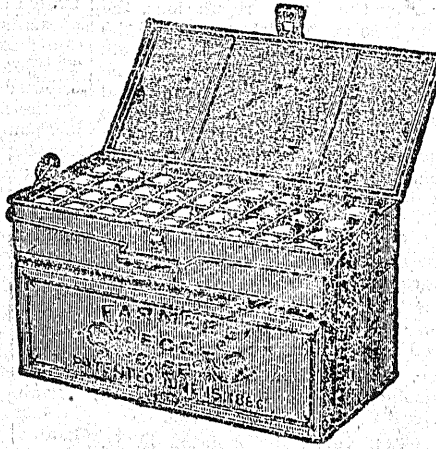
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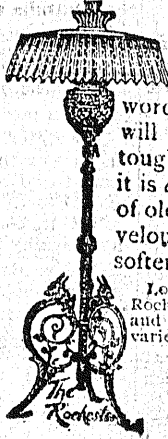
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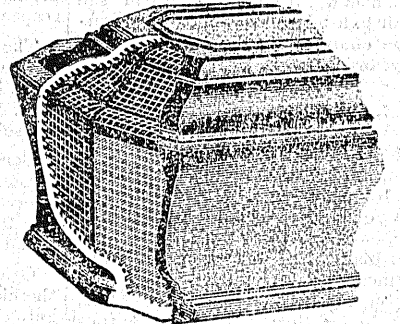


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The official analysis by the United States and Canadian governments have therefore been studied with interest and have pretty clearly established the facts upon the subject. The United States government report gives the names of eighteen well-known powders, some of them advertised as pure cream of tartar baking powders, that contain alum.

The report shows that the Royal baking powders were found the highest in leavening strength, involving 160 cubic inches of gas per single ounce of powder. There was eight other brands of cream of tartar powders tested and their average strength was 111.5 cubic inches of gas per ounce of powder.

The Canadian government investigation were of a still larger number of powders. The Royal baking powder was here also shown the purest and highest in strength, containing 129.32 cubic inches of leavening gas per ounce of powder. Nine other cream of tartar powders were tested, their average strength reported to be eighty-nine cubic inches of gas per ounce.

These figures are very instructive to the practical housekeeper. They indicate that the Royal baking powder goes more than 83 per cent further in use than the others, or is one-third more economical. Still more important than this, however, they prove this popular article has been brought to the highest degree of purity—for to its superlative purity this superiority in strength is due—and consequently that by its use we may be insured the purest and most wholesome food.

The powders of lower strength are found to leave large amounts of inert matters in the food. This fact is emphasized by the report of the Ohio State Food Commissioners, who, while finding the Royal practically pure, found no other powder to contain less than 10 per cent of foreign matters.

The public interest in this question has likewise caused to be made investigations by our local authority. Prof. W. S. Haines, of Kean Medical College, consulting chemist of the Chicago Board of Health, has found results similar to those reported by the national and Canadian authorities. Dr. Haines says:

RESEARCH MEDICAL COLLEGE, CHICAGO, Ill.
I have recently obtained samples of the chief baking powders in the market, and have subjected them to careful chemical examination to determine their purity, wholesomeness and leavening power. As the results of my tests I find the Royal Baking Powder superior to all the others in every respect. It is entirely free from all adulteration and wholesome impurity, and in baking it gives off a greater volume of leavening gas than any other powder. It is, therefore, not only the purest, but also the strongest powder with which I am acquainted.

WALTER S. HAINES, M. D.,
Consulting Chemist, Chicago Board of Health.
The statistics show that there is used in the manufacture of the Royal Baking powder more than half of all the cream of tartar consumed in the United States for purposes. The wonderful sale thus indicated for the Royal Baking powder—greater than that of all other baking powders combined—is, perhaps, even a higher evidence than that all ready quoted of the superiority of this article, and of its indispensableness to modern cookery.

A farmer living near Bloomington has a whip which he picked up cheap at an auction sale. He has been offered one hundred dollars for it many times, but refuses to part with it. It has a very thick and rather clumsy stock of solid ivory, which weighs nearly seven pounds. From indistinct marks on it, resembling a date, it is thought the whip was made in 1784 or about then. It was probably brought from England. A curious whip that carried off prizes at the first London and Paris exposition is now in New York. It is to be exhibited at the world's fair.

OWENDALE.

Thomas Hall is going to reside at the county seat, at an early date.

Rea Grubs has leased R. Ballagh's farm in Grant for the next year.

C. S. Graves made a business trip to Gagetown between trains on Saturday last.

H. Hager and Mr. Stagg, visited Gagetown Friday evening between trains.

H. Hager, our enterprising merchant, occupies his spare moments in game hunting.

Joseph Rivers has the contract of siding the residence of James McKinnon, east of Creel.

A series of meetings will start in the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening after New Years.

James Henderson returned home from the woods on Tuesday last. He talks of returning soon.

Samuel Good has sold his handsome spotted yearling colt to Thomas Davidson, of the east Town Lane.

Charley Crawford was in the vicinity of Cass City the past week completing a large job of plastering.

There will be a Christmas tree in the Presbyterian Church on Xmas Eve. A large time is anticipated.

A surprise party at the residence of Sam Seacey last Tuesday night. A pleasant time was spent by all present.

Jethro Ross has just completed a fine large hog pen on the big farm of Mr. Owen, at this place. D. Calvert superintended the job.

Schwarder Bros. were in this part the past week and purchased a number of cattle from I. Robinson, A. McDonaid and R. Ballagh.

Maggie Ballagh took the evening train Tuesday at this point for an extended visit with friends in Huron and Bruce counties, Ontario.

How is it that cattle dealers from out side can purchase stock and pay bigger prices than home dealers? Such is the case recently in this locality.

R. Ballagh employs his spare moments in drawing wood to his feed mill east of town. He gets the necessary fuel from J. D. Owen, of this place.

Rev. Packer now occupies the residence on the Aldridge farm and Mr. Withrow, of Grant, occupies the one lately vacated by him on High street.

Treasurer Congrove reports the taxes moving in rather slow, with numerous complaints of a very heavy ditch tax by some in the western part of the town.

Hugh Crawford has purchased the forty joining his own from Adam Davidson the past week, and Adam will now indulge in a more extensive stock of farming in the near future.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Piles, Swelling, Itching, Ringworm, Poisoned Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Scalds, Burns, Scald-head, Itch, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is returned to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Fritz Bros.

What Makes a Beautiful Woman.
ELKHART, IND., Jan. 1st, 1891.
Dullman's Great German Medicine Co.
My daughter has been afflicted with Female troubles for over three years. I have paid out over \$750 in vain trying to find relief for her.

A lady friend advised me to secure a bottle of Dullman's Great German Female Uterine Tonic and she has been completely cured by it. We give it a fair trial and the results were wonderful. We cannot recommend it too highly to all ladies who are afflicted.
BENJAMIN GRANGER.
For sale by Fritz Bros.

Read Carefully.
Messrs. Dullman Bros.—Gentlemen,
For over four years I have been afflicted with an eruption of the skin, which became very troublesome and I could get no relief. I was troubled very badly with constipation, which nothing I tried gave any permanent relief until I took Dullman's Great German Blood, Liver and Kidney Tonic and she has been completely cured by it. We give it a fair trial and the results were wonderful. We cannot recommend it too highly to all ladies who are afflicted.
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Consumption Cured.
An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Try Dullman's Great German 25 cent Cough Cure at Fritz Bros.

LEGAL NOTICES.

PROBATE SALE.
In the matter of the estate of Elsie M. Murphy and Edward W. Murphy, minors.
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned, guardian of the estate of said Elsie M. Murphy and Edward W. Murphy by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the county of Huron, on the second day of February, A. D. 1891, there will be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the premises hereinafter described, in Elkland township in the county of Tuscola, in said State, on Saturday, the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1892, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the following described real estate, to wit: An undivided one-third (1/3) interest of the southeast quarter of section two, township fourteen north of range eleven east.
Dated, November 20th, 1891.
WILLIAM H. MURPHY,
Guardian of the Estate of Elsie M. Murphy and Edward W. Murphy minors.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a certain Mortgage bearing date the sixth day of December, A. D. 1887, executed by Edward S. Matt, a single man, of Ellington, Tuscola county, Michigan, to Alta Brown, of Cass City, Michigan, and whereas said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, of the county of Tuscola in Liber 42 mortgages on page 301, and whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of six hundred and twenty-seven dollars and sixty cents, (\$627.60) as principal and interest, and whereas the said Edward S. Matt, to the aforesaid Alta Brown and was recorded in the Register of Deeds' office in the county of Tuscola, in Liber 39 of mortgages on page 320, on the ninth day of January, A. D. 1891, at half past two in the afternoon of said day; and whereas the amount claimed to be due on the last mentioned mortgage, at the date of this notice is the sum of three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty cents, (\$333.30) as principal and interest, and the further sum of thirty dollars as an attorney's fees and costs, and whereas the said mortgages have been duly assigned by Orin Poppleton, of Cass City, Michigan, to the undersigned, by assignment bearing date the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1887, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, of the said county of Tuscola on the 4th day of September, A. D. 1891, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day in Liber 73 of mortgages on page 131 and the sum of the debts now remaining secured by said mortgages or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgages have become operative. Now therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the aforesaid mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Court House, in the village of Cass, in the County of Tuscola, that being the place of holding the Court for said county, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D. 1891, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day to satisfy the debts and claims now remaining secured by said mortgages or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgages have become operative. 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"August Flower"

This is the query perpetually on your little boy's lips. And he is no worse than the bigger, older, balder-headed boys. Life is an interrogation point. "What is it for?" we continually cry from the cradle to the grave. So with this little introductory sermon we turn and ask: "What is August Flower for?" As easily answered as asked: It is for Dyspepsia. It is a special remedy for the Stomach and Liver. Nothing more than this; but this brimful. We believe August Flower cures Dyspepsia. We know it will. We have reasons for knowing it. Twenty years ago it started in a small country town. To-day it has an honored place in every city and country store, possesses one of the largest manufacturing plants in the country and sells everywhere. Why is this? The reason is as simple as a child's thought. It is honest, does one thing, and does it right along—it cures Dyspepsia.

G. G. GREEN, Sole Man'fr, Woodbury, N.J.

DO YOU COUGH
DON'T DELAY
TAKES
KEMP'S
BALSAM
THE BEST COUGH CURE

It Cures Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. A certain cure for Consumption in its first stage, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the coolest effect after taking the first dose. Sold by dealers everywhere. Large Bottles 50 cts. and \$1.00. It cures influenza.

Consumptives and people who have weak lungs or Asthma, should use Pisco's Cure for Consumption. It has cured thousands. It is not injurious. It is the best cough syrup. Sold everywhere. 25c.

PISCO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

Consumptives and people who have weak lungs or Asthma, should use Pisco's Cure for Consumption. It has cured thousands. It is not injurious. It is the best cough syrup. Sold everywhere. 25c.

MASON'S PATENT RUNNER ATTACHMENTS FOR WHEELS

Light and strong; fits any axle; why purchase an expensive light and heavy runner when you can have a much more comfortable riding and a much more reliable runner at a far less cost by using a set of these attachments. Sold by dealers everywhere. Manufactured at Mason's Carriage Works, Davenport, Iowa.

D. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP

THE PEOPLE'S REMEDY FOR COUGHS

MOTHER'S FRIEND

Robb's Confinement of its Pain, Horror and Risk.

After using one bottle of "Mother's Friend" I suffered but little pain, and did not experience that weakness afterward usual in such cases.—Mrs. Anna Gray, Lamar, Mo., Jan. 15th, 1891.

Sent by express, charges prepaid, on receipt of price, \$1.00 per bottle. Book to Mothers mailed free.

BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO.,
ATLANTA, GA.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

The success of this Great Cough Cure is without a parallel in the history of medicine. All druggists are authorized to sell it on a positive guarantee, a test that no other cure can successfully stand. That it may become known, the Proprietors, at an enormous expense, are placing a Sample Bottle free into every home in the United States and Canada. If you have a Cough, Sore Throat, or Bronchitis, use it, for it will cure you. If your child has the Croup, or Whooping Cough, use it promptly, and relief is sure. If you dread that insidious disease Consumption, use it. Ask your Druggist for SHILOH'S CURE, Price 10 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00. If your Lungs are sore or Back lame, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster, Price 25 cts.

Common Soap
Rots Clothes and Chaps Hands.

IVORY SOAP

DOES NOT.

THE STORY OF A DEAD CITY.

A Metropolis That Grew Rapidly and as Rapidly Faded Away.

The city of Meadow Lake was once known to everybody. To all, however, it is now a mere memory, this deserted city up in the fastnesses of Sierra country, says the Sierraville Mirror. Meadow Lake was originally a sink-hole about seventy-five feet deep, and was about fourteen feet in diameter. A large dam was erected below it in 1851, the water was held back, and this lake was formed. While building the dam the workmen discovered that much of the rock contained deposits of pure galena, and thinking they had "struck it rich," were not slow in making the discovery known. In the year 1855 the excitement commenced, and every other man met was going to Summit City, as it was then called. Snow was shoveled off the ground as soon as practicable, and the work of building was commenced. In a few months a city arose, and every available foot of ground was put into play. At this time the population of the town had reached about 4,000, and was rapidly increasing. Quartz mills were in operation, and blasts were going off in thirty or forty tunnels and shafts all the time, making a constant roar. Several small mining companies were obliged to give up the fight, as not a cent had been taken out and thousands put in. Still no one was discouraged, and to all doubting ears was sounded: "Excelsior, wait till the Excelsior cleans up," and nothing more was heard from morning till night but the booming of blasts and the cries of "Excelsior! Hurrah for Excelsior!" At this time the stamps were crushing ore all day, all night, and every day in the week, grunting, groaning to work out the precious metal.

The Excelsior cleaned up and the news was carried to the waiting, anxious crowd that the run was unsuccessful and that the attempt would not be repeated. In an almost unbelievably short time the town was deserted; almost a panic resulted. Houses were left with the contents exposed to the storms of an approaching winter; houses with their shelves packed with merchandise remained undisturbed until later, when they were robbed and burned by enterprising citizens of neighboring localities.

The road winds around the lake; the ruins of houses become more frequent until you emerge from the timber, and the city lies before you. Now as one rides down the main street the horses step on a board and voices are echoed back by the old wooden buildings with a harsh, metallic ring. Near the center of the town stands a tall flagstaff, bent with storm and winds. Sign poles were still standing in front of the buildings, and open doors reveal the contents or emptiness of them. On every hand lie ruins of hundreds of frame buildings, and here and there whole blocks of buildings destroyed by fire.

A careful count reveals the fact that forty-three houses are standing. It is a pitiful sight, this city, on which millions of dollars were expended.

The Specie Room on Shipboard.

In the days of heavy gold shipments the specie room on the steamship is a very important institution. It is located in an out-of-the-way place amidships, under the saloon. Few of the passengers know of its existence or of the valuable treasure that is carried aboard the ocean with them. The room varies slightly on different ships, but is usually about 16 feet long by 10 feet wide and 8 feet high. It is constructed of steel plates one-quarter of an inch thick and strongly riveted together. The floor, the ceiling and the walls are all of steel plates. There is a heavy door, also made of steel. It is provided with two English "Chubb" locks, a variety of combination lock that is said to be burglar-proof. The gold and silver is usually in bars, but occasionally a quantity of coin in bags is shipped. The Majestic is credited with carrying the largest quantity, her strong box having \$4,500,000 intrusted to it for safe keeping.—Scribner's Magazine.

Giving Up a Brutal Custom.

Steel caskets for the bodies of those who die suddenly on shipboard are being carried on many of the transatlantic liners. The remains are placed in them and hermetically sealed. The heartless practice of throwing the remains overboard is considered worse than barbarous, especially when a vessel is within a few miles of land. Bodies, when weighted, only sink a few feet below the surface of the water, where they are soon attacked by the fish and sharks, and reappear upon the surface of the water within forty-eight hours. The body of the wife of a rich New Yorker, thrown overboard from a Vera Cruz steamer a few months ago, drifted ashore on the coast of Mexico, and was seen for weeks afterward, until robbed and sunk by bandits for the finger rings.—Philadelphia Record.

Singular Place Names.

Pennsylvania has twelve towns or postoffices with very peculiar names, viz: Stumptown, Bullskin, Shintown, Jugtown, Puckerty, Sin, Sis, Scrubgrass, Hers, Man's Choice, Maiden's Choice and Bird in Hand.

North Carolina comes in a good second with Wolfscrape, Snake Bite, Quewhiffe, Gap Civil and Shoe Heel.

Maryland has Slabtown, Pompey Smash and Johnny Cake.

Canada has Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw and Pollywog.

Ohio has Slick, Rattlesnake and Killbuck.

Nebraska has a Rawhide, Minnesota a Purgatory and Wisconsin a Topsiside.—St. Louis Republic.

Brown bread is said to furnish more bone, muscle and blood to the human system than any other variety.

AMONG FUNNY FOLKS.

The mail train is seldom late, but the train of a female is always behind.—Glens Falls Republican.

"Oh, mamma!" cried Willie, on seeing a sabra for the first time, "do come here and see this poor little convict pony!"—Harper's Young People.

"But what on earth could have induced you to marry a man so utterly your inferior?" "My dear girl, I never met a man who wasn't."—Judy.

"Papa, why does the drum major of a band wear that big thing on his head?" "Because the natural size of his head is not equal to the occasion, my son."—Baltimore American.

"Rastus, do you know of any poor and worthy woman to whom I can send a turkey?" "Yath, Mars George." "Who is she?" "My wife. She's powerful poor, 'n' monstrous worthy, sah."—Harper's Bazar.

Countryman, looking up from paper—"John, what does 'a-a' stand for?" "John, pouring over his lesson in geography."—"Louisiana, sir?" "Countryman."—"Well, this Louisiana grip seems to be an epidemic."—Harper's Bazar.

A man standing in a store door in a Texas town called out to a countryman sitting on a wagon: "How are all your folks coming on?" "Your brother's bay mule is dead, but all the rest of your kinsfolks are alive and kicking."—Texas Sittings.

Mrs. Tangle—"Henry, you have been making presents to that girl you call your amanuensis. Don't try to deny it! I have proof." Mr. Tangle—"What proof, pray?" Mrs. Tangle—"I found in your pocket a bill for 'ribbon for typewriter.'"—Kate Field's Washington.

A nobleman who was sitting on the hillside with his shepherd observed the sheep reposing in the coldest situation, and said to him: "John if I were a sheep I would lie on my back as far back as I could." "My lord," answered John, "but if you had been a sheep you would have had mair sense."—Detroit Free Press.

"So you have got twins at your house?" said Mrs. Bezumbe to little Johnny Saluelson. "Yes, mam, two of 'em." "What are you going to call them?" "Thunder and Lightning." "Why, those are strange names to call children." "Well, that's what we called 'em as soon as we heard they were in the house."—Texas Sittings.

CURIOS CHIPS.

From measurements of the clouds it is found that the velocity of the wind increased twelve miles an hour with every mile in height.

The oldest capital in the United States is Santa Fe, which was the seat of government in New Mexico as far back as 1540, and yet its population is only 6,185.

For choice mahogany, which is one of the chief articles of export from Honduras, London pays \$175 per thousand superficial feet. Rosewood brings about \$10 per thousand.

A young man who has never had the sense of smell has been the subject of some curious tests, which have shown Prof. Jastrow that many things which we eat with relish are not tasted, but only smelled.

For the year 1892-93 the figures for the German army are as follows: 20,524 officers, 436,954 men, 1,387 surgeons, 893 paymasters and aeronauts, 559 veterinary surgeons, 355 gunsmiths, 93 saddlers and 93,750 horses.

An important dam across the Androscoggin river at Rumford Falls, Me., has been completed. Its object is to improve the water power at that point. The dam is 440 feet long, 55 feet wide at the bottom and about 20 feet high.

A certain country parson in England has written 125,000 begging letters. His wife has written 11,000 more, and his children a few thousand besides. About one person in fifty written to responded, one to the extent of \$25,000.

President Cleveland and his young wife are happy in the present, and look forward cheerfully to the future. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is excellent for infants and adults.

Codfish tongues are a dainty breakfast dish.

The testimony of the Fire Engine Department and of other stable men of the city of Baltimore, is to the effect that for cuts, sprains, galls upon horses and other abrasions of the skin, Salvation Oil is an invaluable remedy. Price 25 cents.

"All things work together for good to them that love God."

FITS.—All Fits stopped free by DR. KLINE'S GREAT NEURALOGIC. No Pills or Striking. Use Marshall's cure. Treatise and 25¢ trial bottle free to fitcases. Send to Dr. Kline, 301 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

The girl who does not blush in a sketch class this season is hardly in the swim.

For indigestion, constipation, sick-headache, weak stomach, disordered liver—take Beecham's Pills. For sale by all druggists.

If your feet are not mates don't be alarmed. You belong to the great majority.

HOME WORK FOR LADIES. Writing for hire. No Copying. Good pay. Something new. If unemployed send 3¢ stamp for outfit. E. Clark, 46 E. 14th St., N. Y. City.

Plug hats and sack coats are often worn together, although in exceedingly bad form.

Coughs and Colds. Those who are suffering from Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, etc., should try BROWN'S BRONCHIAL INDOORS. Sold only in boxes.

Dyeing summer trousers makes them not a whit warmer, but they'll be dyed just the same.

TOURISTS.

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c and \$1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

The temple of Hon-mon-ji, at Inokogami, begun in 1282 and finished in 1307, is one of the most famous religious structures in Japan.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY TOLEDO, ss
FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every copy of HALL'S CATARRH CURE published by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888.
A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Lane's Family Medicine.

Moves the Bowels each day. A pleasant herb drink spoon.

There's a "Baby Cleveland" souvenir spoon.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once.

Women are invading the ranks of piano tuners.

Dr. Foster's new pamphlet on **Vartecoco** tells all about it, and what all men ought to know. Sent (sealed) for 10 cents. Box 788, New York.

White pennies will not work the cent-in-the-slot machines.

"**Hanson's Magic Corn Salve.**" Warranted to cure, or money refunded. Ask your druggist for it. Price 15 cents.

Silver bracelets in profusion are still the style for young ladies.

Get a Good Start in Business Life by securing a thorough business education at home, by mail, low rates; Bryant's College, Buffalo, N. Y.

Several new brands of tobacco are sold only in pocket pouches.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

The old English idea of perfuming the household linen is being revived.

Sick Headache Can Be Cured. Coaline Headache Powders will do it. Price 25c. per box containing six powders. Sold by druggists or mailed by Coaline Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Concertina orchestras are the latest wrinkle among amateur musicians.

Female Weakness Positive Cure. Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for female weakness, which I have named deranged female organs. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy to any lady if they will send four Express and P. O. address. Yours Respectfully, Dr. J. B. MARCHELISI, 500 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.

A down-town restaurateur displays the ambiguous sign: "The innkeeper refreshed within."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children she gave them Castoria.

A poultice of bruised onions around the neck gives great relief in diphtheritic troubles.

The Only One Ever Printed—Can You Find the Word.

There is a 3-inch display advertisement in this paper this week which has no two words alike except one word. The same is true of each new one appearing each week. From the Dr. Harter Medicine Co., Chicago, Ill.

This house places a "Crescent" on everything they make and publish. Look for it, and send the name of the word, and they will return you BOOK, BEAUTIFUL LITHOGRAPHS OF SAMPLES FREE.

A chunk of hail which fell last week in Munson, Mass., was four feet long, three feet wide and two feet thick.

The display advertisement of the Odell Typewriter will be found in one of the adjoining columns. We particularly call the attention of our readers to this machine, which has taken a most prominent place in the business offices of this country, and is rapidly replacing the old expensive machines. This machine is guaranteed to do perfect work, and its speed is equal to that of any machine on the market. It has an attachment unknown in connection with any other typewriter, namely a check perforator that for use in any business office or bank is worth as much as the price of the whole machine.

There has been a fresh eruption of the Colima volcano in Mexico. The eruption was accompanied by a violent shaking of the surrounding country.

The use of Ely's Cream Balm, a sure cure for Catarrh and Cold in Head, is attended with no pain, inconvenience or dread, which can be said of no other remedy.

I feel it my duty to say a few words in regard to Ely's Cream Balm, and I do so entirely without solicitation. I have used it half a year, and have found it to be most admirable. I have suffered from catarrh of the eye ever since I was a little boy, and I never hoped for cure, but Cream Balm seems to do even that. Many of my acquaintances have used it with excellent results.—Oscar Ostrum, 45 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Apply Balm into each nostril. It is quickly absorbed. Gives Relief at once. Price 50 cents at Druggists or by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 55 Warren St., New York.

Spectacles were invented in the year 1320, but were not in general use until nearly 200 years later.

The glassmakers of Thebes, forty centuries ago, possessed the art of staining glass, and they produced the commodity in the utmost profusion.

Vile cod-liver oil has lost its vileness in Scott's Emulsion and gained a good deal in efficiency.

It is broken up into tiny drops which are covered with glycerine, just as quinine in pills is coated with sugar or gelatine. You do not get the taste at all.

The hypophosphites of lime and soda add their tonic effect to that of the half-digested cod-liver oil.

Let us send you a book on CAREFUL LIVING—free.

Scott & Bowen, Chemists, 139 South 5th Avenue, New York.

Your druggist keeps Scott's Emulsion of cod-liver oil—all druggists everywhere do. 5c.

W. BAKER & CO.'S Breakfast Cocoa

from which the excess of oil has been removed, is absolutely pure and it is soluble.

No Chemicals are used in its preparation. It has more than three times the strength of Cocoa mixed with Starch, Arrowroot or Sugar, and is therefore far more economical, costing less than one cent a cup. It is delicious, nourishing, strengthening, easily digested, and admirably adapted for invalids as well as for persons in health.

Sold by Grocers everywhere.

W. BAKER & CO., Dorchester, Mass.

Thompson's Eye Water.

Relieves All Stomach Distress. REMOVES EXCESSIVE ACIDITY, COUGHS, COLIC, AND REVIVES FAILING ENERGY. RESTORES Normal Circulation, and WARMS TOE TIPS.

DR. HARTER MEDICINE CO., St. Louis, Mo.

All the year round is the time when Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery works the best.

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SEETHOLD PLANTATION on the dark Red river bank; The fields cotton-stalks and stubble-cane, And the cotton-wood so tall All along the levee wall; And the negro cabins down the sodd on lane.

I see the "white folks' house," with its wide veranda spread Like great big arms of welcome to the guest;

Let him come where'er he will, When his foot strikes that door-sill He is partner of its bounty—and its best.

I see the old gin-house, with its broken window-lights, And white lint scattered all about the door; And I hear its creaking noise, And the clear voice of the boys Singing darkey songs I'll love forever more.

I see the big black kettle on the roaring green-wood fire, And the scaffold where the butchered pigs are laid; It is now "hog-killin' time," Darkey fun is in its prime, Christmas bladders, blown up, ripen in the shade.



In each cabin is a sack full of golden hick'ry nuts, Walnuts, or pecans so sleek and russet brown; Great jugs of persimmon beer, New-laid eggs, now scarce and "dear," All to "trade for Chris'mus goodies up in town."

I catch the mellow strumming of a banjo on the air, I smell the spare-ribs in the frying-pan! "Chris'mus comes but once a year, Ever nigger wants his share, So good-bye, I'm gwine to see my Mary Ann!"

So the long, bright, winter day fades to gray dusk in the west, While the stars come out and twinkle in the sky; On the frosty fields they beam, On the dark old bloody stream—

I'm so homesick—I must stop and—have a cry!

BELLE HUNT.

THE OLD PLANTATION.

A Christmas Eve Story.

HE GOLDEN SUN-light sparkles on the river and shines on the green slope of lawn leading down to its banks; for, though this is Dec. the 24th, 1859, the smooth-cut grass has not yet turned brown. Out on the lawn by the antique moss-grown sun-dial stands, in eager expectancy, a slim, black figure. He watches the shadow move slowly—so very slowly it seems to him—around the dial. Fifteen minutes—ten minutes—five minutes—will it never reach the hour? At last it falls just on the figure twelve. Then, with a shout and a look up at the sun, just overhead, he speeds off across the lawn, past the poultry yards, by "the children's house," all unheeding of the calls of playmates. Breathless, he reaches the barns where hangs the great plantation bell. Holding the rope



and awaiting him, stands Sam, who is—under the master himself—the ruler of this little world.

This, the day before Christmas, is a half-holiday, and begins for every soul on the plantation a week of careless merriment.

The old mansion is in festive attire. The treasures of the Southern woods, glowing vines and berries, and even winter flowers, have been used in adorning the great dining-hall and parlors, while every bed-room and lovely wreaths of crimson yappa and holly holly twisted and fastened with gray, drooping moss. Above the front entrance glows a "Welcome!" standing out in bold relief—the letters formed of orange and scarlet berries against a background of soft, green, wood-forms.

There is a merry din of voices as the doors swing open and a gay company of young men and girls troop in. They crowd into the parlor, throwing off wraps and hats as they come, and grouping about the fire, jostle each other good-naturedly, all endeavoring to speak at once to their hostess, a pretty, black-haired matron, looking as young as her own daughters.

"Have you seen Elsie and Mr. Rodney, Mrs. Cheverill?" She started with us on our walk, and he promised to join us at the style over the pasture fence, but he never made his appearance, and Elsie vanished before we passed by Cedar Grove.

"It with the strangest thing," put in little Ernest Travers. "I juth left her a moment to take a brier from Mith Annie's droth, and when I came back she wath gone!"

"Yeth, she wath!" said Ledy Cheverill in the same doleful tone; "but the best part of it was, mother, I am perfectly certain that she hid behind one

of the big cedars in the grove until we all went by. She has not a bit of use for Ernie, and he knows it; yet he will torment her!"

"Lunch is ready, young ladies; won't you come fix a bit?" the girl asked, as she led the way.

They followed her to their several apartments—all but the eldest daughter.

As the last one left the room Mrs. Cheverill said:

"I wish Elsie would come in; you know I do not approve of single couples wandering away by themselves in the woods."

"The truth is, mother, Mr. Rodney and Elsie became engaged this day, a year ago. Three months after, they quarreled about a mere trifle, and since then they have not been on speaking terms. It was something of a shock to both when they met here."

"They would make such a nice couple; it is a pity," said Mrs. Cheverill, sympathizingly.

"Don't sigh over it, mother. I'll wager that if they met in the grove the affair is all fixed by now. There is an atmosphere about that place perfectly irresistible to young lovers."

The meal progresses gaily, and the jolly host has just asked: "What has become of Elsie?" when the door opens and, looking very flushed, a little conscious, and wholly breathless from fast walking, she and Rodney appear. He carries his gun and empty game-bag, which the butler takes from him with slightly deprecating air, while Nellie removes Miss Stewart's wraps, and Mrs. Cheverill insists that she shall sit right down and leave her toilet until after lunch. So they take their chairs and make a show of eating, but really accomplish but little in that line.

There are some sly, amused glances thrown at the very conscious pair, but they are mercifully left untaunted and unrattled at their long absence, until the irrepressible Leda says, with a burst of long suppressed merriment:

"For what a lot of marriages is this old plantation answerable! Even from the time of our grandfathers. Say, Elsie, did you stop at 'Engagement Oaks'?"

And then, to cover the young couple's confusion, the gracious hostess arises, and in the general movement Elsie escapes to her room.

Christmas Eve! The negro quarters are alive with light and joy and dance. Great piles of pine-knots blaze on the brick and earthen stands which are placed one in front of each negro-house. Not rough cabins these, but comfortable frame buildings with huge chim-

neys, in which burn grand fires of oak, myrtle and pine. In a large, long room, built for the purpose, with a deep chimney at either end in which the pine-knots are piled two feet high, are congregated all the young negroes of the plantation, dancing merrily to the music of the fiddle.

In the parlors of the "big house" all is life and light and joy. While the elders have formed whist parties or sit quietly conversing, the young people dance

Unto a slow waltz melody, whose fall and rise of cadence, rhythmical and sweet, Holds in its spell their graceful, moving feet.

The lamps glow beneath the softening tint of their crimson shades. The fire-light dances and gleams over the warm-hued carpets, lighting up the delicate tint of the walls, reflecting itself in silver and glass, and making more ruddy the berries of holly and yapon above the windows and arching doors.

No one hears the swift beat of horses' feet upon the hard bed of the broad avenue. No one sees the pair of jaded animals with their weary riders, as they canter on the soft grass of the lawn up to the garden's gate, and, hitching their bridles to the fence, walk slowly up the path to the great front door, closed it is true, but with its glowing welcome showing out boldly in the moonlight, and with ruddy gleams shining through the wide transoms above it. They take each other's hands, and the girl smiles wanly as the man knocks boldly, commandingly, at the door.

The gray-haired butler answers the summons.

"Who shall I say, sah?" he asks, ushering them into a small ante-room.

The man hesitates, but the girl replies:

"Say belated travelers who would like to see Mr. Cheverill."

The host, half unwillingly, lays down his hand at whist, and, excusing himself, answers the summons.

As he enters the room he recognizes the girl as the daughter of an old friend—a fellow planter who lives thirty miles away.

"Why, my dear Miss Duncan, what is the meaning of this—almost midnight, and you here?"

The girl lays her hand in his proffered one, and says simply:

"I am Mrs. Robinson now, and this gentleman is my husband."

In "this gentleman" Mr. Cheverill recognizes the overseer of his friend, and hardens immediately. Dropping the girl's hand, he says, shortly, "Impossible!" and awaits their explanation.

His tone stings the young man.

"It is a fact, Mr. Cheverill," he begins impetuously. "I courted Miss Duncan openly and honorably, but her father laughed me to scorn, and bid me pay my court to one in my own sphere. We kept apart then, I attending to my duties, and hoping time would soften him. At last I went to him again and asked his consent to the renewal of my attentions. He hooted at the very idea of such a thing, and bid me remember that planters' daughters did not marry their fathers' overseers. Stung to fury, I told him I should win Miss Duncan in spite of him, and he, believing it but an idle boast, allowed me to stay on, and so—"

"You abused his confidence. Will you tell me, sir, why you come with all this to me?"

"O Mr. Cheverill, listen to me," pleaded the girl. "I loved him so, and could not bear to give him up. He wanted to go away, saying he knew it was not right to drag me below my station, but my sorrow, my tears, overcame his resolutions, and we—"

"Ran away and got married, like two fools!" put in the planter, angrily.

"What do you suppose I can do about it? I don't approve of it at all, I can tell you. You have lost the station you have held as Miss Duncan—you can only rank as Mrs. Robinson, now and henceforth."

"I know it," she said, quietly, and looked up smiling in her husband's face.



of Mr. Duncan's overseer, who is now out of a place and looking for employment, which he wishes me to give."

Her position is clearly defined, but again the young bride smiles fearlessly in her husband's face.

"Give him the employment, then, father; we are waiting for you to toast the Christmas-tide."

Leda went in as she spoke, and from the negro quarters came the sound of a Christmas hymn, with its high-pitched chorus of "Peace on earth and to all men good will!"

Mr. Cheverill rang the bell near him sharply.

"Tell Sam I want him," he said to the boy who came.

The man answered the summons quickly.

"Merry Christmas, massa; Christmas gi!" he said, as he drew near.

"Merry Christmas, Sam, and here's your gift," handing him some silver pieces. "I am sorry to take you from your fun, but it's the overseer's house in good repair?"

"Yes, sah; but it's dark and shet up."

"Well, have fires lit in all the rooms; send Elsie to see that everything is right, and when all is ready let Mr. Robinson know. I have engaged him for the next year to be my overseer, and I hope you will be a very good assistant."

The man went to do as he was bid, and the young couple rose to express their joyous thanks.

"Not a word, not a word; you owe it

A CHRISTMAS EVE DREAM.

Robinson looked appealingly at the planter.

"This is our wedding night, Mr. Cheverill, and I have not a place to take her. Her father drove us away with curses, and she thought of you—that you might give me employment."

Out from the inner room comes a burst of music and gay voices. The girl trembles and looks longingly at the light and warmth within.

"A nice position you would put me in," protests Mr. Cheverill. "By employing you I would give a seeming endorsement to your conduct—which I do not in the least feel—and anger against me my good and old friend, your father."

"But I am so tired, and it is so late," murmurs the girl.

"To-night you shall have rest and entertainment. I turn no one from my door; but to-morrow will be—"

"Merry Christmas!" comes in one great shout from the dancers. The tall clock in the hall peals twelve, and the great plantation bell jangles merrily, rung by the little darkeys who have it in charge.

"Merry Christmas, father! I've caught you!" shouts Leda, rushing out and hugging her father ecstatically; then, catching sight of the strangers, exclaims: "Why, Miss—"

"Mrs. Robinson, my dear," interrupts Mr. Cheverill, impressively; "the wife

all to the season, not to me. Do your duty, Robinson, and let your wife forget who she has been, and we will get on well enough. And now excuse me, my family is waiting," and leaving them there, in the small, cozy sitting-room, awaiting the summons to their own house, the kindly gentleman went in to his gay home circle.

He had done a good deed and still upheld most decidedly his pride of class and station.

"Did you take him, father?" whispered Leda, as she passes him his third glass of egg-nog.

"Yes; look through the window yonder and you will see their shadows on the curtain."

Far off across the lawn, the light is gleaming brightly through the white curtains of the overseer's house, and within the young wife is saying:

"I would rather have you and this dear little home, John, than all the glories of a planter's daughter."

A knock calls them to the door.

A young darkey, bearing a tall, covered pitcher, presents himself.

"Miss Leda sen' dis aig-nog, and say as how she hope you'll hab a merry Christmas and a happy year in de new home."

The fires are dying down in the negro quarters, but still the sound of song and music rings out from the long room, while the fiddler calls the figures of the dance, and the dusky forms "wheel and turn and then salute your partners."

In the "big house" the lights are out in the parlors, and the tired servants have gone to bed, for theirs has been a busy day. The girls gossip softly with each other, for fear the chattering will disturb the old folks, while the young men smoke their cigars, and Rodney sees laughing brown eyes in the smoke of his as he takes his last puff, and, with a soul-contented sigh, goes to bed.

"Duncan will be furious," says Mr. Cheverill to his wife, as he relates the incident of the evening; and she replies, with the dear contradiction of a woman's heart:

"You were very right to help them, poor things, at Christmas, too! I wonder how that girl could ever so forget what was due to her station?"

Off in the "overseer's house" across the lawn, there is peace and joy. Love, the great comforter, has made them oblivious to tired limbs and strange surroundings. With light hearts and happy smiles, they look into each other's eyes and remember not the barriers of caste.



FIRST CHRISTMAS BELLS

In the United States Chimed From Venerable St. Luke's.

The first Christmas church chimes ever heard in the United States rang

out from the steeple of "St. Luke's" or the old "Smithfield church" in the Isle of Wight county, Va. That was

on Dec. 25, 1632, twelve years after the landing of the first organized body of Christians.

The antiquity of this venerable church is proven by two deeply marked date bricks that came down with the east wall in the year 1887, when the original top fell in.

The church having been abandoned as a house of worship in 1836, in the year 1885 Rev. David Barr, then rector of the church at Smithfield, Va., and now the assistant minister of the Church of the Epiphany of Washington, D. C., undertook the work of having the old church put in perfect and complete order.

In the restoration twelve of the small windows composing the east window, the nave windows and vestry-room windows are to be memorials. In the east window will be one each to Washington, the only memorial window to him in the United States; Lee Bridges, the builder of the church; Rev. Mr. Hubbard, last colonial parson of the church up to 1802, when he died; Bishops Moulson, Moore, Meade and Johns, Virginia's four deceased pastors; Sir Walter Raleigh, Capt. John Smith, John Rolfe, husband of Pocahontas, and Rev. Dr. Blair, founder of William and Mary college.

The southwest corner window in the nave will be a memorial of Pocahontas, provided principally by her descendants, and the two opposite ones are memorials of Parsons Hunt and Whittaker, first and second chaplains with Capt. John Smith in the Virginia colony. Whittaker baptised Pocahontas and married her to Rolfe. The first roze was put on the church in 1633, the second in 1737, the third about 1821 and the present new one in 1887.

THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY.

How to Prepare It for the Gastronomical Fete.

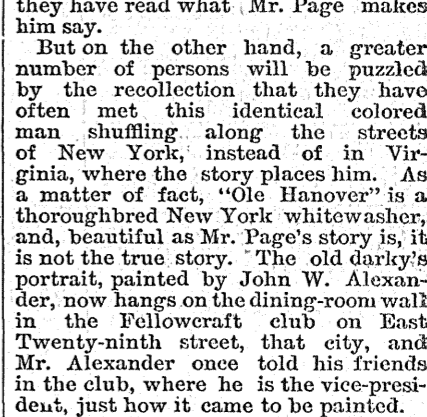
"Turkey boiled is turkey spoiled, Turkey roast is turkey lost. But for turkey braised the Lord be praised."

There may be diverse opinions regarding the two first lines, but in regard to the third there will be no dissention: voice when once it has been tried. Fill the turkey with the best force-meat you can make. The most elegant is made of sweetbreads and mushrooms, or truffles intermixed, but an ordinary bread or chestnut stuffing, made savory with seasonings, will be very nice. After stuffing hold the bird breast down over a bright fire to stiffen it, and then lard with strips of salt pork. Place in a large sauceman, breast upward, with sliced carrot, onion, celery, and parsley, and cover with broth. Cook closely covered in the oven until the bird is tender, basting it occasionally to give the desired light brown color. When done, strain and thicken the gravy and serve in a boat. For an elegant company dish garnish with stoned olives, small force-meat balls made of chicken, mushrooms, and sweetbreads cut in dice.

THE HERO OF A ROMANCE.

Old Hanover, About Whom a Beautiful Christmas Story was Written.

The portrait that accompanies this article appeared in the Christmas number of Harper's Magazine a year ago, as the picture of the hero of a very entertaining novelette by Thomas Nelson Page. No man knows the Southern colored man and his dialect and his mental processes better than Mr. Page, and thousands of readers will feel that they have made almost a personal acquaintance with "Ole Hanover" when



they have read what Mr. Page makes him say.

But on the other hand, a greater number of persons will be puzzled by the recollection that they have often met this identical colored man shuffling along the streets of New York, instead of in Virginia, where the story places him. As a matter of fact, "Ole Hanover" is a thoroughbred New York whitewasher, and, beautiful as Mr. Page's story is, it is not the true story. The old darkey's portrait, painted by John W. Alexander, now hangs on the dining-room wall in the Fallowcroft club on East Twenty-ninth street, that city, and Mr. Alexander once told his friends in the club, where he is the vice-president, just how it came to be painted.

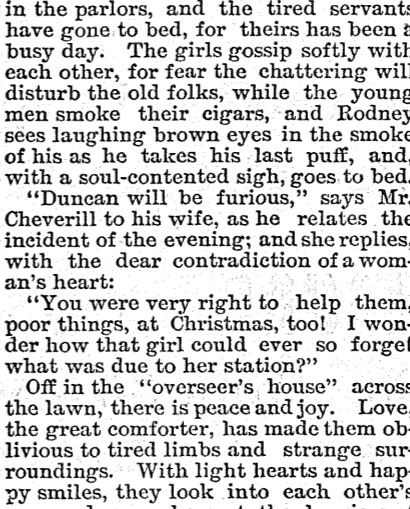
Mr. Alexander saw the old man at the street and asked him to come up to his stud o in the Chelsea apartment house in Twenty-third street. Having gotten him there, he told him he would make him a handsome present if he would stand up and be painted. The old man was more than willing, and as he stood before the artist he rattled in a characteristic darkey fashion, talking about everything he could think about, and Mr. Alexander encouraged him, lest he should get tired of standing.

"Ah dun know when ah was bo'n," he was saying when the right pose was struck by him and caught on the canvas. "Ah cya'm say nuffin' 'bout dat, but ah'm pow'ful old. Ah's so old dat ah seen de British gumbols-a-fightin' away off in de Gulf ob Mexico when ah was a chile, and dey was so fur away de son'n ob de guns was nuffin' but 'jst piff, piff, piff." That is what Ole Hanover is saying as the picture was laid out, and with each repetition of the word "piff" he poked out his forefinger as you see him doing in the portrait.

By and by he grew more at ease and, of course, grew a little more familiar in his speech. He was evidently puzzled by seeing all the elegances and ornaments of the painter's beautiful studio.

Such is the true story about Ole Hanover and his "po'rtait."

RELIC OF CHRISTMAS 1632.



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