

STILL, denatured and unpotable alcohol is expected to act as a stimulant on a trade.

The autoist who overspeeds his auto ought to have the new complaint, the auto heart.

Prince Henry is now ruler of the Kaiser's navy, though he never polished up the handle of the big front door.

The admen give everybody a square deal, and know to a line how many squares it takes to produce a given effect.

Pauperism continues to decline in England. At the end of July the figures were 21.6 in the thousand against 22 in the thousand.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt has hired "a little German band" to play daily in his stable so that his steeds will not be frightened by the music when he exhibits them at horse shows.

San Francisco has so far recovered from the shock as to set about planning a world's fair in 1913 to commemorate the discovery of the Pacific ocean.

Dr. Kenaley's speech in the English Tichborne trial lasted 110 days, but the longest continuous talk is supposed to have been that of a member of the legislature of British Columbia, who was in a minority of one, and succeeded in "talking out" a bill by speaking 26 hours without intermission.

A dispatch from Tangier says the sultan of Morocco is swayed by a magician who hates Christians and is inducing the sultan to permit his people to commit outrages upon them.

A picturesque figure will vanish from Paris through the municipal council's decision to abolish the office of "organizer of funeral pomp" at public funerals.

South African mothers, upon leaving their daughters in the company of a gentleman caller, stick a pin in the candle and when it has burned down to the pin the caller understands that it is time to be going.

It is said that President Roosevelt emphatically refused to have a life mask made. He has no objection to sitting or posing for his photograph upon almost any occasion, but he just won't have his face spattered over with clay, and be compelled to breathe for a time through quills.

Travelers in the Holy Land usually bring home with them bottles of water from the River Jordan. It is not likely that this practice will be interfered with by the Kentuckian who has lately secured from the sultan of Turkey the exclusive right to ship water from the river to various parts of the world.

Probably one of the most remarkable escapes from drowning on record fell to the lot of a Boston dressmaker in New York harbor last month.

Five hundred people witnessed the whipping of a criminal at Wilmington, Del. It will be interesting to observe whether the spectacle exerts any definite influence in bringing Wilmington to a loftier plane of morals and refinement than that of cities which have no whipping post.

Mr. Higginbotham's advice in "The Making of a Merchant"—"Let the clock take care of itself"—sounds all right and wise; but don't forget to wind the old alarm clock if you are a sound sleeper.

On February 27, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Wadsworth Longfellow is to be celebrated by the Cambridge Historical society, notwithstanding the fact that some of the college professors say he wrote mere doggerel.

A Missouri man has been sent to jail for 30 days for stealing an umbrella, and now, says the Minneapolis Journal, we understand that the moral upheaval in Missouri is a something.

CAMILLA

By EDGAR WHITE

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She was such a little thing, and so used to bow her tawny head at the caprices of earth, air and sky, that nothing was further from her parents' minds than her reluctance when the lord of San Jose valley condescended to ask his hard-working peons for their daughter.

The wedding was a fine affair. Looking like some glorious bird of the tropics, the little bride smiled sweetly beside her lordly husband and extended a soft white hand to well-wishing friends.

The perfume of rare flowers, the languorous melodies of Castile and the subtle magnetism of bright eyes that outshone their own diamonds chased the glad hours away.

"May thy richest blessings—" Quicker than the stealthy action of a tiger two dark-eyed men came out of the shadows and, leaping upon the hacendado, gagged him and bound his hands.

Under the tropic heavens, through the perfumed foliage, into the wild mountains rode the rescuers, three hundred strong.

As the ascent grew steeper the party deployed. De Gomara and his retinue keeping straight ahead, turned suddenly into a roadway cut into the side of the mountain.

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A FABLE FROM NATURE.

A nightingale wood, in a garden green. The loveliest rose that ever was seen.

"Dearest nightingale," said the little rose, "That I long for this world to share with you."

The nightingale thrilled with a joyous pride. As he flew to the tree-tops far and wide.

When the first wild joy of his song was spent, The nightingale back to the garden went.

that side and I on this till one shall die."

Moreno dismounted and gently assisted Camilla to alight. He indicated a safe place for her to stand and walked down the road bordering the chasm on his side.

No one could tell just how it happened, or when, but at the last count the two carbines spoke simultaneously and Camilla sank at the feet of the brigand chief with a bullet in her breast.

"A true, gentlemen," he said; "the lady's hit. Will Senor de Gomara please come over? My men will guide him and protect him."

"They made me do it, my dear Moreno," she murmured; "thou wilt forgive me, Camilla, who never ceased to love thee?"

"Her last words were of love and forgiveness," he said, with a curious trembling of the voice. "I imagine she mistook me for you."

FEW WIDOWS IN PARIS.

According to statistics, Parisian widows are about ten times more easily consoled than Parisian widowers.

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WILLY WISHWASHY.

Willy Wishwashy—What are the proper calling cards, old chap? Jack Potts—It depends entirely on the cards that are out against you, old chump.—Puck.

FAILED TO PLEASE.

His eyes make no attempt to conceal his admiration of the beautiful young thing as she enters the parlor. Indeed, he does not want them to.

"You are positively queenly," he declares, enthusiastically. An offended expression comes to her face.

Imagination. Mrs. Boring—Imagination! What is imagination? Mr. Boring—It is that faculty, my dear, which makes men believe that marriage is bliss.

IDEAL FOR A HOME

ADVANTAGES OF RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON.

Capital City is Having a Rapid and Steady Growth in Prosperity and Beauty—Opportunities for Young Men.

Over a century ago, largely through the influence of George Washington, congress consented to locate the national capital on the banks of the Potomac, about 12 miles above Mount Vernon.

The period from 1870 to 1874 marked a new era in the capital's history. During this time Gov. Shepherd, a truly remarkable man, who appears to some to have been a crafty politician, and who is recognized by all as having been the founder of the new Washington, was at the very height of his power.

This rapid and steady growth leads so naturally to the conclusion that Washington possesses such advantages as a place of residence as to have prompted many young men to make their homes in the Potomac.

POPULAR RESIDENTIAL CITY.

Excellent opportunities are extended to young men not only in the government service, but in the professions, and in other walks as well. Positions open in private firms are much more numerous and desirable than are generally supposed.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN.

The United States government requires an army of 175,000 to keep its machinery in operation. Men of every walk of life, from the scientist and the diplomat to the clerk, the mechanic and the printer, find employment in its service.

It is useless to repeat the many very pleasant features of government service which private employment does not as a rule afford.

To many the National museum will prove of as much value as the libraries. Excepting the British museum, there are few similar institutions equaled on this side even by the Metropolitan of New York and the Field Columbian of Chicago.

Appealing to fewer persons perhaps than museums, and yet with a greater power for the spread of culture, is an art gallery. In this regard the national capital is extremely fortunate in possessing the Cooper collection, so adequately and so beautifully housed.

NEW KIND OF GLASS.

Scientist Produces Substance That is Electrically Conductive. Experiments have from time to time been made, both in England and abroad, to ascertain what ingredients are best for the purpose of producing glasses of very high electrical resistance.

The utility of a vitreous substance which would conduct electricity comparatively well does not appear, however, to have so far claimed any consideration.

Attention should be directed to a glass which has recently been made in my laboratory, says Charles E. S. Phillips, in Nature. Its chief feature is that it really conducts electricity.

For the windows or cases of electroscopes and all high-tension apparatus requiring a transparent cover capable of screening off external electrical fields, this material offers many advantages.

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tiful pictures and statuary. In attempting to enumerate the works of art in Washington one must not get to mention the mural decorations of the Library of Congress, and some, but by no means all, of the statues about the city.

FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

How Letters Should Be Addressed to Reach Them Promptly.

"Now that so many of our naval officers, marines and sailors are shifting their stations and positions because of the Cuban incident, a word of suggestion to their relatives and friends who may desire to communicate with them by mail will be appropriate," said a postal official.

"In order to secure as prompt a delivery as possible of all mail matter intended for persons in the United States service, the sender thereof should be particular to include in the address a complete designation of the organization, company and regiment, vessel or other branch of the service to which the addressee belongs.

"Remember that all mail matter, whatever its class, addressed to persons in the United States service, whether civil, military or naval, serving in this country, or in any of its possessions, or en route to or from this country, or any of its possessions, whose change of address is caused by official orders, will be transmitted as rapidly as possible until it reaches the person or persons for whom it is intended.

"The actual location of the addressee for the time being will be considered as the original destination of the piece of mail matter. This transmission is not considered as forwarding in the sense in which that word is usually used in the postal service, and no additional postage shall be required therefor."

TRIUMPH FOR MRS. LEITER.

Well-Deserved Snubbing Administered to Titled Neighbor.

A Washington friend of Mrs. Levi Leiter has been telling how that capable woman held her own among the lords and dukes in Scotland, where she rented an ancestral palace for the summer.

A few days after, the same lord called over the phone and asked if she would have other vegetables and fruits, and not liking to refuse the courtesy of a live lord, she assented.

Mrs. Leiter paid the bill, but immediately after she called up her thirty neighbor, insisted on speaking to him personally, and she asked sweetly how he was selling garden stuff, because his prices were exorbitant, but she would send to the market in the future.

UNAPPRECIATED SYMPATHY.

"I don't think my self-sufficiency ever received a harder blow than it did recently," remarked an intelligent and bright-faced young woman who holds down a chair in one of the executive departments. "A party of tourists were going through our building, scrutinizing everything and peeping in through the open doors at our clerks. We got tolerably used to that sort of thing, though it does make us seem at times like animals in a cage and we are somewhat tempted to call out to them to wait while that the animals would be fed at 12 sharp."

"Well, in this party there was the nicest appearing, motherly, old lady you ever saw, the kind that warms one's heart at a glance, you know. She looked us over closely and apparently pityingly and remarked in a half tone to her companion: 'Poor things, and yet they seem happy.'"

Col. Oliver C. Smith, who has just been appointed paymaster general, is a native of New York, and one of the most popular men in the army. He served in Cuba during the Spanish war and for several years was stationed at Washington.

There arises the interesting question as to the process by which electricity passes through this substance—whether it is electrolytic. Its resistance varies very markedly with temperature changes. The basis of the glass is sodium silicate.

President Roosevelt, it is said, contemplates purchasing a tract of property at Bayside, Long Island. It is owned by a realty company, Congressman Longworth, the president's son-in-law, is understood to be looking for a country residence near New York, and may be interested with Mr. Roosevelt in the proposed scheme.

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BALAAM'S BLESSING

NINETEENTH—In Cloud and Pillar Series A STORY OF THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY OF THE HEBREW PEOPLE By the "Highway and Byway" Framer (Copyright, 1906, by the author, W. S. Edwards.)

Scripture Authority—Numbers 22, 23 and 24; especially 22:6; 25:18, 20 and 31:8.

SERMONETTE.

Balaam is one of the strange, inconsistent characters we find in the Bible. Although not a Hebrew, but a dweller among the heathen, yet in some way which Scripture does not reveal he was possessed of a certain knowledge of the one true God.

The most important question which arises in connection with Balaam is: Did he live up to the light that he had? By this question we may measure the man, and perhaps discover why he presents so weak, so miserable a picture and plunges at last upon the very swords of the people of the God in whom he believed.

There is no evidence to show that Balaam, enlightened with a knowledge of the true God, sought to let the light shine and win the people among whom he dwelt from their heathenism. In fact, we find to the contrary, his knowledge of the true God, and his brilliant attainments, trafficking in them for the gold and favor of kings.

How deplorable is the condition of the soul that lives not up to the privilege of its light, that reduces everything to the currency of this world, and is content to dwell on the low plane of the merely sensual and temporal.

Balaam knew the true God, but there were some things he cared more for than the true God. How true this is of multitudes in the world to-day. They have knowledge of the true God, and yet they prefer to dwell apart from God's people, they covet the things of the world and gladly receive the homage and tribute of the people of the world.

It was Balaam's willfulness and not God's graciousness which last wrung the permission to go with Balaam's messengers. And Balaam is not the last person whose willful, perverse heart has overridden the expressed will of God.

Balaam could hobnob with kings who were plotting the downfall of God's people, but he could not alter the Divine purpose concerning them. How limited after all are the powers of evil.

A consecrated heart never goes with an itching palm. It is possible for one to see with the clearness of an angel of light and live like a creature of darkness.

To know God and to live God are two different propositions. The one is like the electrical apparatus all equipped for use, the other is the apparatus with the current turned on performing its functions.

High and holy gifts may be prostituted to base uses. It is a poor testimonial to a man's religion when he can live in a community without making it better.

THE STORY.

BALAK, king of the Moabites, was in sore trouble. For days and nights now he had neither eaten nor slept, for not one but scores of messengers had come in haste to his palace during the past month with alarming stories of a strange and terrible people who had come out of Egypt and were sweeping the inhabitants of the land before them.

At first he had received the reports with disdain, declaring that the mightiest men of Moab were able to withstand such enemies, but as the reports grew more alarming and he had been informed fully as to the fearful destruction of the Amorites, a fierce and powerful people to the south of his domain, his confidence had quite deserted him.

"That is their tabernacle," replied an attendant in response to his query as he pointed to the square-shaped tent in the center of the camp. "And it is there their God is said to have His dwelling place, and that cloud which you see hovering above the tabernacle is the visible presence of their God. The people through whose country they have passed told me that it is this cloud which has led them the way from Egypt, and has given them victory over their enemies."

"How strange and mysterious it seems!" responded the king, as a superstitious shiver passed over him. "It looks almost like a thing of life as it sways there above the tabernacle."

Fascinated seemingly, by the sight, the king long stood there watching. The sun sank to rest and the darkness settled down in the valley and then crept up the mountain towards where they stood.

outlines of the tabernacle which stood out under the light of the pillar of fire. The long lines of tents stretching away in every direction from the tabernacle had faded from view, but that steady, awful, mysterious glow stood out sharply and filled his heart with unshakeable fear. It seemed to him like a great winged monster that was bearing down upon him to seize him in its talons and tear his body in pieces and devour his flesh, and he shrank back and stumbled and would have fallen had not the attendant caught him.

"What strange, terrible God is this? Who is there who knows of this God? Who is there who can help us?" he cried.

"There is a man in Pethor, Balaam, the son of Beor, whom I have heard tell has been greatly gifted of the gods and there is no gods with whom he is not familiar, and I doubt not that he would know of this God of the Hebrews."

"Balaam of Pethor?" slowly repeated the king. "Is not he the one to whom the nations about go in time of trouble? Is he not the oracle who has foretold the fall of numerous cities of the land?"

"The very one," replied the attendant.

"Go and fetch him," commanded the king as he hastened down the mountain path and returned to his palace.

Now Balaam, although a prophet and priest among the Midianites, had a knowledge of the true God and feared Him. On more than one occasion had the true God of Heaven given him visions of the events which were to come to pass, and his fame as a prophet had spread through all that country. He knew that the idols of the people among whom he dwelt were things but of wood and stone. He realized that their forms of worship were corrupt and meant nothing to the true God of Heaven. Nevertheless, the things of this world were of more value in his eyes than anything else, and he flattered himself that he could not do better than to serve the people in their ignorance and sin and leave them to continue in their idolatrous ways.

His knowledge of the true God and his ability to discern the events of the future gave him great influence and about with him in his grasp much gold and silver and precious stones.

When the messengers had come to him from the king of the Moabites, saying: "Come, curse this people, for they are too mighty for me; peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land, for I wot not of whom thou bleasest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed," he was filled with an eager desire to go with them that he might receive their rich gifts, but he dare not for of long time he had heard that this people which had come out of Egypt were God's chosen people and under His special care. For this reason he asked that the messengers tarry tonight while he should obtain word of the Lord concerning the matter.

With heavy heart he saw that messengers depart after he had told them that he could not go. But what a few days later there came a messenger delegation from Balak beseeching him to go with them, he willfully sought the face of the Lord again and obtained from him the permission he sought.

Two days later he stood upon the high place where Balak, thof of the Moabites, was worshipped. The seven altars have been built at Balak is standing by the smoking sacrifices, while Balaam has gone yonder to hear what God might say to him.

Within his heart was a burning desire to say all that thing desired of him, for he bore no love for Israel, but he knew that mercuries could not accomplish Israel's sin and that if God had spoken blessing, it were folly for him to speak curses. And so he was forced to take back to the king his parable and pronounce blessing rather than cursing upon the people of Israel.

Day after day the sort of King Balak to wring from Balaam a curse upon Israel continued and always failed, and in disgust and anger sent Balaam back to Pethor and his land in disgrace.

Unhappy Balaam could know of those days that followed. The reports of his doings came back to his own country from King Balak, and scorn and ignominy we heaped upon his head.

Then it was that Balaam, troubled and dissatisfied, went to counsel the kings to make ends with Israel rather than to seek to fight them. "Let the most fruitful of our women be given unto them that they may increase and let them away," he said.

This advice proved good, and during the weeks which followed Israelites and Moabites & Midianites mingled freely, a thing which so displeased Moses and the elders that it was not long ere Moses had to resort to the most severe measures. This culminated in the gas of Israel were only stayed when Moses had destroyed a Midianitish princess and the wicked Israelites who had brought her into his tent.

Should man let such affront go unchallenged Balaam still counselled peace.

"Nay, we all fight, and thou shalt fight with I vowed the king, when rumors came that Israel was preparing to go against them. 'We shall see how blessing shall prosper. Curse us, and thou shalt remain in safety home.'"

"But I can I speak curses when God has spoken only goodness concerning Israel?" poor Balaam protested, as bent with them to the field of battle.

They the Israelites and they wars against the Midianites and they of all the males, and they slew the king of Midian, beside the rest of the Midianites; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Ben Ami, the son of Beor, they slew with the sword.