

The Inquisitive Clerk.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The inquisitive clerk is everywhere and everybody has had an experience with him. One of the genus was called down in a remarkably funny manner in a West end drug store recently. A tall, solemn-looking man came in and asked for a half dozen six-ounce bottles.

"Bottles?" asked the clerk.

"Yes, bottles," responded the man.

"With or without corks?" asked he.

"With corks," was the response.

"Want 'em empty?"

"Certainly."

"And new?"

"Do you suppose I want bottles you've been keeping strychnine in?"

The clerk said such an idea had never entered his mind, and then asked:

"What do you want them for?"

"To break," responded the impatient customer, promptly.

"What?"

The customer beckoned to him to lean over the counter and caught hold of the lapel of the clerk's coat and whispered:

"I wouldn't want the neighbors to get onto it, but I rather like to hear 'em crack. Just a whim of mine. It's better than breaking windows and gives me just as much pleasure, but my supply has given out and I want a few to hold me over till the next carload arrives."

The clerk looked at the customer doubtfully.

"Oh, well, of course, it's nothing to me," he said.

"Then what made you ask about it?" demanded the customer.

"The clerk made no reply, but got the bottles. As he was making change, however, the spirit moved him to ask:

"What do you do with the corks?"

"Chew 'em," was the reply. "It's good for the digestion. Try it some time."

Then the customer walked out and the clerk shook his head and tapped his forehead, but he asked no more questions.

The excursion train this morning, with eight coaches in charge of John T. Dunn, left on time, with rather less than 100 passengers aboard. Mr. Dunn said to a STAR reporter that he had anticipated having 100 from Ocala, and that he would pick up more on the way. At Rochelle he had two extra coaches to be used if needed, and at Palatka, on the standard gauge, he could command 20 cars, this number being easily drawn by one locomotive on the smooth tracks of the East Coast Line. He said that many would get on at Palatka, not only the resident population, but those who would come down from Jacksonville, St. Augustine and other points to the north. Said he in a short, graphic description of the country and scenery down there and en route, "It is the most beautiful view from the train that I ever saw. For 130 miles the train runs within sight of the Indian river, almost like an ocean in itself, as seen, sometimes clearly, and again only in flitting glimpses through the tropical forests skirting the shores. The river is from three to eight miles in width. At Palm Beach the country presents such a contrast to those portions of the state only 150 miles further north. Oranges on the trees as large as walnuts, coconuts now in full leaf, only the leaves having been killed by the freeze, the truly royal Hotel Poinciana fronting the beautiful lake Worth, fringed with coconuts and other tropical verdure,

with the wooded peninsula in rear, only half a mile in width, and then the grand old Atlantic, with its constant music of the surf breaking on the beach, all unite to make this one of the most beautiful spots on the whole coast of Florida—the perfect ideal of a summer tourist."

Youth.

"The whole period of youth," says Ruskin, "is essentially one of formation, edification, instruction; in taking of stores, establishment of vital habits, hopes, faiths. There is never an hour of it but is trembling with destinies, not a moment of which, once past, the appointed work can never be done again or the neglected blow struck on cold iron. Take your vase of Venice glass out of the furnace, and strew chaff over its transparent heat, and recover that to its clearness and ruby glory when the north wind has blown upon it. But do not think to strew chaff over the child fresh from God's presence, and to bring the heavenly colors back to him, at least in this world."

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court in and for Marion county, Florida, in a matter wherein Mrs. Elizabeth V. Tompkins is plaintiff and H. L. Anderson as assignee of the late firm of Tompkins Bros., composed of W. T. Tompkins and W. D. Tompkins, defendants, I have levied upon and will on Wednesday, the 31 day of July, 1895, sell to the highest and bidder for cash, within the legal hours of sale, on lot 557 of the townsite of Dunnellon, in the town of Dunnellon, Marion county, Fla., the same being the leased premises upon which said property is located, the following described personal property, to wit:

Four pieces of pants cloth; three pieces of cambric; two pieces of lining; 2 pieces of flannel; one lot ladies' hose; 14 pieces of gingham; 5 pieces check homespun; 12 pieces of yellow homespun; 7 pieces of white goods; 18 pieces of dress goods; 21 pieces of calicoes; 133 pairs pants; 99 coats and vests; lot ladies' vests; lot men's undershirts; lot ladies' waists; lot corsets (24); lot frilling; lot ladies' belts; lot albums (8); lot lace; lot men's scarfs; two men's overcoats; four alpaca coats; 2 doz. napkins; lot collars; lot handkerchiefs; lot gloves; lot picture frames; lot note paper; box note paper; lot suspenders; lot memorandum books and pads; lot towels; lot hardware; lot drugs; dozen axes; keg powder; 5 doz. bottles of extracts; dozen syrup pitchers; 42 tin buckets; dozen goblets; lot lamp wicks; three meat dishes; dozen dish pans; lot of chimneys and lamp globes; lot of paint in pound boxes; lot of plow castings; lot of sapollo (22); 2 doz. cans corn; 18 cans coffee; 18 cans 3 lb. tomatoes; 26 boxes diamond dust; 10 pounds of North Carolina tobacco; dozen bottles catsup; dozen plates; two cans, and tea in said cans; lot shirts; lot pants (127); lot coats (20); one show case and contents; lot of cheap shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes (27 pairs); 9 pairs of ladies' shoes; 3 pairs patent leather pumps; 17 pairs gents' shoes; 15 pairs of shoes; 53 pairs of ladies' shoes as ordered; 3 trunks; 800 lbs. nails; showcase and contents; lot of cheap children's shoes; lot of straw hats; lot men's hats; lot of embroidery; 4 white vests; 2 alpaca coats and vests; 5 boys' suits; 7 white coats; 10 light suits; 20 umbrellas; showcase and contents; thread case and contents; showcase and contents; 11 ax handles; a pair iron hames; 3 pair scales; coffee mill; box potash; lot stove pipe and elbows; 3 spiders; roll wire netting; oil tank; 5 lbs. of ball twine; 2 smashes; 1 heater and lot pipe; 8 valves; showcase and contents; thread case and lot buttons; 2 hanging lamps complete (B. & L.); 1 mackintosh coat; 5 lanterns; 20 split baskets; iron safe (Moser Safe & Lock Co.); office stool; wood desk; 2 pairs trace chains; lot of crockery; plow stock; 13 cases 3 lb. tomatoes; 20 cases 2 lb. tomatoes; barrel fuses; 12 joints stove pipe; lot lamp chimneys; or so much thereof as will satisfy said execution and costs. B. DUPRE HODGE, Sheriff Marion county, Fla. ALBERT WRIGHT, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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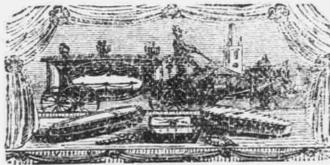
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