

It has always been a proverb that a widow is hard to escape from, but compared with a widower, a widow gets discouraged before the hours have started the game.

People are very charitable about scandalous things they don't find out. A traveling man's honeymoon lasts four times as long as that of the average man, for the reason that he is not at home so often.

Is it all right to stagger home from a stag party?

A half-way decent woman will do anything to hide a criminal who is her lover.

A Generous Offer.

One of the most successful advertising firms in the world is the Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co. of Memphis, Tenn., proprietors of "Plantation Chili Cures" and "La Creole Hair Restorer." They never lag behind for want of an idea. This year they are offering free trips to the Paris Exposition, including an expense account of \$5.00 a day for 30 days, and to Cuba or Porto Rico, with an expense account of \$5.00 a day for 30 days, to any of their customers estimating the amount, or nearest the amount, of cotton received in Memphis during 1909. Anyone purchasing goods to the amount of \$1.00 is entitled to an estimate, and as the firm is thoroughly reliable, we would urge those who desire to visit Paris in 1909 to write them for full particulars.

If a man is blue because he is losing money in Wall street his wife is sure he is not wearing heavy enough underclothes.

Richard's Magic Catarrh Expellant Co., Omaha, Neb. Write for particulars.

Eating an onion every other day is the latest remedy for improving the complexion.

Fifty-One Bridges for E. & O. R. R.
Baltimore, Jan. 23.—One of the largest bridge contracts that has been awarded in many years has been let by the receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. In order to place the line west of the Ohio river in proper shape to handle the heavy freight equipment that is being used east of the river the receivers found it necessary to rebuild 51 bridges between Benwood, W. Va., and Chicago. That the structures might be rapidly pushed to completion it was decided to divide the work among three companies. The Youngtown Bridge Company of Youngstown will erect 31 bridges on the Central Ohio division between the Ohio river and Newark, Ohio; the Pencoyd Bridge Works was awarded the 11 bridges on the Lake Erie division, Newark to Sandusky, and the Edge Moor Bridge Company of Wilmington, Del., will erect the 9 bridges needed on the Chicago division. The total cost of these bridges is in the neighborhood of \$300,000 and it is expected that all will be in place by September. Nearly 250,000 tons of steel will be needed for the structures.

In an emergency the average person does the very worst thing.

Read the Advertisements.

You will enjoy this publication much better if you will get in the habit of reading the advertisements; they will afford a most interesting study and some excellent bargains. Our advertisers are reliable, and send what they advertise.

When a man is going to ask you for something, the first thing he does is to shake your hand.

If there is a red-haired girl in the family she is her father's pet.



Ayer's Hair Vigor

What does it do? It causes the oil glands in the skin to become more active, making the hair soft and glossy, precisely as nature intended.

It cleanses the scalp from dandruff and thus removes one of the great causes of baldness.

It makes a better circulation in the scalp and stops the hair from coming out.

It Prevents and It Cures Baldness

Ayer's Hair Vigor will surely make hair grow on bald heads, provided only there is any life remaining in the hair bulbs.

It restores color to gray or white hair. It does not do this in a moment, as will a hair dye; but in a short time the gray color of age gradually disappears and the darker color of youth takes its place.

Would you like a copy of our book on the Hair and Scalp? It is free.

If you do not obtain all the benefits you are entitled to from the use of the Vigor, write to the publishers for a free copy of our book.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

An Owl Song by Ferns Gardiner—*"How Papa Knew—Story of a Sleigh Ride—An Early Morning Scare—Four Little Travelers—To a Dear Little Girl."*

An Owl Song.
When early dawn begins to peep,
And morning stars are all aglow,
When cold winds through the shutters creep,

And rosy light is on the snow,
And rosy light is in the skies,
The little white owl sings to you,
"To-who, to-whit! To-who, to-whit!
As round he stares with sleepy eyes,
"To-who, to-whit! To-who, to-whit!
I am just as tired as an owl can be,
And I'm going to bed in my hollow tree;

But that is a sign, little Curlyhead,
It is time that you were out of bed."
When shadows blue at fall of night
Lie all across the quiet snow,
And neighbors' windows shine so bright,

And up the round moon rises slow,
When evening stars are in the sky,
The little white owl loves to sit
And sing among the tree-tops high,
"To-who, to-whit! To-who, to-whit!
I have finished my nap in the hollow tree,
And I'm wide-awake as an owl can be;

But that is a sign, little Sleepyhead,
It is time that you were off for bed."
—*Persis Gardiner.*

How Papa Knew.

Millie and papa and Bonnie Brown Bess, the pretty horse with the seal-brown coat, were out for a winter's sleigh-ride.

Brown Bess shook her head as though she were saying to other horses, "Catch us if you can!" Papa turned out of the city streets, and pretty soon they were driving along a pleasant country road, where the snow "was as white as plum-cake frosting," Millie said.

All at once papa said, "A rabbit ran along beside the road here this very morning, early. He was in no hurry, but went along as though he were out simply for a stroll! When he got as far as this some snow fell off that tree over there and gave Bunny a great start. How he ran! Pretty soon he stopped, stood up on his hind legs and looked all about."

"Why, papa," cried Millie, "you sound just like a fortune-teller! How do you know what happened here this morning?"

Papa laughed. "Then the rabbit started off as fast as he could go," he went on. "Along about here he began to get over his fright, and went more slowly." They were just going down a short hill. At the foot of it papa said: "At this point a partridge had been having his breakfast, and Bunny stopped to see what the bill-of-fare had been!"

Millie was too astonished now to say "Oh!"
Brown Bess was trotting gaily along as papa went on. "After Bunny had gone by this place a big dog got over that stone wall and started after him, though the rabbit wasn't in sight, for the animal was only going at a 'dog-trot' when he went along here!"

Pretty soon papa said: "There, I feel relieved! The dog changed his mind when he got here and gave up following Bunny! Maybe he suddenly remembered how he could get a breakfast a good deal easier."
Millie had found her voice by this time.

"Papa Harold," she said, "do tell me this minute how you know all that!"
Papa laughed again. "By the tracks along the roadside," he said. "It stopped snowing about four o'clock this morning, so the tracks must have been made after that. Rabbits' tracks are in pairs, side by side. When Bunny went slowly the pairs of tracks were near together. I knew he was frightened by a bit of falling snow, because I saw where a little bunch had fallen, and from there on for several rods the pairs of tracks were far apart. That meant he was running."

"There was a peculiar pressure in the snow that meant to me, 'Here Bunny stood up to see what that soft noise was.' He felt satisfied that no harm was near, because his tracks were near together after that. I saw where a partridge had dug away the light snow to find his breakfast, leaving its footprints in the snow, and Bunny's tracks showed that he stopped and looked into the hole. I knew a dog's track, too, and followed his course in the same way."

"Why, papa," said Millie, "it's just like reading a page out of 'Nature's Story-Book,' isn't it?"
"Yes," said Papa Harold, "a white page, with the writing all done by the authors' feet!"
WEBB DONNELL.

An Early Morning Scare.

I have told Rob and Carl a great many stories, but today I heard one about themselves—one that they never thought of telling me in return for all I have told them, because they did not know how entertaining it would be.

Rob isn't quite five years old, and Carl is almost three. They go to bed early at night, and they both like to get up very early in the morning.

On summer mornings, when the sun rises very early, it is always nice and bright when they open their eyes, but in the winter mamma always has to light a lamp, just as if it were night instead of the beginning of daytime.

Well, one of the dark mornings last

winter, mamma, Rob and Carl all got up together. Mamma started the fire in the sitting-room, which was next to the bedroom and where they always dressed. Then she went out to fix the kitchen fire. Now mamma was always very careful about leaving the lamp; where the children could reach it, but she was to be gone only a minute, so she thought it would be safe to let it stand on the table in the corner.

She had laid the kindlings, put in the wood and lighted them, when all at once she heard such frightened screams from the sitting-room!

How fast she ran to the door, expecting to see the overturned lamp and everything on fire. But no! There stood the little lamp as quiet as ever, just as she had left it; but Rob was jumping up and down, and crying and screaming in another corner, while Carl was standing in the middle of the floor, as still and white as could be.

What in the world was the matter? Mamma could not see anything to frighten them. She went quickly to Carl—he was the baby—and took him up in her arms. As she did so, something dropped to the floor. Looking down, she saw—now I wonder if I ought to tell you what it was right away, or make you guess? I think I will have to tell you, because I couldn't hear your answers, you see!

Well, it was a new pair of very small overshoes that mamma had brought home from the store the day before!

When Rob saw them quite plainly, he went over to mamma, crying and laughing together, and told her what had happened.

Carl had gone back in the bedroom to get mamma's brush for his curly hair, and when he came out again, something black was following close at his heels. Every time he took a step, it made a little jump after him until he stopped and stood still, too frightened to move, while Rob jumped up and down, screaming with all his might.

The little lamp gave out such a small, soft light that neither of the boys could see the little pink string that was caught on one of Carl's shoes—buttons—the string that always holds your new shoes together, you know. But there it was, fastened tight around the button and holding the little black overshoe that jumped up and down at Carl's heels.

"We thought it was a cat," explained Rob, between his sobs.

Then he began to laugh as hard as he could laugh, and holding his little aching sides with his hands, he said, "O mamma, it just funnies me all over!"
R. B. C.

To a Dear Little Girl.

They say that Her Highness the Queen
Has diamonds and pearls in her crown;
And every day of the week she is dressed
As if she had on her Sunday best,
In a beautiful, brand-new gown.

Tho' you haven't a jewel, my dear little girl,
Or a gown that is covered with lace,
There are stars in your eyes and a rose on your cheek,
And you gladden my heart whenever you speak,
With the smiles that beam on your face.

And if in my inkstand I find
A valentine tender and true,
I shall send it to one who is gentle and kind,
(It won't be the Queen, and I hope she won't mind),
I shall send it, my sweetheart, to you.
—*Anna M. Pratt.*

Four Little Travelers.

Mary Alicia set forth for the east
To see where the sun comes up;
And Edward Delancey went straight toward the north
To search for a polar pup.

Margaret Anna repaired to the south,
Where oranges flourish, you know;
And Thomas Augustus struck out for the west,
Where gold mines and buffaloes grow.

'Tis a very strange thing that I have to relate
Concerning these traveled young folk—
But the very next morning they all of them found
They were safe in their beds when they woke.

Adeline's View.

Little Adeline's attention had been called to a skunk running across a field some distance away. She did not say anything, but evidently thought about it a great deal, for the next day, while playing with her dolls, she suddenly looked up and said, "Aunt Mabel!" "Well, Adeline, what is it?" I replied, as she stopped short. "If you were a big Aunt Mabel skunk, and I was a little baby skunk, would you read to me out of little skunk papers, and would I have a little red skunk chair to sit on?"

Suite at the Concert.

One Saturday afternoon little Susie's papa took her to a concert. We asked her when she came home how she liked the music. She didn't care much for the program, she said, loftily, but the "overture" was fine.

Idioms.

"Ah! If our youthful ideals could but be realized!" "If they could, we would be circus actors, truck drivers or pirates, the most of us."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

It is a wonder the Christian science religion doesn't become more popular; it believes in neither church socials nor pills.

A woman never gets the water so hot for boiling potatoes as she does for soaking her husband's feet when he has a cold.

It is the experience of the women that it is easier to have the grip twice than to stay well, and nurse a man who has it once.

Every time you look at a twelve year old boy he needs a new pair of shoes.

It is difficult to convict women of murder; the jurors are men, and they sympathize.

Men don't want to have women hanged, but a jury of women might go to the other extreme.

Shall Porto Rico be a State?

Our public men are trying to decide what action should be taken regarding the status of Porto Rico. We have never before had to deal with a similar condition. Neither have we ever had such a reliable medicine for dyspepsia, indigestion and nervousness as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It makes strength to resist future attacks.

Women don't like women as well as men like men.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take **Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets**. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

A woman has no sympathy for another woman who has done wrong, but often a man has sympathy for a wrong-doing fellow and will help him out.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 331 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Women as criminals are very smart, but they cannot keep crime hidden so well as a man.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to me.—*Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1905.*

Every woman imagines that she is an ideal sick room visitor.

Richard's Magic Catarrh Expellant Co., Omaha, Neb. Write for particulars.

Being caught in a lie is a good deal more uncomfortable than the original offense.

Mr. Winslow's Softening Syrup
For children softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Women talk about their hired girls a good deal, but the girls get even; they know things, too.

Babies hold more marriages together than all the laws in Christendom.

Fast Mail to Seattle.

The widespread public interest in the contest for the fast mail contract between Chicago and Omaha has caused one temporarily to overlook the similar achievement of the Great Northern railway in establishing quick mail communication from New York, via Chicago and St. Paul, to Seattle, and thence to the Orient. The fast Pacific mail service by way of St. Paul to the Puget Sound country is now quite as remarkable as that via Omaha to San Francisco. On January 3 the Great Northern placed in service a fast through mail and passenger train from Chicago to Seattle, on which the mail pouches never once leave the car after the transfer at St. Paul.

From New York to Seattle the time by this Northern route is just four days. East of St. Paul the mails are carried on several roads, but west of that city—on a run exceeding the eastern portion by 500 miles—the mail goes through without change across five great States on the tracks of the Great Northern. Forty-five minutes are consumed in transferring the mails in Chicago, and thirty minutes in St. Paul. After that the Northern Oriental flyer does the rest without a pause until the Asiatic mails go on board the steamers of the Japan Mail Steamship Company. Both the importance of Seattle as an Oriental shipping point and the speed of the Great Northern transcontinental mail service make the achievement a noteworthy feature of American railway progress.

The Puget Sound cities have already become formidable rivals of San Francisco as regards the freight and passenger traffic for Japan, China and Asiatic ports. The steamer route from Seattle to the Orient seems to be more free from storms than that from San Francisco, and as a large proportion of the Oriental exports are products of the Northwest the freight traffic has naturally taken this course. The fact that the full capacity of the Japan Mail Steamship Company's boats is engaged as far ahead as next August is in itself a striking proof of the growing importance of the Oriental trade that has its outlet at Seattle.

When the women can't think of anything else to say about a woman they hate, they say she used to be an actress.

DEVIUS DEFINITIONS.

N—A letter to me that makes a man of her.
Easy—Usually the first dividend of success.
Realism—The cracking of a front joke on the stage.
Fault—Something that is often found where it is not.
Flattery—The art of making others believe your disbelief.
Enemy—One who declines to forgive the injury you did him.

Most of the suicides of women are on account of desertion.

When a man is deserted he gets another girl and begins life over.

A woman can't get half so mad with the man who deserves a scolding but won't take it, as with the man who takes it but doesn't deserve it.

Nearly every rich man is said by somebody that his women folks don't love him.

Richard's Magic Catarrh Expellant Co., Omaha, Neb. Write for particulars.

The difference between a dream and a delirium is that when you dream you wake up.

A Single Dose of "Five Drops" will benefit you for a gripe—its use a few days will cure you. See their advertisement in another column of this paper, containing strong testimonials.

If a man could understand a woman's mind he could understand then why it is impossible for him to understand it now.

Droopy treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest droopy specialists in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

After Eve ate the apple and found out what happened, probably she went back and ate the core to see what else would happen.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 50c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Half the knowledge people acquire by experience they never use.

The flattest thing is old virtue gone bad.

For La Grippe Use "5 Drops"

FOR 30 DAYS YOU CAN TRY IT FOR 25 CENTS.
Rheumatism, Sciatica and Catarrh
CURED BY

"5 DROPS" Three Years Ago.
DOCTORS PRONOUNCED HIM INCURABLE.
He is Still Well and Writes, on Oct. 10, 1896: "I feel it a Duty That I Owe to God and Suffering Humanity to Announce to You and All the World What '5 Drops' Has Done for Me."

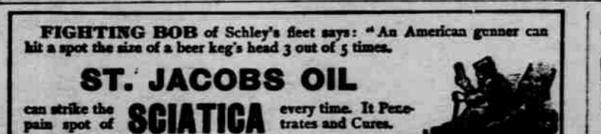
SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE COMPANY.—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and I had Catarrh of the Head for 30 years. I was so poorly that I lost the use of my legs and arms, and could not move without pain. I was so crippled that I had done but little work for seven long years, and our family physician, a good doctor, told me that my Rheumatism and Catarrh were incurable, and I believed him. But now, after using "5 DROPS" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. This medicine does more than is claimed for it. At this time my Catarrh is much better and I have scarcely any Rheumatism at all, and the heart weakness and pain are gone. My hearing is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained more than 10 pounds of flesh and can do a full day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw to give a mother who has a young child, for it has the same effect on the child as on the mother. It wards off Croup and cures the Hives of the child and causes sweet and refreshing sleep to both young and old.
WM. M. KELLEMS.

SIX TESTIFY TO ITS TRUTH.

In a letter of Oct. 10, 1898, from Mr. Kellems, he says: "I feel it a duty that I owe to God and suffering humanity to announce to you and all the world that I am in the ring with untold thousands of others, to testify to the great merits of your valuable remedy called '5 DROPS.' I believe I was the first sufferer in this part of the earth to learn of the existence of '5 DROPS,' some three years ago. I was then badly afflicted with Rheumatism, Catarrh, etc., which my letter of Jan. 29, 1896, fully speaks of. All I can say is '5 DROPS' cured me. To make a long story short, '5 DROPS' is what cured me in this part of the country, as everybody knows the '5 DROPS' remedies around here. It has cured more cases of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, and many other pains than any other medicine that has ever been sold or heard of. For the last three years I have noticed the effect '5 DROPS' has on the sick, through my own observations as well as my brother, who is a practicing physician and uses the '5 DROPS' in his practice. All ye that wish for further information, write and you are sure to get a reply without any delay. I will (as I have done in this letter) cheerfully recommend it to anyone that I may come in contact with. I myself can never forget what this remedy has done for me and many others.
Yours very truly,
WM. M. KELLEMS, Siberia, Ind.
Witnesses to the above: Jas. Brady, J. R. Cox, E. R. Huff, S. Taylor, Dr. S. W. Kellems, Jno. Hays, all of Siberia, Ind.

The wonderful success that has attended the introduction of "5 DROPS" is unprecedented in the history of the world. Think of it! It has CURED more than One Million and a Quarter sufferers within the last three years. This must appeal to you. One Million and a Quarter people cannot all be mistaken. If suffering we trust you may have sufficient confidence to send for three large bottles of "5 DROPS" for \$2.50, which will surely cure you. If not, then send for a \$1.00 bottle, which contains enough medicine to more than prove its wonderful curative properties. Prepaid by mail or express. This wonderful curative gives almost instant relief and is a PERMANENT CURE for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sinusitis, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headache, Heart, Bronchitis, Toothache, Earache, Croup, La Grippe, Malaria, Creeping Numbness, and kindred diseases.

"5 DROPS" is the name and dose. LARGE BOTTLE (300 doses), \$1.00, prepaid by mail or express; THREE BOTTLES, \$2.50. Send only by us and our agents. Agents Appointed in New Territory. Write today.
SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.



FIGHTING BOB of Schley's feet says: "An American gunner can hit a spot the size of a beer keg's head 3 out of 5 times."
ST. JACOBS OIL
can strike the pain spot of **SCIATICA** every time. It Penetrates and Cures.



CANDY CATHARTIC
Cascarets
PISO'S CURE FOR
W. N. U.—WICHITA—NO. 4—1896.
When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

The dead part seems to be a very negligent undertaker.
Fades reduce cigarettes to ashes and cigarettes do likewise with dudes.
There is a big difference between a working man and a working politician.
It's better to accept some statements than to bother hunting up the proofs.
The man who forgets is often more appreciative than the one who forgives.

When a woman marries she dearly loves to think she has thrown herself away.

No, son, a doc-skin is not a pocket-book.

NERVOUS DEPRESSION.

[A TALK WITH MRS. PINKHAM.]

A woman with the blues is a very uncomfortable person. She is illogical, unhappy and frequently hysterical. The condition of the mind known as "the blues," nearly always, with women, results from diseased organs of generation.

It is a source of wonder that in this age of advanced medical science, any person should still believe that mere force of will and determination will overcome depressed spirits and nervousness in women. These troubles are indications of disease.

Every woman who doesn't understand her condition should write to Lynn, Mass., to Mrs. Pinkham for her advice. Her advice is thorough common sense, and is the counsel of a learned woman of great experience. Read the story of Mrs. F. S. BENNETT, Westphalia, Kansas, as told in the following letter:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have suffered for over two years with falling, enlargement and ulceration of the womb, and this spring, being in such a weakened condition, caused me to low for nearly six months. Some time ago, urged by friends, I wrote to you for advice. After using the treatment which you advised for a short time, that terrible flow stopped.

"I am now gaining strength and flesh, and have better health than I have had for the past ten years. I wish to say to all distressed, suffering women, do not suffer longer, when there is one so kind and willing to aid you."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a woman's remedy for woman's ills. More than a million women have been benefited by it.



A NEW INCUBATOR Over 200 fully used last season. Prices in proportion to prices of poultry. Send for our book of incubators and their uses. Write to Hatch Incubator Co., Gay Center, Neb.

WANTED—Case of bad health that Dr. P. A. N. B. will not benefit. Send 3 cents to Chicago Chemical Co., New York, for 30 samples and 1,000 testimonials.