# The Avant Courier.

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### A Passing Thought.

Must we but sit and dream?
Are there no duties here?
Can we not catch a gleam
Of light from God's pure sphere?
Shame to the sluggard wight,
Who unconcerned sits down,
Nor strives with all his might
To win an immortal crown!
This life is but the way
To nobler work above—
We shall not idly dream
In God's abode of love.
He truly lives who strives
Each duty to fulfill;
Who steadily pursues the way
Established by God's will.

### A Difference of Opinion.

They sat on the broad veranda
O'erlooking the moonlit sea,
And from out on the dancing waters
Came floating a sound of glee.

But suddenly with the blending
Came cries of childish woe—
Came the sound of a slipper descending
In measured cadence slow.

"There's a squall out there," said a lounger;
"Out there on the moonlit seas."
"Oh, no; not a squall," said the other;
"'Tis only a spanking breeze."

### Cat and Bees.

A Virginia City (Nev.) paper tells this affecting story:

"Charles Kaiser, who has the only hive of bees in town, says that when he first got the swarm his old cat's curiosity was much excited in regard to the doings of the little insect, the like of which she had never before seen. At first she watched their comings and goings from a distance. She then flattened herself upon the ground and crept along toward the hive, with tail horizontal and quivering. It was clearly evident that she thought the bees some new kind of game. Finally she took up a position at the entrance to the hive, and when a bee went in or started out, made a dab at it with her paws. This went on for a time without attracting the special attention of the inhabitants of the hive. Presently, however, old Tabby struck and crushed a bee on the edge of the opening to the hive. The smell of the crushed bee alarmed and enraged the whole swarm. Bees by the score poured forth, and darted into the fur of the astonished cat. Tabby rolled herself in the grass, spitting, sputtering, biting, clawing, and squalling as cat never squalled before. She appeared a mere ball of fur and bees as she rolled and tumbled about. She was at length hauled away from the hive with a garden rake, at the cost of several severe stings to her rescuer. Even after she had been taken to a distant part of the grounds the bees stuck to Tabby's fur, and about once in two minutes she would utter an unearthly yell and bounce a full yard in the air. She never disturbed the bees again. Her curiosity was satisfied.

### The Drunkard's Soliliquy.

Here I am back again! Sitting under the same old tree, on the same green bank where I have sat hundreds of times during my boyhood. I have been absent ten years. I went away full of hope; I come back full of sorrow and bowed down with disgrace. Worse off than the prodigal son whose father ran to meet him and fell on his neck and wept, for I killed my father with my wild course of life, and brought my mother's gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. Absent ten years! Who will be the better for my coming back? Even the dogs in the neighborhood growl at the miserable outcast blighted by rum! All my brothers and sisters have led upright lives, and are married and settled down here. Shall I go to see them? If I go with my bloated face and seedy garments to the front door, they will set the dog on me. If I go to the back door, they will think I am a tramp. I couldn't blame them. Robbers and murderers are made of such stuff as I am—soaked in rum till the divine spark itself is almost put out!

Well, anyhow, these old scenes have brought out what little of manhood there is left in me; so whichever way I trudge, I will first on my bended knees, here in sight of the old homestead and the graves of my parents, promise, with the help of Almighty God, never to drink another drop of intoxicating liquor while I live. Never! never!—*Selected.*

### Mobbed For Not Marrying.

Hesitation on the brink of matrimony has brought serious consequences on the head of a young man at Farnsworth, in England. He had won the affections of a young woman who had worked in a spinning mill in the neighborhood. The bridegroom escorted the bride to the Farnsworth parish church, the best man and bridesmaid following in the rear. No *contretemps* occurred until the bridal procession arrived at the church gates, when the bridegroom assented to a suggestion made by a few friends that he should fortify himself for the solemn ceremony by taking something at an adjacent public house. He accordingly drank two glasses of whisky. In the meantime the bride sought him in the public house, and requested he should at once proceed to fulfill his engagements. This, however, he refused to do, and it was therefore determined to convey him to the church by force. Seized by a number of men, he was, despite his struggles, carried into the churchyard, where he managed to free himself from their grasp, and ran off as fast as his legs would carry him. He was followed by a crowd of people, who having caught him after an exciting chase, cut his hat into shreds, besmeared his clothes with treacle and flour, rolled him in the dust, beat him with sticks, umbrellas and baskets. He was then permitted to go; and the bride, deeply chagrined, returned home. This is the second time that the same young man has, at the last moment, shunned the fatal plunge and decamped from the church door leaving an unmated bride in the porch.

### Influence of Valleys on Health.

Mr. Alfred Haviland lately informed the London Social Science Association that many diseases were induced by the common tendency to place houses in valleys instead of on the hill sides. He says that valleys do not get a full share of fresh air. The wind blows over, not through them, and the atmosphere within their boundaries is comparatively stagnant. His observations are therefore opposed to the common belief that valleys are especial channels for atmospheric movements; but his opinions are sustained by Dr. B. W. Richardson, who is good authority. The latter gentleman enumerated twenty-five or thirty diseases which he thought might be attributed to the propensity for valley homes. Among them are croup, influenza, scrofula, rheumatism, fistula, calculus, and possibly some malformations. The list is formidable, and to put it mildly, it is almost incredible that diseases of this character can be caused by living in the broad and shallow valleys of England. Mr. Haviland's remarks were illustrated by maps and models showing the geological structure of the earth.—*The Galaxy.*

### Things Too Good.

No matter how rich you may be, never buy anything too good for use.

If you do, you'll rue the day.

No matter whether it be an article of dress or an article of furniture—it will prove a curse to you.

No family can be happy whose carpets and sofas are too good for use. Who wants to be perpetually scraping and sandpapering his boots, lest he may perchance leave a flake of dust on the carpet? Who wants to run up to his room and wash his hands before he pulls up a window shade, lest he may soil the dove-colored tassels? Who wants to live in a bandbox, with a brush in one hand and a duster in the other, because of the fine things his house contains?

The mistress of such a house can never know what comfort and peace of mind are. How she dreads to see that awkward Mr. Baker come in, for she knows he will wriggle round on the sofa so that at least two or three buttons will be sqirmed off it during his call, and if he does not bore a hole in the carpet with the toe of his nervous boot, she has supreme cause for thankfulness.

You are fond of driving, and you buy a carriage too good for use, with the idea that when your friends see your turn-out they will turn green with envy. What is the result? Why, it generally rains six weeks after anybody gets a new carriage, and of course the roads are in no condition for you to display your acquisition, and you stay at home and sulk, waiting for dry weather, and your horses get so "kinky" (we believe that is the right word) with remaining so long in the stable that you risk your neck in driving them when it does come clear weather.

If you are a woman, and you see a love of a French hat in the window of a fashionable milliner's store, and purchase it, though you know it is too good for use, ten to one that the very first time you wear it you will be caught in a shower, and the whole thing will be ruined.

We know of an excellent woman who is just ready to sink into her grave, and all on account of being the mistress of a house too good for use. She has lived in it five years, and it has nearly done the job for her.

Its carpets were woven to order; its curtains were sent from Paris; its rosewood furniture is upholstered in the costliest material known to the art; its mirrors are marvels of gilding and carving; its pictures cost a mint of money; but only the other day we heard the poor mistress of all this splendor say, with a sigh;

"I took more comfort in our little three-roomed cottage up among the hills of Vermont, where the carpet was only hemp, and the sofa was a home-made lounge, covered with calico."

And so we say, Have your houses and your articles of clothing good and handsome, fine if you like, but never, on any account, too good for use.—*Kate Thorn. in N. Y. Weekly.*

### Wonderful Discovery.

The following is interesting as one of the earliest volumes extant:

"Among the discoveries made by Col. Rawlinson in the excavations of Babylon, was Nebuchadnezzer's hunting diary, with notes, and here and there a portrait of his dogs, sketched by himself, with his name under it. He mentions in it his having been ill; and while he was delirious he though he had been out to graze like the beasts of the field. Is not this a wonderful corroboration of Scripture? Rawlinson also found a pot of preserves, in an excellent state, and gave some to Queen Victoria to taste. How little Nebuchadnezzer's cook dreamed when making them that, twenty-five centuries after, the Queen of England would eat some of the identical preserves that figured at his master's table."

### Which is the Butt End?

The Trinidad (Col.) *Enterprise and Chronicle* says: "We are requested to suggest to the Trinidad Lyceum, for debate at an early day, the question, 'Which is the butt end of a goat?' This question is one not to be decided by the ordinary rules applied to saw-logs, mules and other animals. To some it is a dilemma, with both horns included. The goat is different from the mule in this respect, if in no other, that the mule makes war from the rear, while his front is not furrowed by the troubles of the campaign then pending. The goat, on the other hand, uses the rear portion of his body as a propelling force only, and makes active war with his butter; that is, this position is taken by some people who are goat-wise, and the goat is said to take the same position also. Another fact is that while it is perfectly safe to fondle a mule's ears, and not attempt to pick a bun off his hind leg, it isn't so safe to hang your hat on a goat's horns as it is to lift his hind legs. We have no doubt but that the Trinidad Lyceum could set this matter at rest if they would take hold of it, and to help the matter along, we are willing to lend the members a healthy William goat to help illustrate the matter in hand."

### Advantages of Crying.

A French physician is out in a long dissertation on the advantages of groaning and crying in general, and especially during surgical operations. He contends that groaning and crying are two grand operations by which nature allays anguish; that those patients who give way to their natural feelings more speedily recover from accidents and operations than those who suppose it unworthy a man to betray such symptoms of cowardice as either to groan or cry.

He tells of a man who reduced his pulse from one hundred and twenty-six to sixty in the course of a few hours by giving full vent to his emotions. If people are at a unhappy about any thing, let them go into their rooms and comfort themselves with a loud boo-hoo, and they will feel a hundred per cent. better afterwards.

In accordance with the above, the crying of children should not be too greatly discouraged. If it is systematically repressed the result may be St. Vitus' Dance, epileptic fits, or some other disease of the nervous system. What is natural is nearly always useful, and nothing can be more natural than the crying of children when anything occurs to give them either physical or mental pain.

A New York Court has decided that a wife has a right to ask her husband for a kiss, and if he refuses, she can hit him in the face, and he can't have her fined for the blow.

"They all do it." That sentence is a lie As base and foul a lie as ever was conceived in the mind of man or devil. They *don't* all do it." There are thousands upon thousands of good, pure men and women in this world, bad as it may seem, who are leading upright lives.—They believe in a Deity, and in the commands of virtue, and are going along with the happiest results to themselves and their neighbors. There are men who would disdain to be accessory to a woman's fall. There are men who would disdain to take an advantage in trade, or to do any other selfish or mean action. There are men who try to be just always, and kindly both in words and feelings.—*N. Y. Republic.*

They were talking of a death, when one man added: "What were his last words?" "He didn't say anything," was the reply. "That's just like him," said the first man, with an approving nod. "There was no gas about him. He was all business."

The little village of Antwerp, N. Y., contains sixty-two widows. No book agent or sewing-machine man, they say, ever goes into the place without coming out either dead or married.

"Papa," said a bright Springfield boy, just home from a sleight-of-hand entertainment, "I wish I was a conjurer." "Why, my son?" "I would turn you into a rat, call up the cat, and wouldn't I have some fun!"


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**Erasmus D. Johnson,** whose post-office address is Bozeman, Gallatin county, Montana, has filed his application to enter as agricultural land, under the Homestead laws, the S. E. ¼ of Section 30 in township 2 South of Range 6 East, which land is suspended from entry. Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be had at this office on the 23d day of March, A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m., to determine as to the mineral or non-mineral character of said land; and testimony to be used upon said hearing will be taken before the Register and Receiver at Bozeman, Montana, on the 23d day of March, A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

It is alleged there are no known mines nor mining improvements upon said land.

DAVIS WILLSON, Register.

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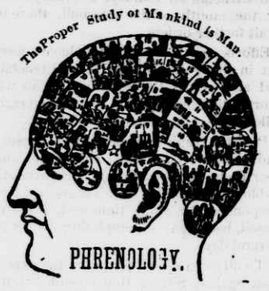


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**George E. Male,** whose post office address is Lower Willow Creek, Gallatin County, Montana, has filed his application to enter as agricultural land, under the Homestead laws, the north ½ of Northeast ¼ and North ½ of Northwest ¼ of section 25 in township No. 4 north of range No. 1 East; which land is suspended from entry. Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be had at this office on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m., to determine as to the mineral or non-mineral character of said land, and testimony to be used upon said hearing will be taken before the Register and Receiver at the Land Office at Bozeman, Montana, on the 20th day of February A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

It is alleged there are no known mines, nor mining improvements upon said land.

DAVIS WILLSON, Register.

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### Application For Patent.

TO THE CROWN POINT LODE MINE.
No. 10.
U. S. LAND OFFICE,
BOZEMAN, M. T., January 4, 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Samuel B. Rice,** whose post office address is Virginia City, Montana, has this day filed his application for a patent for 1,485 linear feet of the Crown Point Lode Mine, of twenty bearing silver, with surface ground 200 feet in width, situate, lying and being in Havana Mining District, county of Madison and Territory of Montana, and known and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as Lots Number 37 and 39, in Township No. 2 South of Range No. 2 East of the Principal meridian of Montana Territory. The exterior boundaries of said lots No. 37 and 39 being as follows, to-wit:

Variation 19 deg. 45 min. East. Commencing at a granite stone set at the N. W. corner of the said Crown Point Lode and running thence south 2 deg. E., 1,485 feet to a granite stone set at the N. E. corner of said claim, from which the ¼ section corner on township line between sections No. 34, in T. 2 S. R. 2 E., and No. 3 in T. 3, S. R. 2 E., bears N. 13 deg. 47 min. E., 466 feet distant; thence S. 18 deg. W. 200 feet to a quartz rock; thence N. 72 deg. W., 1,485 feet to a granite stone; thence N. 18 deg. E., 200 feet to place of beginning, containing 6.82 acres.

This claim is bounded on the East by the Lode Claim of O. P. Moore.

The location of this mine is duly recorded in the Recorder's office of Madison county, at Virginia City, Montana Territory, on page 344 in book 26 of Lode Mining Claim Locations.

Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said Crown Point Lode mine or adjoining ground as hereinbefore described, are required to file their adverse claim with the Register of the U. S. Land office at Bozeman; in the Territory of Montana, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the Statute.

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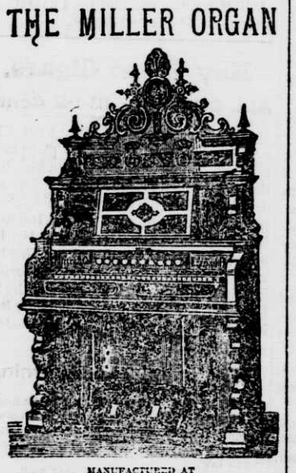

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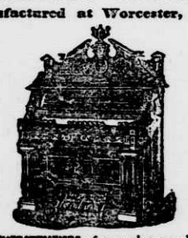

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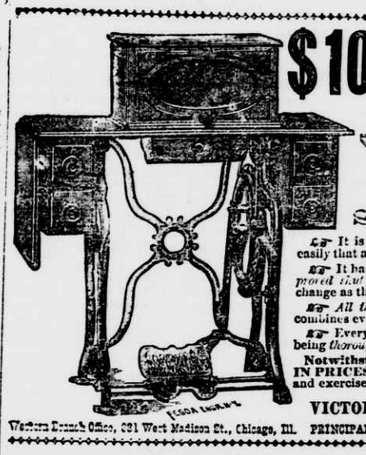

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