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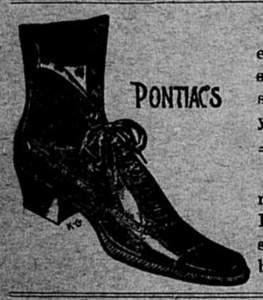

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Why They Shut Down.

"On account of the overstocked coal market" four collieries in the hard coal district of Pennsylvania have closed down indefinitely. Which means, of course, that there is enough hard coal now on the market to supply the demand at the present robber prices.—Sioux City Tribune.

The Farmer and the Robin.

It was a kind-hearted farmer in the Michigan fruit belt who turned the nozzle of the insect spraying hose away from a plum tree in which a robin with an appealing eye had its nest. The husbandman used the hose on all his other plum trees, but when he came to pick his crop, lo, the robin tree yielded fourfold that of the others. The kindly farmer saw a great light, and now says it would be well if every plum tree bore a robin's nest.—Chicago Post.

Wealth Has its Drawbacks.

It is recorded of Cornelius Vanderbilt that before he died he said to a friend: "I don't see what good it does me—all this money that you say is mine. I can't eat it, I can't spend it—in fact, I never saw it and never had it in my hands for a moment. I dress no better than my private secretary and cannot eat as much as my coachman. I live in a big servants' boarding-house, am bothered to death by beggers, have dyspepsia, cannot drink champagne and most of my money is in the hands of others', who use it mainly for their own benefit."—N. Y. Press.

A SnapShot At One Of The Brethren

The New Rockford Transcript digs up this old one and works it off on the patient and long suffering editor of Sheldon Progress:

Station Agent Hughes of Sheldon never tires of telling of his first meeting with Editor De la Bere of the Progress. Mike was just fresh from Brighton college and wore a suit of clothes so loud that a gaze at them was to invite a headache. Mike came prepared to stay and when he landed at Sheldon had about eight trunks. Approaching the agent he exclaimed: "Say, there, are you the station master? Well 'eres your blooming brasses, give me the blawsted traps."

Some Blessings of Grief.

Don't grieve—but since you must grieve, learn that there is good even in grieving. Alas for him who is too blind to see that there is something more than grief in grieving.

Perfect happiness is the great desire, yet we could never realize happiness but for its contrast with griefs, just as we never could realize sunshine but for shadows and periods of darkness.

It is in the spring, when the gloomy winter has just gone, and in the autumn, when the winter is near again, that we enjoy sunshine most. In midsummer, when the sunshine is really most perfect, we enjoy it the least, because of the lack of contrast.

The human mind does not comprehend perfection except through imperfections. We could not know happiness but for grief. Grief has a value all its own. He who has been altogeher glad is but half-made—his poor life lacks completeness. He is incapable of realizing real gladness.

Adelbert von Chamisso's "Peter Schlemihl" is a German classic. It is a little story of a man who sold to the devil his shadow. That he thought he could easily spare nothing else was soutterly useless. But poor Peter soon found out that with his shadow gone a bond of sympathy between himself and his fellow men was gone also. Men feared him, and women fled from him The sunshine that fell where his shadow ought to have been divided him from all mankind. He learned that in a man's shadow is that outward expression of himself which shows that he has been touched, like others, by the light of heaven.

The little story is but a poet's whim. But in it the true philosopher may find a deep well of meaning.

Many a man has sold to the devil his griefs and thought it a good bargain, only to find himself in the same isolation from human sympathy as did the man without a shadow.

The man who can drown his cares in drink may think he has a good bargain with the devil, but he is burning his bridges behind him on the road to death. The headache and the heartache that he denies himself are the only holds that nature and spirit could have upon him for his rescue.

Pain in the body is the stricken nerve's appeal to the brain and the heart for help. Grief is the same sort of natural appeal to one's spiritual forces in time of distress.

Heeded, these natural appeals lead to higher health and higher happiness Disregraded, they are but signals of decay.

He who has no griefs can soon sum up his joys. He who feels no want ought quickly to set about an inventory of his needs. He would find a lot of them. The fact that he has not felt them proves his insanity and his lack. His shadow is not working.

Where there are no griefs there is no inspiration and little activity. There may be a semblance of activity, but little real accomplishment.—Des Moines Daily News.

Comfort.

Don't you be discouraged
  Cause de clouds is black,
Sunshine is a-waitin'
  Foh to travel back.
I's seen rain a-plenty;
  Thought 'twould never quit
Thunderin' an lightnin'—
    But I
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When de snow storm's threatenin',
  Don't you be afraid;
Spring will come as usual,
  Smilin' undismayed;
When de rose is bloomin'
  You won' mind a bit;
Is seen a lot o' winter,
    An' I
      ain'
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          yit.

Washington Star.

Points in a Good Cow.

A copy of the Farmers' Magazine, published over half a century ago, contains the following lines descriptive of a good cow:

She's long in her face, she's fine in her horn,
She'll quickly get fat, without cake or corn;
She's clean in her jaws, and full in her chine,
She's heavy in flank, and wide in her loin.

She's broad in her ribs, and long in her rump,
A straight and flat back, with never a hump;
She's wide in her hips, and calm in her eyes.
She's fine in her shoulders, and thin in her thighs.

She's light in her neck, and small in her tail,
She's wide in her breast, and good at the pail,
She's fine in her bone, and silky of skin—
She's a grazier's without and a butcher's within.

There is no better way to stiffen up a horse than to have him stand on a plank floor when not at work.

Scrub horses—the no purpose kind—are selling in Chicago at $40 to $60; the good drafters at $200 to $350; the good coachers at $250 to $500. Which kind are you raising?

Department of Farm Mechanics At The Iowa State College.

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees, Professor C. J. Zintheo was elected to the chair of Farm Mechanics in the Iowa State college. This work has recently been organized as a branch of the Agronomy Department of the Division of Agriculture, and it is intended to cover instruction in all kinds of farm machinery and appliances, such as electric motors, gasoline engines' steam engines, water-power and wind-power. A three-story, fireproof building, 60x100 ft., is now being erected as a laboratory for conducting this work.

Iowa has according to the last census, $55,000,000 invested in farm machinery, a greater amount than any other state in the Union, and the annual expenditure for farm machinery and mechanical appliances used on the farm amounts to not less than $10,000,000. This expenditure might be greatly reduced by a more intelligent use and better preservation and care of the machinery.

How to Prevent Hog Cholera.

First—By keeping feeding floors, sleeping places, tanks and vessels in which swill is mixed, scrupulously clean,

Second—By breeding from mature sires and dams, which will give us litters of very much more constitional vigor than where immature sires and dams are used.

Third—By avoiding inbreeding, which will invariably reduce the stamina and invite disease.

Fourth—By avoiding fall litters. The second litter invariably reduces the mother's vitality at just the time cholera is abroad in the land, which leaves her and her litter very easy prey for disease. More than 90 per cent of cholera outbreaks are among the sows that raise fall pigs or their litters.

Fifth—By avoiding overfeeding or any sudden changes in feed, especially from dry feed to green. Anything that will derange the stomach and cause indigestion will derange and weaken the whole system.

Sixth—By feeding (especially in growing pigs) a part ration of feed rich in protein; such as wheat, middlings or ground oats, and avoiding an all grain ration of corn. They need something to help build up bone, nerve and muscle, which corn will not give. Nothing is better for this purpose than a good run on clover pasture.

Seventh—By taking all the care possible that the disease germs are not carried to your herd. Dogs are believed to spread the disease in the majority of cases. The germs are found in the hogs and are carried on the boots and clothing of men or on the foot of animals and birds. It is not safe to allow stockbuyers or anyone that is around stockcars or stockyards to be around where hogs run. Doves and cows are also instrumental in spreading disease and should be shot whenever they come onto the premises. A little care in these particulars will often save your herd.

Eighth—Admit all the sunlight possible into your hog buildings and onto your feeding floors. One minute, yes, one second, of bright sunlight will kill the liveliest hog cholera germ in existence. No amount of cold will do this. See that your herd are always supplied with plenty of pure water and plenty of shade. Salt and ashes should always be at their disposal. In short, anything that will help build up a strong, healthy body will be a safeguard against hog cholera.

Forest Henry.

Farmer's Tribune.

According to the twelfth census Iowa led the states of the Union in the poultry, having on hand June 1st, 1900, 18,907,673 chickens, three months' old and over. The value of poultry raised in the state in 1899 was $9,491,818, and the value of eggs produced that time was $10,016,707. Pretty good for the "old hen."

WAYS OF WINGED WOOERS.

Incidents Illustrating the Comical Side of Bird Life.

Wooing time brings to the front the comical side of bird life, and methods are as varied among our feathered neighbors as among ourselves. The extremes of dignified courtship and disreputable scrimmage were shown by two well known birds, when the presence of a rival intensified affairs.

Two purple finches, suitors for the favor of the same sparrowlike maiden, placed themselves on each side about a foot from her and offered a musical contest. First one burst into rapturous song, flying up into the air, feathers fluffed out and snowy breast and rosy shoulders more lovely than ever. The solo finished, he dropped back to his perch and politely waited, while his rival poured out his madrigal. This alternate display continued several minutes, and apparently the umpire found it hard to choose, for she evaded decision by taking flight—both suitors following.

Different was the method of two orchard orioles, one in the immature plumage of the second year, the other in the full glory of maturity. This was a wrangle, accompanied by scolding and avian vituperation from beginning to end. If the theory of selection by fine dress be true, decision should have been easy, but after a whole day's trial the fair one ended it by a truly feminine scorn of theories, eloping with her plainer suitor, leaving the gorgeous elder to console himself with another bride—which he did before the sun went down.—Collier's Weekly.

War.

There is, besides a pleasure in order, a very real fear of disorder. A mob, a fire or a runaway horse arouses a sensation of terror in the spectator quite apart from their potentiality of harm to himself. Mere force is not, as is supposed, the last argument of man. A civilized war would have more terrors for the stockjobber than the cottager were it not for the threat of ungoverned force veiled behind the punctilio of Christian fighting. We are never quite certain of an army. The disciplined brigade which nowadays captures the enemy's capital as tenderly as it would guard its own has, nevertheless, the same badges on its buttons as those which were fouled with the rape of San Sebastian and the murder of Bazellics. It may drown its manners at any moment in a torrent of blood and tears, and statesmen and others never forget the fact. War is but the crust of the volcano. Fires of unutterable horror hum beneath. The very perfection of the discipline which controls them is evidence of man's dread of disorder, for it is only fear that welds so strongly the furnace doors.—Blackwood's.

Diplomatic Permanency.

It is likely to be the case in America that as time goes on and our relations with foreign powers become more and more complicated and pressing permanence in consular and diplomatic offices, based upon knowledge and proved fitness, will be the rule. This may mean that it will not be so common a practice to take scholars and authors from private life and place them suddenly in foreign consulates and missions. But even then it is likely that our literature will be enriched by the work of men who have become authors while enjoying the opportunities for new studies and broader observation afforded by the foreign service of their country, so that if hitherto literature has contributed to diplomacy hereafter we shall see our diplomacy contributing to our literature, as has not infrequently already been the case.—Century.

The Roman Lupetto.

The Roman lupetto, which is almost indistinguishable from the so called Pomeranian dog, invariably tries to bury or cover over any food given him which he does not like. If fed on a loose drugget he will skillfully cover up the obnoxious food; if the carpet is nailed down so that he cannot do this he goes through the exact process with his nose which would turn over the plate if it were movable. The lupetto has a general contempt for any but meat diet, and, though he may condescend to accept bread and milk out of deference to his owner (many of them would not make this concession), he is sure to go through the form of protest first.

Birdskin Garments.

Eskimo women wear the most curious kind of underclothing, its peculiarity being that it is made of the skins of birds. These skins, before being sewed together, are chewed well by the women in order to make them soft. About a hundred skins are required to make a shirt, and the labor of chewing the skins which form their garments is quite enough to account for the massive, well developed jaws of Eskimo women.

No Divination Needed.

He—The astrologer described you exactly and said that I would marry you.

She—Don't you think it was a waste of money to consult him?

"Why?"

"I could have told you the same thing myself if you had asked me."—Stray Stories.

Couldn't Think of Pillar.

Teacher—And what happened to Lot's wife?

Scholar—She was turned to salt.

Teacher—Into a what of salt?

Scholar—Why—er—a sort of job lot of salt, I guess.—Exchange.

Kind, but Firm.

An English bishop owned a portable bath tub which he failed on one occasion to take with him on a pastoral visitation. When he returned he found that the housemaid had used the beloved tub. Calling her into his study, he said kindly, "Mary, I do not so much mind your using my tub, but what I object to is that you should do behind my back what you would not do before my face."—Lippincott's.

Do not fancy yourself a martyr of the first class solely because you have been badly bitten in a horse trade.—Dallas News.

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AN IMPUDENT BEGGAR.

How Sir Walter Besant Was Cured of Promiscuous Almsgiving.

It was one of the daily customs of Sir Walter Besant to take a walk through Hyde park, London. At the entrance to the park sat an old beggar woman whose woebegone appearance caused Sir Walter to stop one day and drop a copper penny into her outstretched hand. After a time it became a regular habit to speak a word or two to her when giving her the coin.

One day, however, the old woman handed him back the penny, saying: "Guv me siller or nawthink. The idea of a gent like you givin' a poor old woman like me a dirty penny! Guv me siller."

She came close to him and waved her arms threateningly. Sir Walter started to go, but she grabbed the tapet of his coat and screamed: "Guv me siller, you rascally rogue! Guv me what you owe me!"

This drew a crowd, and the novelist to save himself threw a handful of coin among them and during the scramble escaped.

He forgot all about the old hag till one day, chancing to enter the same gate again, he was aroused from a reverie by her shrill cackle. Pointing him out to the bystanders, she screamed, "That's 'im—the fine rogue in the long whiskers—the bloke in the 'igh 'at!"

This was too much for the author. He broke away with extraordinary haste and thereafter was pretty thoroughly cured of promiscuous almsgiving.

Watching a Spider at Work.

Watch a spider spin his web, and I shall be surprised if you ever kill a spider again. It takes him about an hour, somewhat less, for he is a marvelously quick worker, and there is something almost terrifying about the skill with which he works. There is his body, no larger than a match's head, yet, inclosed within that mere dot of nature, there is an intelligence which is able first to prospect the area for his web, then to plan it out like a geometrician and then to carry out his plan with workmanlike precision. Meanwhile, too, it must be remembered, he is not only doing his thinking and his weaving, but also spinning the material for it, all in that mite of a body. But perhaps the uncanniest feature of the whole thing is that the spider not merely has his plan clear in his head, but knows when he has made mistakes, and you can see him breaking of misplaced threads here and there, making taut slack lines and securing shaky connections.—Success.

An Inconvenient Piano.

Leopold de Meyer of Dresden, a brilliant and popular pianist of his day, was once summoned to play before the sultan at Constantinople. Going thither, he borrowed a grand piano from one of the Austrian secretaries of legation and had it set up in a large reception room at the palace. There he awaited the coming of the sultan, but when that intelligent monarch entered the room he started back in alarm and demanded of his attendants what that monster was standing there on three legs.

Explanations followed, but were in vain. The legs had to be taken off and the body of the instrument laid flat on the floor, and Leopold de Meyer, squatting cross legged on a mat, went through his programme as best he could in that awkward attitude and without pedals. But the commander of the faithful was delighted, and when the last piece was played gave the artist over $5,000 as "backsheesh."

Bureau of Publicity.

Mrs. Nagguss—What an odd, interesting piece of furniture! It looks like an antique. Is it a chiffonier or a bookcase?

Mrs. Borus (wife of struggling author)—Neither. It's my husband's writing desk. He calls it his bureau of publicity.—Chicago Tribune.

His Part.

The Doctor—You regard society as merely a machine, do you? What part of the machinery do you consider me, for instance?

The Professor—You are one of the cranks.—Exchange.

Returned His Love.

Friend—What's the matter, old man? Doesn't she return your love?

Jilted One—That's just the trouble. She returned it and told me to give it to some other girl.—Princeton Tiger.

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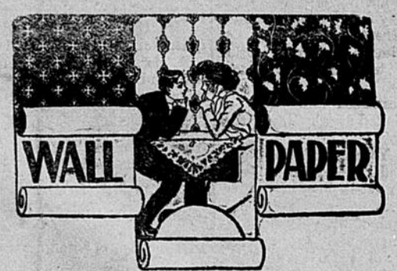

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