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of eye through the blinding of earthly tears and now her eye as clear as heaven, so full of aches and pains once and now so agile with celestial health, the wrinkles blooming into carnation roses and her step like the roe on the mountains. Yes, I must see her, my grandmother on my father's side, Mary McCoy, descendant of the Scotch. When I first spoke to an audience in Glasgow and felt somewhat diffident, being a stranger, I began by telling them my grandmother was a Scotchwoman, and then there went up a shout of welcome, which made me feel as easy as I do here I must see her.

You must see those women of the early part of the nineteenth century and those of the eighteenth century, the answer of whose prayers is in your welfare today. God bless all the aged women up and down the land and in all lands! What a happy thing for Pomponius Atticus to say when making the funeral address of his mother, "Though I have resided with her 67 years, I was never once reconciled to her, because there never happened the least discord between us, and consequently there was no need of reconciliation."

Make it as easy for the old folks as you can. When they are sick, get for them the best doctors. Give them your arm when the streets are slippery. Stay with them all the time you can. Go home and see the old folks. Find the place for them in the hymnbook. Never be ashamed if they prefer styles of apparel which are a little antiquated. Never say anything that implies that they are in the way. Make the road for the last mile as smooth as you can. Oh, my, how you will miss her when she is gone! How much would I give to see my mother! I have so many things I would like to tell her, things that have happened in the 30 years since she went away. Morning, noon and night let us thank God for the good influences that have come down from good mothers all the way back. Timothy, don't forget your mother Eunice, and don't forget your grandmother Lois. And hand down to others this patrimony of blessing. Pass along the coronets. Make religion an heirloom from generation to generation. Mothers, consecrate yourselves to God, and you will help consecrate all the ages following! Do not dwell so much on your hardships that you miss your chance of wielding an influence that shall look down upon you from the towers of an endless future. I know Martin Luther was right when he consoled his wife over the death of their daughter by saying: "Don't take on so, wife. Remember that this is a hard world for children." Yes, I go further and say it is a hard world for women. Aye, I go further and say it is a hard world for men. But for all women and men who trust their bodies and souls in the hand of Christ the shining gates will soon swing open. Don't you see the sickly pallor on the sky? That is the pallor on the cold cheek of the dying night. Don't you see the brightening of the clouds? That is the flush on the warm forehead of the morning. Cheer up, you are coming within sight of the Celestial City.

His Question Answered.

There have been several boy babies born in Atlanta this past spring and summer. This is not intended as a startling piece of news, because their arrivals have been duly and appropriately chronicled, but it is only stated as the basis of a little joke.

Some days ago four of the happy young mothers, all of whom had fine boys at home, met in one of the dry goods stores. All of them completed their purchases about the same time. As they were all leaving the store, in speaking distance of each other, a fresh young clerk, in an effort to be pleasant, fired the stereotyped question at one of them, "How is the boy today?"

In an instant four beaming faces were turned toward him, and four pleased voices answered in chorus, "Oh, he's all right, thank you." The clerk fainted.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Big Difference.

The only difference existing between ourselves and the Americans is that they occupy themselves with material interests and the organization of public wealth while we write verses on liberty and sonnets to the moon as a solution to our very terrestrial problem. We are supporters and followers of ideals and the muses, while they are stanch dependers upon reality and earthly things. We are of heaven, and they are of the earth. Victory therefore cannot be doubtful unless we change our tastes and ambitions and temperament.—Havana La Lucha.

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An old railroader from the coal regions said to your correspondent: "Most people who burn hard coal in the kitchen and in the cellar heater have a great deal to learn. They don't keep up with the times at all. They burn coal like their grandfathers did. Now, that's all wrong. You never hear of old and experienced railroad men or miners in the coal regions burning egg coal in their cellar heaters. There was a time when most everybody had the idea that that was the only size of coal to burn in a heater. Egg coal costs from $4.75 to $5.50 a ton, according to the distance the buyer lives from the mines. Pea coal costs about $3.15 per ton. Now, I use pea coal in my kitchen range and in my front cellar heater, and I save a good deal in the winter."

Being asked how he could use such small coal in a large cellar heater, he replied:

"The secret is in the raking. If you use small coal in your cellar heater and rake it down too closely, you will lose your coal—that is, all the fire will be likely to drop through the grate bars into the ash pan. What you want to do is to keep a bed of ashes on your grate. Don't rake down your fire too sharp. The bed of ashes you keep under your fire will prevent the hot coals dropping through the grate and it will also protect your grate bars. A great many people who use big coal rake down their fires too much until the redhot coals get down, and then they wonder what has warped their grates. By using small coal and keeping a bed of ashes on the grate all the trouble is averted.

"To fire a cellar heater with small coal takes a little more trouble than with big coal. In using large coal a heater may be charged in the morning to carry all day until evening. When pea coal is used, the heater must be looked after at noon. Sometimes, on real cold days, the fire will need a shovel or two of coal at noon. Other times it will not, but it is well to put on some. This will give your house a smooth, even heat all day.

"At night just shake the grate a little. Be very careful not to rake too hard. This will keep heater dust from the house and furniture, keep a bed of ashes on the grate and give you plenty of draft in the heater. You can get as much if not more heat from a ton of pea than you can from a ton of egg and save $1.50 a ton, which is an item. It is a subject worth considering by housekeepers. Most everybody knows how to burn pea coal in the kitchen range. Don't rake the fire too hard. A good free burning pea is better, in my opinion, than any chestnut coal."—New York Sun.

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Those who have never had Blood Poison can not know what a desperate condition it can produce. This terrible disease which the doctors are totally unable to cure, is communicated from one generation to another, inflicting its taint upon countless innocent ones.

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SMALL NATIONS ECLIPSED.

But In Their Eclipse Lies Their Security Against Absorption.

The aspiration with which the queen regent of Holland closes the proclamation in which she announces the accession of her daughter to royal powers, that Holland "may become great in everything in which a small nation can be great," is evidence that she realizes that this is an age in which little countries will do very well if they do not become less. This is an age of consolidation of power by the expansion of territory. Small nations, those with a population of a few millions, that yet retain their independence owe retention more to good fortune than to their ability in arms. The chief element of this good fortune is the rivalry among the larger nations that would absorb them and the determination of each of the great powers that the others shall make no acquisition that shall upset the balance of power. For this reason such small countries as Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Portugal and Greece are allowed to continue on the map. Germany would like to absorb Holland, but that would not be tolerated by England.

France has long cast hungry eyes on Belgium, but Germany vetoes the fulfillment of French desires, and England would not be indifferent. We all recall how Bismarck used to dangle before the eyes of Napoleon III the suggestion that some day or other, as the reward for his nutrality during Prussia's progress in aggrandizement, a slice of Belgium might be given to France. Switzerland is surrounded by covetous neighbors. Italy would like the Swiss cantons. France would be pleased to rectify her frontier at the Swiss expense. Germany has a similar wish, but Austria would not consent to a partition of Switzerland that did not give her predominance, and against all this the other would be partitioners would be up in arms. Portugal is protected by British friendship, which takes care to make a good thing for itself out of the old time relationship.

These small nations all live quite comfortably in their isolation from great interests, but the day is past when they can expand their territories or repeat the great deeds of their prime. Switzerland lives on the summer visitors, and what Portugal lives on is mainly memory, a drowsy little power in a corner by herself. Holland still has a great colonial empire, with a native population of more than 30,000,000, and does a snug business, accumulates money and is in every way a most respectable little country, only asking to be let alone. Neither by land or sea is Holland a formidable power. Her army is very small, as must be the case with a country whose population is about 5,000,000, mostly burghers of the most unmilitary taste. The Dutch navy is likewise small, and the carrying trade of Holland is but the shadow of what it once was.

The Hollanders are a stout hearted race, but in these days the battle is with the strong, who have a good organization. That Holland may long continue to dream beside her canals in peace is the wish of her people, who, however, are rather disquieted at seeing the great scepter pass into the hands of a young girl. They realize that ambitious neighboring nations may aspire to control Holland by dynastic alliance and are naturally anxious that the queen's choice of a husband shall not fall upon a prince whose kinsmen may or can make him the agent of a scheme to subvert the independence of the kingdom. Holland is a constitutional kingdom, where the people are the source of power, but even in such a country the queen's husband may exert an influence which the laws are powerless to defeat.—Boston Transcript.

The Panama Canal.

"Although there is not much talk about it in the newspapers, the construction work now in progress on the Panama canal is on a scale of magnitude which will bring the enterprise to a successful issue," said Mr. B. L. Hewson of the isthmus of Panama, who is stopping in the city.

"There are now over 4,000 men employed on the canal, and the work is being done in a thorough and scientific fashion. Had the first company proceeded as carefully as the present one, the canal would have been in operation long ere this, but the first company squandered millions of dollars without hardly having a thing to show for the money that was spent like water.

"The canal company owns the Panama railroad that runs across the isthmus, but the active management is in other hands. All the officers of the road and higher employees are Americans. It is a broad gauged road, 47 miles in length and of recent years has done a heavy business. Its passenger traffic is the highest in the world, as the charge for taking one over the road is $20 in gold, or almost 50 cents per mile." Washington Post.

That Vanderbilt Necklace.

We are all dying to see the wonderful necklace of rubies which Mr. George W. Vanderbilt gave his bride, Miss Edith Stuyvesant Dressler. It is said to have cost not less than $500,000, the largest ruby being worth $8,500, and the smallest $4,000. The largest of all these gorgeous gems would measure, so we are told, the depth of a man's thumb nail, if cut through its widest dimensions.

The original destination of this wonderful necklace was the Paris exposition of 1900. One of the great jewelry firms of the world has been collecting pigeon blood rubies for several years, and it is now believed that Mrs. George Vanderbilt's possession has no rival. The jewelry firm very reluctantly consented to sell their proposed exhibit to young Vanderbilt. I suppose we shall not see the necklace until after the fair bride meets us all at one of the great balls of the winter. It must be a great responsibility to carry round with one when traveling.—New York Letter London Ladies' Field.

A Musical Invention.

Signor Alessio Coradini, an Italian pianist, is said to have invented a system of arranging piano chords so that they cannot lose the tension imparted to them or get out of tune on account of the weather. The invention affects all the chords alike and preserves their harmonic distances from each other in such a way that, though it may be possible for the whole pitch of a pianoforte to rise or to fall, it is impossible for any single note to get out of tune. The apparatus is simple and is said to be applicable to all kinds of pianos.

Comparative Animal Strength.

An effort has been made to determine the pulling strength of elephants, horses and men. Attached to a dynamometer one of the largest elephants belonging to a circus registered a pull of two and a half tons on a second trial, but a smaller and more active elephant gave a record of five and one-half tons—whether as a result of a steady pull or a sudden jerk appears to be uncertain. A pair of powerful horses registered a ton and a fifth, while it required the strength of 83 men to equal the pull of the smaller elephant.

Honors For Verdi.

When Verdi was elected a member of the Italian parliament some years ago, Cavour wrote to a friend expressing his satisfaction that the man who had composed the "Miserere" in "Il Trovatore"—the only piece of music which Cavour could ever appreciate—should be a member of the Italian parliament. Honors, political as well as artistic, have since been showered on Verdi without stint. Many years ago he was created senator, and now his name has been given to the Milan Conservatoire of Music, which henceforth will be called "Liceo Verdi."

Verdi will probably open the autumn term in person, and it is not improbable that on that occasion he may remind his hearers of the time when the directors of that very institution refused to accept him as a pupil on account of "insufficient aptitude for music." Before the end of the year it is also expected that Verdi will receive the supreme honor of being created a Knight of the Annunziata, and consequently, by courtesy, a cousin of the king.—Exchange.

A Monument For Pretoria.

The Aberdeen Journal publishes particulars of a colossal granite monument which is being made by an Aberdeen firm to the order of the Transvaal government for erection at Pretoria as a national memorial of the repulse of the Jameson raid and a recognition of President Kruger's patriotism and valuable services to the republic. Considerable reticence is observed with regard to the work, as the contractors, it seems, are bound under their agreement not to disclose particulars, but some details have become known. The monument is composed of red Peterhead granite and is inclosed by a substructure of about 80 feet diameter. Access is obtained to the main structure by four broad flights of steps. The monument is octagonal in form, 36 feet across and the same in height, forming a solid mass of masonry, on the top of which, it is believed, a statue of the president will be placed.

New Ornamentations.

Some great man was taking a party of friends over his newly built house. One of the party would not admire it and complained that there were too many anachronisms. "Oh," said a lady who was noted for her toadyism and who had been unstinted in her admiration, "don't you like anachronisms? I think they are such a beautiful ornament."—Spectator.

The Professor's Conundrum.

"Professor," they said, "give us a deep metaphysical conundrum."

"Well," he said after a moment's thought, "when is 'which' 'what'?"

They gave it up.

"When it is neither," explained the professor.

And when they had studied it out they understood.—Chicago Tribune.

Crete has lost through political disturbances of recent years olive trees to the value of $10,000,000. It will take 40 years to restore the orchards to full bearing condition, and in the meantime 300,000 Mohammedans and 300,000 Christians will have to starve.

In Australia spring begins Aug. 20; summer, Nov. 20; autumn, Feb. 20, and winter, May 20.

There are said to be fewer suicides among miners than among any other class of workmen.

Application for Purchase —OF— DELINQUENT LANDS.

VIRGINIA—County of Shenandoah, to-wit:

In the clerk's office of the county court of the county and state aforesaid, I hereby file this my application for the purchase of the real estate hereinafter described, now lying situated in said county and which was returned delinquent for the non-payment of taxes, and levies thereon for the years 1895 to 1898, and was sold by the Treasurer of said county on the 9th day of August last, as provided by statutes for such cases made and provided for said delinquent taxes and levies and was purchased in the name of the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Virginia and has not been redeemed by the owner, his heirs or assigns, or any one having the right to charge the same with a debt. I hereby agree to become the purchaser of said real estate according to the provisions of the code of Virginia of 1887, section 966, and the amendments thereto enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, and especially according to the amendment approved February 11th, 1896, to be found in Acts of 1895-1898 at page 312 to wit, and I agree to pay for said real estate the amount for which the sale to the commonwealth was made, together with such additional sums as would have accrued from taxes and levies and interest if such real estate had not been so purchased by the commonwealth in the name of the Auditor of Public Accounts, with interest on the amount to-wit: $38.84 for which said sale was made at the rate of six per centum per annum from the day of sale and on the additional sums from the 15th day of December in the year in which the same would have accrued, together with all costs attendant upon this application. Said real estate stood at the date of sale thereof to the commonwealth in the name of Ammon W. Clem's estate, and stands on the commissioner's books of said county on the day of this application on page 4 at line 22 of Table of Tracts of Land in Ashby district in the name of Ammon W. Clem's estate. Said real estate is described on page 6 of the record book in said clerk's office of lands returned delinquent, sold for taxes and levies and purchased by the commonwealth as 22.108-100 acres (Hills.) On the books of the commissioner of the revenue for the district wherein said real estate is situated for the year 1898, said real estate is described as 22.108-100 acres (Hills.)

The following are the names of the trustees, mortgagees and beneficiaries as shown by the records of said county in deeds of trust and mortgages on said real estate: Mrs. Jennie Jack, Edinburg, Va.; Mrs. Sallie Overholtz, Lima, Ohio; James M. Clem, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Cornelia Wilson, Morefield W. Va.; Mrs. Eva Wilson, Woodstock, Va., and Jackson S. Clem, Mt. Jackson, Va.

The clerk of the county court of said county is hereby directed to make as many copies of this application, unless otherwise directed, as there are persons named herein, and, unless otherwise directed, deliver them to sheriff of said county.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of October, 1898.

J. W. HEPSER, Clerk.

VIRGINIA—In the Clerks Office of County Court of County of Shenandoah.

I hereby certify that the above application has been filed with me this day in my clerk's office aforesaid, and that there have been filed no previous applications for the purchase of said real estate from the commonwealth, and that said real estate has not been redeemed by any person having the right to do so since it was purchased by the commonwealth.

I have received as fees on the application $— which is all I demand in advance.

Given under my hand this 4th day of October, 1898. L. S. WALKER, Clerk of Shenandoah County Court.

A Copy—Test:—L. S. Walker, clerk.

Executed by delivering to the within named, Mrs. Jennie Jack, a true copy of the within application, on the 4th day of October, 1898. C. P. WIGHTMAN, S. S. C.

Executed by delivering to Jackson S. Clem a true copy of the within application on the 5th day of October, 1898. H. S. WIGHTMAN, D. S., for C. P. WIGHTMAN, S. S. C.

Executed by delivering to Mrs. Eva Wilson, a true copy of the within application on this 6th day of October, 1898. J. W. KOONTZ, Sergeant of the town of Woodstock, Va.

Mrs. Sallie Overholtz, James M. Clem and Mrs. Cornelia Wilson not found in my bailiwick and this application not executed as to them. Oct. 5, 1898. C. P. WIGHTMAN, S. S. C.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the defendants, Mrs. Sallie Overholtz, James M. Clem and Mrs. Cornelia Wilson, are not inhabitants of this state—It is ORDERED, That they do appear here within 4 months after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interest; that a copy of this order be published in some newspaper printed in Shenandoah county, once a week for four successive weeks.

L. S. WALKER, C. S. C. C.

A Copy—Teste:—L. S. Walker, C. S. C. C.

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Send him the news or occasionally a watermelon or a peck of peaches.

Invite him to your picnics and family dinners, so that he can eat a square meal occasionally.

Don't call the ticket you give him to the church concert a deadhead. He can't buy tickets from everybody to everything, but he will say kind words of your performances and thus lead others to buy your tickets.

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In short, remember the golden rule and don't forget the editor of your local paper.—Richmond (Ind.) Enterprise.

A Severe Thump.

He—I was reading somewhere the other day that no woman should ever marry a genius.

She—Oh, well, don't let that worry you. Even if the girls were disposed to heed such advice the bars would still be down for you.—Chicago News.

Tactless.

Mrs. Brown—But you would not call Mr. White a bad man?

Mrs. Greene—No, but he is so lacking in tact. He went fishing last Sunday and brought the fish in at the front door, where everybody passing by could see him.—Boston Transcript.

His Style of Riding.

Gambrel—Oh, I've seen worse riders than you, but why do you jump up and let in daylight between yourself and the horse at every step?

Snaffle—That's all you know about it. I don't rise from the horse. He drops down from me. I keep right in the same position all the time.—Boston Transcript.

The Parson and the Prince.

It was an Ayrshire parson, and into the customary prayer for the royalties he had introduced a feeling reference to the accident which had befallen the Prince of Wales. "And now, brethren," continued the unwitting cleric, "we will join in singing hymn No. so-and-so, 'Courage, Brother; Do Not Stumble.'" The congregation saw the joke, though the minister did not.—Glasgow News.