

**IT WAS A GREAT SCHEME.**

But Lack of Capital Prevented the Inventor from Making a Fortune.

My friend B. isn't rich. It isn't likely that he ever will be rich. But he firmly believes that he would have been a very rich man by this time if he had only been able to command a little capital a few years ago.

When he conceived the great scheme which ought to have realized a fortune for him he was a clerk in a gas works. It wasn't one of your new fangled works where they make gas out of water, and heaven knows what besides, but one of the old fashioned, honest sort in which gas was extracted from coal and nothing else. Everybody is supposed to know, and of course doesn't know, that one of the chief impurities of the crude gas, after it is expelled from the coal by the fierce heat of the retorts, is sulphur. This sulphur, or the larger portion of it, is got rid of by passing the gas through a series of boxes called purifiers filled with lime. When the lime has absorbed all the sulphur that it is capable of holding it is removed and fresh lime is substituted. The sulphur saturated lime emits a very pungent and disagreeable odor, especially when the cover is first lifted from the box and the lime, being hot, throws off clouds of steam.

Some doctors have a notion, whether well or ill founded I don't pretend to know, that this hot, foul smelling vapor is a capital remedy for whooping cough. At all events lots of mothers believe them, and when whooping cough is prevalent bring their afflicted little ones to the nearest gas works to inhale it. It was when several suffering youngsters were snuffing up the vapor and the odor around one of the purifying boxes where he worked that the inspiration seized him. It was nothing less than to take this foul lime, bottle it up, give it a high sounding name and sell it as a specific for whooping cough, offering a reward of \$500 for any case that it couldn't cure, and all that sort of thing.

"Jee-whittaker!" he exclaimed, enthusiastically, when expounding the scheme to me. "Just think of the dead loads of money that is in it! The lime doesn't cost anything; the company pays to have it carted away. I can make a contract with them to do the carting and make some money out of it. Then all the expense I will be put to will be for bottles, labels and advertising. At fifty cents a bottle it is bound to go like hot cakes. There is always more or less whooping cough around, 'it is an ill wind that blows nobody good.' If I am not a rich man inside of twelve months my name isn't B."

He invested fifty dollars—the sum total of his accumulated savings—in bottles. Then he sought the assistance of capitalists. That is where he struck a snag. He found their lack of faith was proportionate to the extent of their resources. His name is still B.; he still has the bottles, but not even the beginning of a fortune yet.

But it was a big scheme, and he was very proud of having had it and delights to talk about the millions that are still in it—for somebody with faith and capital.—New York Herald.

**Shooting Guns at Night.**

Illuminated night sights are now in use on the guns of many of the British warships. The front sight consists of a pale green glass, point up, beneath which is placed a small incandescent lamp. The rear sight is similar in principle, except that instead of the cone there is a metal crossbar with a V notch in the middle.

There is a polished under surface to this sight from which light that first passes through ruby glass is reflected. In sighting the pale green point of light which constitutes the forward sight is brought to the bottom of the V notch in the rear sight and the line of the ruby light is brought into coincidence with it. The electric current for each gun is supplied by a battery of two elements, so arranged that the action may be stopped by turning the battery upside down.—Philadelphia Record.

**The Effect of Travel.**

It is impossible to compare nations as if they were individuals. Each nation has, so to speak, grown up in an atmosphere of its own. We must recognize the peculiarities of other people as necessary features of them, and by no means as characteristics meant to excite laughter in the rest of the world. When first I traveled abroad I was much amused by the way the common German eats with his knife. But habit and a measure of experience have toned down these feelings until they hardly exist in me. And nowadays I am as much at home with the long haired woodman of a Sardinian forest, in his grimy little hut, as in my own English den among my books and pictures.—All the Year Round.

**Nose Ornaments of Barbarians.**

The ornaments put through the walls of the nose vary greatly. There may be but one perforation in each wall or there may be several. In New Zealand flowers, in New Guinea a boar's tusk, in the Solomon islands a crab's claw, in New Britain thorns, set upright, are the objects thus worn. These are all original and primitive; after the natives come in contact with whites, these give place to metal buttons and rings. In the Sturgis collection is a rather pretty nose ornament from New Guinea. It is V shaped, and the arms fit by stud shanks, one into each wall of the nose.—Professor Frederick Starr in Popular Science Monthly.

**An Estimate of a Woman's Value.**

A young Scotchman was once halting betwixt two loves, one possessed of beauty and the other of a cow. In despair of arriving at a decision he applied for advice to a canny compatriot, who delivered himself thus, "Marry the lass that has the cow, for there's no the difference o' a cow's value in any twa weemen in Christendom."—San Francisco Argonaut.

**A Good Opinion of Himself.**

Snodgrass (after Snively finishes a fish story)—Well, I like a liar.

Snively—You egotist!—New York Epoch.

**The Fashionable Dinner Table.**

The fashionable dinner table is square. It should be large enough to accommodate comfortably the number of people to be seated. No more guests should be invited than will serve to make twelve people in all, on account of the number of pieces of china in each course of dinner service. Heavy white damask is used for the tablecloth, and this should be hem-stitched all around. The fashionable patterns in damask are small figures, and these mostly in the form of fine ferns, fine flowers, single rosebuds, pinks, chrysanthemums, carnations and long grasses. In the center of the table is placed the piece of dainty linen beautifully embroidered in colored silks, representing national flowers in all their brilliancy.

Upon this centerpiece is placed the bouquet or flowers, or the large candelabra. The smaller embroidered pieces, which are used under separate dishes and condiment jars, should be exact imitations of the centerpiece, and if that is square, all the small pieces should be square; if round, the same rule holds, and if the edges are serrated the edges of all must be cut in the same shape.—Fashion Journal.

**Submarine Telephones.**

The difficulty of submarine telephony over great distances is the fact of considerable electrostatic capacity in the cable, the result of this being retardation and deformation of the electrical impulses transmitted. If a line could be made of very, very low resistance, so that the electric current would have the freest possible discharge, the evil effect of this capacity would be in part done away with. The relation between these two things has been determined in a somewhat empirical way. Calling the total resistance of a telephone wire R and its total capacity in microferads K, successful speaking, with our present instrument, is really an impossibility when the product KR of the resistance of the line in ohms by its capacity in microferads is greater than about 10,000.

In the very best Atlantic cable KR equals somewhere near 3,000,000, so that unless there should be some totally new developments in telephony we can see at once that successful telephoning across the Atlantic is very improbable on account of the enormous cost of a conductor of low resistance and capacity, if for no other reason.—Electrical Engineer.

**A New Use for the Ring.**

Whatever the measures adopted, the principle of isolation is the essence of all genuine disinfection. Its efficiency for this purpose was well shown at Epsom common. One of the children in a gypsy encampment having been taken ill with scarlet fever, was, along with its mother, very successfully separated from the rest of the community by the simple expedient of a ring fence made of rope drawn around the infected tent and regularly watched.

The result was that the slow progress of convalescence was passed through and disinfection completed without further extension of the disease. The surveyor, Mr. Harding, is to be congratulated on the success of his novel and effectual maneuver. The satisfactory result thus easily attained is of obvious importance, and the simple method employed deserves to be remembered in case of emergencies of a similar kind.—London Lancet.

**When to See an Oculist.**

Should any of the following symptoms be experienced, an oculist of repute should be consulted: Spots or sparks of light floating before the eyes; quivering of the lids or sensation of sand in the eye; perceptible fatigue or the requirement of strong light in reading; the holding of objects at arm's length or close to the eye; squinting one eye or seeing objects double; dizziness or darting pains in the eyeballs or over the temple; perceiving a colored circle around the lamp; sensitiveness of the eyeballs or contraction of the visual field; blurring of the vision or being unable to see objects distinctly at a distance; watering or redness of the eyes or lids; running together of the letters when reading, or seeing the vertical better than the horizontal lines.—Exchange.

**The First Born.**

Young Father—I am amazed, shocked, my dear, to hear you say you intend to give the baby some paregoric. Don't you know paregoric is opium, and opium stunts the growth, enfeebles the constitution, weakens the brain, destroys the nerves, and produces rickets, marasmus, consumption, insanity and death?

Young Mother—Horrors! I never heard a word about that. I won't give the little ducky darling a drop, no, indeed. But something must be done to stop his yelling. You can carry him awhile.

Father (after an hour's steady stamping with the squalling infant)—Where in thunder is that paregoric?—New York Weekly.

**The Duty of Every Teacher.**

A teacher of science ought also to be an investigator, were it only for the inspiration that his example might give to the pupils in his charge. To impart knowledge is a good thing, but to reveal the sources of knowledge is better; and in that revelation is found the educational value of research regarded as a part of the teacher's essential duty.—F. W. Clarke in Popular Science Monthly.

**Paint Instead of Clothing.**

The arnong plant has seeds coated with a red, waxy pulp, which is dried and made into cakes. It is much employed by the South American Caribs for painting their bodies, painting being almost their only article of clothing. As a commercial article it is mainly utilized as a coloring for cheese, butter and inferior chocolates.—Washington Star.

**Way Off.**

Dullpate (who prides himself on his abstracted air)—Did you ever notice what a faraway look I have sometimes?

Miss Spirituelle—Yes. Is that because you are a little off?—Good News.

**Additional Local.**

**Board of Supervisors.**

As noted in our last issue, the board of supervisors convened in their regular October session on Monday of last week. The work of the session was lighter than usual, as the June session brought the affairs of the county up to that date, including the organization of the board, which left nothing in the way of proceeding directly to business.

First came the report of the county treasurer, as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
From township treasurers.....	\$51,566 79
" institute fund.....	211 50
" entry fees.....	30 00
" fines.....	1,137 78
" jury fees.....	18 00
" reporters' fees.....	15 00
" rent.....	28 72
" poor fund.....	986 13
" primary school money.....	13,013 50
" insane asylum.....	140 35
" sheriff (refunded).....	802 63
" delinquent tax and interest.....	1,475 39
" remissions.....	215 15
" tax sales.....	450 84
" loans.....	16,000 00
" costs.....	177 14
<b>Total receipts.....</b>	<b>\$86,336 27</b>

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid county orders.....	\$12,256 43
" poor orders.....	12,670 46
" witness orders.....	704 66
" jury orders.....	1,731 00
" sheriff's orders.....	388 12
" drain orders.....	3,174 52
" salaries.....	5,510 00
" sparrow orders.....	241 50
" insane asylum.....	1,624 35
" state treasurer.....	19,177 52
" primary school money.....	13,013 50
" library money.....	236 68
" delinquent tax and interest.....	1,168 81
" loans and interest.....	17,016 50
" attorney fees.....	50 00
" refunded township treasurer.....	206 32
" institute fund.....	31 50
" remissions.....	66 46
" incidentals.....	66 46
<b>Total disbursements.....</b>	<b>\$90,482 18</b>

ESTIMATED RESOURCES.	
From poor fund.....	\$ 906 13
" entry, jury and reporters' fees.....	146 00
" per cent on collections.....	68 00
<b>Total estimated resources.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,120 13</b>

ESTIMATED LIABILITIES.	
On loans due.....	\$10,000 00
Loans to be made.....	7,000 00
Interest.....	125 00
Institute fund.....	689 97
Drain tax.....	92 87
Library money.....	1,029 26
Township tax and interest.....	360 40
Salaries.....	5,500 00
Post fund.....	11,000 00
Insane asylum.....	2,000 00
Court expenses.....	2,000 00
For fuel.....	225 00
Other county expenses.....	5,000 00
Sparrow bounty.....	700 00
<b>Total estimated liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$45,745 39</b>
Less estimated resources.....	1,120 13
<b>Am't recommended to be raised.....</b>	<b>\$44,745 17</b>

The committee on finance reported in favor of raising \$35,000 county tax and \$19,166.15 state tax. Adopted.

The tax apportioned to the several townships is as follows:

TOWNSHIP.	STATE.	COUNTY.
Antwerp.....	\$1,189 99	\$2,172 91
Arlington.....	1,142 90	2,085 42
Almena.....	790 60	1,441 73
Bloomington.....	1,014 20	1,859 48
Bangor.....	1,285 72	2,347 92
Columbia.....	614 91	1,122 93
Covert.....	487 14	886 53
Decatur.....	1,391 79	2,377 08
Geneva.....	614 91	1,122 93
Hartford.....	1,557 25	2,843 75
Hamilton.....	1,720 83	3,138 78
Keeler.....	1,102 05	2,012 50
Lawrence.....	1,269 75	2,318 75
Paw Paw.....	2,212 10	4,030 58
Pine Grove.....	718 73	1,312 50
Porter.....	1,078 10	1,968 75
South Haven.....	1,038 16	1,895 81
Waverly.....	806 60	1,474 71

Judge Heckert reported the following indigent insane persons as having been admitted to the asylum from this county during the year: Caroline Vogle, Hartford; Orpha Boughton, Columbia; Diana Silvernail, Porter; James Kelly, Decatur; Jane Rock, Waverly; Emma A. Scott, Keeler; Desda Long, Bangor; Charles Coon, Paw Paw; Jennie Mantle, Hartford; Charlotte Blackwood, Arlington; Eva Sherburne, Porter. Charles Coon and Eva Sherburne remained at the asylum but a short time.

The deputy game warden will hereafter be allowed for his services a sum equal to one-half of all the fines collected from violators of the game and fish laws.

The report of the soldiers' relief committee showed that of the \$1,320.33 tax raised, but \$485.60 had been expended in the relief of 124 persons, leaving on hand the sum of \$834.73.

The superintendents of the poor reported the expense of the county house and farm at \$3,116.87, and the receipts from the farm at \$594.75.

The committee on county poor reported that they find the books, bills and accounts of the superintendents of the poor neatly kept and correct in every particular. Also, that they had visited the county farm and found the inmates well and kindly cared for and the house and farm in good order.

A. H. Tuttle, of Hartford, was elected county drain commissioner for the term of two years from Jan. 1, 1892.

The committee appointed to investigate the advisability of having a set of abstracts made from the books and records now on file in the register's office, made a partial report and asked to be continued as such committee, and have until the January session to make their final report. So ordered.

The finance committee declined to report the amount of \$500 for a town hall in South Haven, as it was illegally voted.

The Decatur Republican will print the proceedings of the board in the body of the paper and also in pamphlet form (printing 500 copies) for 23 cents a folio; also, the circuit court calendars at \$7.75 per term.

Frank Cutter was allowed \$30 in addition to the contract price for sinking the well at the county buildings.

Adjourned until the first Monday in January, 1892.

Mrs. Jones hasn't a gray hair in her head and is over 50. She looks as young as her daughter. The secret of it is, that she uses only Hall's Hair Renewer.

**Marriage Licenses.**

- No. 1094—Henry Williams, 19, of Arlington, and Effie Lee, 20, of Bangor.
- No. 1095—J. T. Hammond, 52, and Mrs. D. A. Saylor, 51, both of Bangor.
- No. 1096—Alex. Bammer, 26, of McDonald, and Lola P. Youngs, 20, of Bloomington.
- No. 1097—Frank J. Hosbein, 23, of St. Joseph, and Ida Harbin, 21, of Geneva.
- No. 1098—Fred Hawley, 20, and Ida L. Grimes, 17, both of Decatur.
- No. 1099—W. H. Clute, 23, of Jones, and Mary M. Hill, 17, of Almena.
- No. 1100—Thos. Hutchins, 35, of Arlington, and Mina Van Fleet, 42, of Lawrence.
- No. 1101—Anton W. Herman, 31, of Waukegan, Ills., and Anna B. Smith, 21, of South Haven.

**Probate Court Proceedings.**

Following are the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending October 20:

Estate of Albert Fosdick, deceased. Residue of estate assigned, receipts filed and administrator discharged.

In the matter of Ralph F. Peabody, minor. Receipts filed and guardian discharged.

Estate of Mary C. Jones, deceased. Michael H. Simpson appointed administrator.

In the matter of Daniel Reynnells, an alleged insane person. Application for admission to the asylum. Day of hearing, Oct. 29.

In the matter of Otho Olmsted et al., minors. Guardian's account filed.

Estate of Wm. B. Minter, deceased. Petition for appointment of administrator. Day of hearing, Nov. 9.

Estate of Ester Nelson, deceased. Petition for appointment of administrator. Day of hearing, Nov. 16.

**New Suits.**

Sophy Disbrow vs. James Disbrow, divorce.

"Not all is gold that glitters" is a true saying; it is equally true that not all is sarsaparilla that is so labelled. If you would be sure of the genuine article, ask for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and take no other. Health is too precious to be trifled with.

**To the Public.**

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Oct. 20th, 1891.

B. O. Harrison, of Lawrence, 60 years of age, was arrested last Saturday on complaint of Fred R. Doyno, charged with incest with his 16-years-old daughter. He was arraigned before Justice Mason yesterday and the examination set for Friday at 1 p. m. In default of \$500 bail Harrison was committed to jail.

The cucumber crop in the vicinity of Bridgeman, Berrien county, was over 2,500 bushels.

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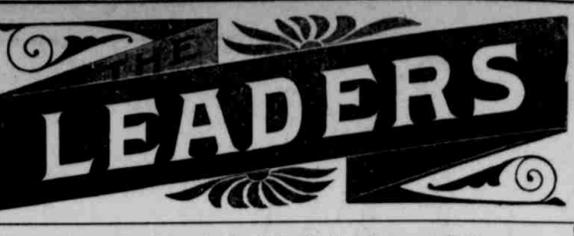
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