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THE GREAT MODEL EMPORIUM.

OUR STORE CLOSSES AT 6 P. M. EXCEPT SATURDAY.
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The Great Model Emporium.

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July 1

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Poetry.

EVERY YEAR. BY ALBERT PIKE.

The spring has less of brightness Every year. And the snow a glister whiteness Every year. Nor do summer dowers quicken, Nor autumn fruits thicken As they once did, for we sicken, Every year.

It is growing darker, colder, Every year. As the heart and soul grow older, Every year. I care not now for dawning, Nor for eyes with passion glancing; Love is less and less entrancing, Every year.

Of the loved and sorrowous bleated Every year. Of the charm of friendship ended Every year. Of the ties that still might bind me Until Time to death resigned me, My infirmities remind me Every year.

Ah! how sad to look before us, Every year. While the cloud grows darker over us Every year. When we see the blossoms faded, That to bloom we might have aided, And immortal garland braided, Every year.

To the past go now—good faces, Every year. As the loved have vacant places, Every year. Everywhere the sad eyes meet us, In the evening's dusk they greet us, And to come to them entreat us, Every year.

"You are growing old," they tell us, Every year. "You are more alone," they tell us, Every year. "You can win no new affection, You have only recollection, Deeper sorrow and deeper, Every year."

Yes! the shadows of life are shifting Every year. And we are seaward drifting Every year. Old places, changing faces, Old faces, changing faces, There are dead to meet us, Every year.

But the truer life draws nearer, Every year. And its meaning grows clearer, Every year. Earth's hold on us grows lighter, And the dawn immortal brightens, Every year.

Alger as the People's Champion. From the Philadelphia Ledger, Rep. Appropriately with the advent of what has been called the "Silly Season" comes the announcement that Secretary Alger is a candidate for United States Senator from Michigan, and will make his campaign on a platform which opposes trusts and favors election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people. It may be said in passing that if Senators were elected directly by the people today, Secretary Alger would not dare to go as a candidate for any elective office before any fairly decent and honest community on his record.

Not would he insult the intelligence of the Michigan people by offering himself as an anti-trust leader and soliciting their suffrage. In the present instance, Secretary Alger has joined forces with Governor Hazen S. Pingree, and poses as the friend of the "masses." He says: "I do not believe in the concentration of wealth. Monopoly forces the middlemen out of commercial existence and the result is disastrous to the masses of the people. Government should regulate the trusts, and I am also opposed to the selection of United States Senators by Legislative vote. Their election by direct vote will do away with much political intrigue and is bound to come, although it may take years to accomplish."

That interesting and energetic Socialist, Governor Pingree, whose vagaries contribute to the gaudy of nations, promises his support to Alger. He has talked with the Secretary in such a plain and simple manner, and pronounced him entirely sound on that and other questions. The erratic Pingree vouches for Alger, but who will vouch for Pingree?

The soundness of Secretary Alger's professions as a foe to trusts, the congruity of his candidacy on such a platform and the character of the man will be passed on by the State Legislature, which will, doubtless, receive informing light before the election from the people of Michigan. In the meantime the world cannot but wonder at the effrontery of Alger standing on an anti-trust platform. John Sherman, the author of the Sherman Anti-Trust act, has denounced Alger as a member of a trust; his wealth was acquired by him as a prop of the Lumber Trust; his selection as Secretary of War is inexplicable except on the ground, as has often been charged, that he was the head of a political trust which controlled Southern negro delegates to the National Convention, and his retention as head of the War Department can only be explained by his connection with the most pernicious political combination this country has ever seen. Hanna, Alger, Corbin & Co. were appointed as Secretary of War is not intelligible on any other hypothesis. He did not get the post for his merits as a statesman, since a more indubitable petty politician has rarely been put in a position to work so much disaster and woe. He was not chosen on his own merit, for that alone should have made his appointment impossible unless it was intended to put an affront upon the country.

He did not earn a right to hold the place by his capacity, for Algerism sent soldiers to typhoid camps, fed the poor rotten beef to the profit of the Beef Trust, gave the country a bad name at home and abroad by impugning the business integrity of commercial interests, and hurried many brave men to premature graves.

The extent of the evil which has been done to this country by Algerism and the political trust of which he is a prominent member is difficult to over estimate. The country consists not alone in money and life, but in a lowering of the political and moral tone of the nation, which is incalculable, and if Alger's candidacy for Senator on an anti-trust platform shall not become ridiculous, the sense of decency and the sense of honor of the Michigan people. Still, as he is a man of millions, and Legislators have sometimes itching palms, it would be unsafe to predict that he may not become a United States Senator.

Unexpected Responses. A teacher explaining to a class that the land of the world was not continuous, said to the boy who happened to be standing nearest to him, "Now, could your father walk around the world?" "No, sir," was promptly answered. "Why not?" "Because he's dead," was the altogether unlooked-for response. As little anticipated probably was the answer made to another teacher, who asked, "What is a hood?" and was met with the reply, "What you live in."

The Mysteries of Spelling.

It is said that the Russians are the greatest of modern linguists, for the simple reason that their own language is so difficult that once having mastered it, all other tongues are their own play. But surely English spelling can not be outdone in its contradictions by any language upon either continent. The Philadelphia Times says:

"English is one of the hardest languages in the world for a foreigner to master. This is due to its wants of analogy, to the varying and sometimes directly opposite, signification of some of its words, and to sameness of sound given to many different letters.

You have all heard, perhaps, of the labyrinth of bewilderingness into which the word 'fix' led a Frenchman; and of the Italian who said that he would 'squeeze' a certain man to consent to something, not being able to appreciate the nice distinction that we make between that word and 'press' or 'urge.'

Here is a striking illustration of the confusion caused in a young mind—and it would be the same in that of a foreigner—by the sameness of sound to which we have referred: "Spell toes," said the mother, who was teaching her little seven-year old daughter to spell.

"T-o-e," answered the child. "No, dear, that's not right. T-o-e-s, spells toes." "But it sounds like t-o-e-e." "I know it, but you can not go by the sound." Then, in order to enforce the proposition, the mother called upon her daughter to spell froze.

"F-r-o-e-e," said the child. "No, you're wrong again. This time we use the z and spell the word f-r-o-z-e." "Hah!" exclaimed the child. "Now spell nose," said the mother. The child hesitated. Finally she said, "I don't know whether to say r-o-z-e or f-o-e-s."

"Spell it r-o-s-e," said the mother, although there is another word pronounced just like it that's spelled r-o-s-e-s. That is the name of the spaw of fishes." "The child looked perplexed. "Just one word more," said the mother. "Tell me just how you spell blows."

"Well," said the little girl, who had quite enough nonsense, as she viewed it, from her mother, and had suddenly made up her mind to pay back in kind, "I spell it three ways. I spell it b-l-o-s-e for breakfast, b-l-o-s-e for dinner, and b-l-o-z-e for supper."

"I spell it b-l-o-w-s," said the mother. The child was silent for a moment, as if wrapped in thought; then looking up, she solemnly remarked: "I think, mother, that the English language was made for persons very well educated."

The Horse in Summer. From Agricultural Epitomist. The treatment of the horse in summer should be very different from that usually accorded the animal. Probably from no one thing does the horse suffer so much as from lack of water. We go into the field on a hot day, and take with us a jug of water to quench our thirst. Without this provision, language could hardly describe the sufferings we should endure. But the horse, which is compelled to go without water for half a day, needs it as often as a man does. The animal should be watered frequently, and it would last longer, if some means could be provided for watering at least once from morning to noon and from noon to night. It would not be much trouble to provide the means, especially when a wagon is taken to the field.

The head of the horse should always be protected from the hot sun. It is simply a wonder that more horses are not sun struck. The top of the head is exposed to rays of the sun that heat even brick walls through and through. The harness makers now have a shade that is easily attached to the top of the head, and it furnishes the most convenient means of protection to the horse's brain. A green, broad leaf of some kind, or a bunch of weeds, however, will answer, so will a wet sponge. In our experience, we have found that if the work in the field is abandoned in the middle of the day, on very hot days—beginning earlier in the morning and working as long as you can see at night—the same amount of work can be done in the season, especially when a wagon is taken to the field. If the horse is given an occasional sponge bath in summer, the animal will not only enjoy it but will be benefited by it. Perspiration and the dust fills up the pores of the skin.

The clover plant is one of the most valuable that is within the power of the farmer to grow, and it also enriches him even when the clover is sold off the farm, because there remains in the roots left in the soil a large proportion of nitrogen which was gained from the atmosphere. So great is the gain to the farm when the clover crop is fed and returned to the land that but few farmers realize the large increase in that direction. Professor Shupp, who took clover roots from soil to the depth of four feet, and also from plots to the depth of two feet, of both the common red and mammoth varieties, of one year's growth, found nearly as much nitrogen at the depth of two feet as when the roots were taken from four feet, thus demonstrating that the roots of clover, while going down deep into the soil, do not go below the reach of plants which follow the clover crop, and even when the clover is seeded in June and left until the next October there is a large addition to the supply of nitrogen in the soil. As farmers must provide nitrogen for all cereal crops, while clover gives them nitrogen, it is a great saving in expense, which is an item of profit as well as the crop. The most costly of all fertilizers is nitrogen, and when the farmer can "grow his nitrogen," as it is really done with clover, its importance as a renovating crop cannot be overestimated.

An Omaha preacher announced from the pulpit recently that he has no objection to any of the members of his congregation going to sleep and snoring during the sermon, because he regards it as a compliment to his integrity and as indisputable evidence of the soundness of his theological views.

A native funeral in Manila is an interesting sight. The hearse is a rude wagon drawn by white horses. A most melancholy looking person is the driver, who, clad in black and a high hearse hat, sits aloft in mournful dignity. In front is a brass band playing a lively march, while a long line of carriages follow slowly behind.

Pat's Explanation. Gentleman (to an Irishman): "Well, Pat, I see you have a small garden." Pat: "Yes, sir." "What are you going to set in it for this next season?" "Nothing, sir. I set it with potatoes last year, and not one of them came up."

"That's strange. How do you explain it?" "Well, sir, the man next door to me set his garden full of onions." "Well, had that anything to do with your potatoes not growing?" "Yes, sir, he had, them onions was so strong that my potatoes couldn't see to grow for their eyes watering."

More Treason. From the Boston Advertiser. Americans just now to read the outbursts of "treason" which are so abundant in the columns of the imperialist press. We had occasion recently to note more in sorrow than in anger the charge published in the Boston Journal that "the Administration has had all it wanted of 'State troops.'" This attempt to represent the President in an attitude of disparagement of the American volunteers was surely bad enough, but worse has followed. It is one thing to declare that the President scorns the patriotic volunteer, but it is even worse to announce publicly that the President has no policy whatever.

We call the attention of all right-minded citizens, and of the War Department especially, to the treasonable language of that red-hot imperialist sheet, the Washington Post. That journal declares that the Filipinos "are not whipped at all, or are in an immediate danger of being so." It also says that it sees no "reason why the Filipinos should suspend hostilities," because the Americans "have declared no policy which they can consider from a political or pacific point of view."

Days have elapsed since this outrageously reasonable utterance appeared, yet, so far as we know, the Adjutant General at Washington has made no attempt to suppress the publication of the Post, nor has the Postmaster General prohibited the circulation of this treasonable article through the mails. Those assaults upon the Administration and these slurs upon the valor and courage of the American volunteers should cease. If such treason should be read by the Filipino troops the war may last for years to come.

Most Expensive Hat on Record.

From the Chicago Record. The most expensive hat on record cost \$1500 in gold, and was presented to General Grant while in Mexico in 1852. It is now on exhibition in the National Museum at Washington—perhaps the finest Mexican sombrero that was ever made. While William H. Seward was Secretary of State in Lincoln's Cabinet some of his admirers in South America sent him a Panama hat which cost \$1000. It was on exhibition in a show window in New York for a year or more. Panama hats used to be frequently sold as high as \$500 each. A New York hatter says that in 1867 he sold three hats at that price in single days, but they are no longer in the market. The most expensive hat he has sold for several years was bought by a New York banker last summer for \$110.

It was the last fine Panama hat in stock. Such hats are still worn by the hidalgos in South America. They are not made in Panama, but got the name because that city was formerly the greatest market for them. The finest hats come from Guayaquil and Pata, Peru. They are made of the fibre of the piña, or pineapple plant, which is as soft and pliable as silk, and some of them are so fine that they can be folded up and carried in the vest pocket.

A Lamp of Mercy. In the courts of Venice, when a prisoner is about to be condemned to death, a tall and ghostly-looking individual dressed in a black gown, walks majestically to the centre of the court-room, bows solemnly to the judges, and then in a cavernous voice pronounces the words, "Remember the baker!" Then he bows again and stalks away.

Just three hundred years ago a baker was executed in Venice for a crime of which he was not guilty. When his innocence was established, the judges who had condemned him gave a sum of money to the city, the interest on which was to be devoted to the setting up and perpetual burning of a lamp, known as the "Lamp of Expiation," in the Palace of the Doges. And so, to this day, before a criminal is condemned to death, the ghostly-looking official enters the court, and in a sepulchral voice warns the judges that human justice, unlike the divine, is liable to error, and that the innocent were sometimes condemned in place of the guilty.