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THE COMMON SENSE OF BACTERIOLOGY. It is upon the authority of a noted New York specialist that 18,000 children under one year old die annually in New York from drinking impure milk.

We have accepted the germ theory of the bacteriologists fully except practically and preventively. We are careless to a criminal degree as to what we eat ourselves and feed to others.

The other day on a residence street a man was peddling hominy in a hand cart. It might have been properly prepared, under the most sanitary conditions, but who knows? It sat uncovered on the walk while he arranged something about the little wagon open to the dust that a November wind picked up and scattered from the roadway.

When we have actually accepted the germ theory, when we understand that diseases are spread and epidemics engendered by our own negligence; when the first duty shall be to protect the public against disease and when we realize that the most expensive method any city can pursue is to treat negligently its abattoirs, fruit stands, hucksters and purveyors of food in general we shall have learned the first lesson of the bacteriologist.

WHISKY PRICES. An advertisement in a St. Louis newspaper which goes into a large number of Iowa homes offers to send by express twelve full sixteen-ounce bottles of 100 proof straight Kentucky whisky guaranteed under the pure food law and pronounced by expert judges to be the purest, most wholesome and delicious whisky ever distilled.

They are right about that. If he survives "one full bottle" of that dose he will always want it or sulphuric acid or horse liniment or some other beverage of equal strength.

Just as the last of the Thanksgiving turkey disappears the Christmas fowl looms on the horizon.

What's a man who can't stand the pressure of prosperity to do in hard times? The Missouri Agricultural College team did a good job of judging, but Iowa furnished the stock.

The Cedar Rapids Republican serves notice on Life that when he talks of commissioner government he must not say "the Des Moines plan," but mention Cedar Rapids also.

Life isn't anxious to be a plumed knight. If he can but save his tail feathers he will be satisfied.

Milwaukee has inaugurated municipal dance halls. Bad characters will be kept out and waiters behave with propriety or be two-stepped to the door by a policeman.

One of the best things the interior department has done is to put a spoke in the wheels of crooked promotion of so-called irrigated tracts.

As no vaudeville circuit has advertised Crippen's stenographer it seems unlikely that she managed to get past the immigration commissioners.

The man who refuses to stand one way or another on public questions of importance ought not to be counted in the census reports.

And sell it, the scorn of classmates, the forced pity of white neighborhoods and the loss of men's respect and women's affection in it whether it comes by express at a dozen bottles for the price of a common turkey which the drinker's family didn't have at Thanksgiving, or at a dollar a drink in a fashionable club.

Cheap, isn't it, twelve possibilities of matricide for 29 cents apiece? But what's the difference whether you pay 29 cents or \$2,900 so long as you get the results? The expense account doesn't cut much ice so long as you get the business.

HONESTY AND SUCCESS. What has honesty to do with success, particularly in the world of trade? Is deception the foundation of the whole commercial fabric?

Cardinal Gibbons, in an interview recently, deplored what he termed the noticeable tendency of men in charge of some large business organizations not to deal in absolute fairness and honesty with the public.

The venerable palate is right. He is right both as to current practices and as to the path to a durable success. It is a time of eulogy and trickery and fraud. Temporary gain may be made by these methods, but lasting success will come alone through honesty and fair dealing.

Topics of the Times. Eight hundred deer were killed in Pennsylvania this season estimated to have cost hunters \$3 a pound. Now the estimates, please, on the number of hunters killed and the average undertaker's fee.

Another thing some of us would like to know is whether, under our present laws, a butcher has a right to go out in the country or down to his slaughter house, kill an animal, then hang up the quarters in his wagon, used to haul it to town, and bring it thru the public streets to his market.

Speaking of butchers, shippers tell the writer that the number of head of cattle in Iowa on the first of December is greater than when they think that the present low price of corn will result in more cattle being fed in Iowa than for a number of years.

Some one has said that a town is nothing but a big family, all with the same family characteristics. The bad citizen is the black sheep of the small family and if this theory is true the first family that some years ago settled the little town of Klemme must have been a mighty fine lot of people.

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IOWA OPINIONS AND NOTES.

To the Scranton Journal "there seems to be unanimous republican agreement that if Iowa is to lose a congressman that we can best spare the gentleman-elect from the Second district."

"The unkindest cut of all is when a supposed friend passes you up on your way home to dinner, with three empty seats in his auto," says the Shenandoah World.

"He would like to be classed as a progressive republican and seems to be willing to promise most anything for party support, but we are afraid all this will avail him naught," says the Iowa Falls Sentinel.

"One of the fundamental causes of the movement from the country to town and city," says the Des Moines Tribune.

"It must be apparent to any one who knows anything at all about politics that another movement is under way which has for its purpose the pounding of Senator Cummins into the ground," says the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

"While we are discussing men it is a good time to inquire into qualifications of suggested candidates to faithfully represent the true sentiment of the republicans of the commonwealth," says the Mason City Times.

"If Mr. Young was so anxious for a special primary why did he not decline the appointment and ask the governor and the legislature to submit the matter to the people?" inquires the Webster City Freeman-Tribune.

The Delta Plaster Union wants a bill of particulars from Senator Young. It is well enough to deal in statistics but what is wanted just now is a clear, frank statement of fact given without equivocation," says the Union.

Locker-On In Iowa

Northwood, Dec. 7.—Some time ago in an Iowa town two chauffeurs for automobiles of different manufacture, made a wager of \$75 a side that one could beat the time of the other on a country road from Lastown to Nextown.

Hardly had the governor finished reading the election returns before he appointed a rank standpatter to the senate, the man who had fought the progressive movement in Iowa ever since it started.

Then the funny part comes in. With a unanimity that is startling, the standpatters act as if they believed that the sensible thing for the progressives to do, having the power in their hands would be to elect to the United States senate the man who had always been their bitterest enemy.

But to the relief of every genuine progressive in the state, Senator Cummins turned a deaf ear to the blandishments of the enemy and comes out with the announcement that he will only support a progressive for the senate.

Then there is trouble. The first thing apparent is that Life Young does is to sit down and have a good cry. He writes an editorial for the Capital. He says that his principles are about the same as Senator Cummins.

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Iowa Newspapers

GOVERNOR CARROLL HERO. (Cedar Rapids Gazette). The Oskaloosa Herald says: "In the opinion of the Cedar Rapids Gazette nobody has any business to help at the Iowa Fall election."

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The SILVER HORDE

By REX BEACH. Author of "The Spoils" and "The Senator". Copyright, 1909, by Harper & Brothers.

CHAPTER XXI. "Why not?" the girl asked. "It is nothing to you. You have lived, and so have I. I made mistakes—what girl doesn't who has to fight her way alone? But my past is my own. It concerns no body but me."

"I agree with you in that," she came away from the mingling camp because of wagging tongues, because I was forever misjudged. Whatever I may have been, I have at least played fair with that girl. It hurts me now to be accused by her. I saw your love for her, and I never tried to rob her. Oh, don't look as if I couldn't have done differently if I had tried. I could have injured her very easily if I had been the sort she thinks me. But I helped you in every way I could. I made sacrifices. I did things she would never have done."

"Don't you know?" Cherry gazed at him with a faint smile. "When for the first time, the whole thing burst upon him. The surprise of it almost deprived him of speech, and he stammered: 'No, I—' Then he fell silent."

"What little I did I did because I love you," said the girl in a tired voice. "You may as well know, for it makes no difference now."

"I—I am sorry," he said, gripped by a strong emotion that made him go hot and cold. "I have been a fool."

"No; you were merely wrapped up in your own affairs. You see, I had been living my own life and was fairly contented till you came. Then everything changed. For a long time I hoped you might grow to love me as I loved you, but I found it was no use. When I saw you so honest and unselfish in your devotion to that other girl I thought it was my chance to do something unselfish in my turn. It was hard, but I did my best. I think I must love you in the same way you love her, Boyd, for there is nothing in all the world I would not do to make you happy."

"I must think, I—I want to go away. Goodby." "Goodby," he returned and stood watching her as she hurried away, half suspecting the tears that were trembling amid her lashes.

"Nothing doing in the betress business," replied the adventurer. "I couldn't stand the exposure."

"You're cold, eh?" "Yes! They weathered me out."

"Did you really meet any of those people?" "Sure! I met 'em all, but I didn't catch their names. I made one before I'd gone a mile—tall, slim party with cracked ice in her voice."

"Boyd looked up quickly. 'Did you introduce yourself?' 'As Chesley De Benville, that's all. How is that for a drawing room name? She fell for the name all right, but there must have been something phony about the clothes. That's the trouble with this park harness. If I'd worn my 'oup and fish' and my two galien evening hat I'd have passed for a gentleman sure. I'm strong for those evening togs. I see another one later—a little maduro colored skirt with a fat nose."

"Miss Berry." "I'm glad to meet her. I offered her out of a rowboat and told her I was Mr. Yonkers of New York. We were breezing along on the bit till Clyde broke it up. He called me Fraser, and it was cold in a minute. Fraser is a cheap name anyhow. I'm sorry I took it."

"Do you mean to say it isn't your real name?" asked his companion in genuine bewilderment.

"New! Swine is what I was born with. Say it slow and it sounds like an air brake, don't it? I never was a bet so long as I packed it around, and Fraser hasn't got it beat by more than a tip."

"Well!" Boyd breathed deeply. "You are the limit." "Speaking of clothes, I notice you are dressed up like a fruit salad. What is it—the yacht?"

"Yes." "You'd better hurry. She sails at high tide." "Sails!" "Alton told me so and said that he was going along."

"Thank heaven for that, anyhow, but—don't understand about the other." Boyd asked the question that was foremost in his mind. "Did you know Cherry in the upper country?"

THE LODGES.

MASONIC NOTICES. Hall in New Masonic Temple. Visitors always welcome. MARSHALL LODGE, 104 A. F. & A. M. State communication and election of officers Dec. 16, at 7:30 p. m. R. W. Chamberlain, W. M. H. S. Lawrence, Sec'y.

ST ALDEMAR COMMANDERY, No. 80 K. T. Stated convales Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock. Sir Knight to be present if possible. F. M. Wilbur, R. G. Fred Wallace, Recorder.

CENTRAL CHAPTER, No. 87, O. E. S.—Regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, 7:30 p. m. Election of officers. Mrs. George Downing, W. M. Edna C. Fulcrum, Secretary.

bearing under charter privilege the name of a state university, has been carrying on a profitable business in the sale of academic and professional degrees to persons in foreign lands. The new conference of governors might well consider "what constitutes a college," and take steps for such uniform legislation on the subject among the states of America as shall wipe out forever a shameful incident of our academic life.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

"Con" Knew His Duty as Usher. The congregation of a certain church is not "exclusive," but some of its members were surprised at the appointment of a new usher. They said that he might be a very good young man, but he had not belonged very long to the church, and, besides, it seemed unlikely that a street car conductor would suit the etiquette of a house of worship. But the trustees said that he had been chosen for that very reason, adding: "We need a man of that kind to deal with the end seat hog. He is a greater nuisance in the church than in the cars. Early in the service he plants himself at the aisle end of a free pew and later comes over who are ushered into that pew fall all over him taking their places. It takes a man with grit to make him move along. This former conductor has the grit, and he has tact gained from experience. That is why we made him usher."

He is Still Inquiring. Fourteen years ago, when Thomas Cooper, living on a farm two miles from Lexington, Mich., was thirteen years old, he began walking into the town every day and asking for mail at the post office. Thomas is now twenty-seven years old, and he has not missed one single week day in all those years. Regularly every morning he has taken the four-mile walk, and he is still at it. It may also be stated that he has not, up to this date, received a single letter, but he is not discouraged. He believes one will come for him some day, even if it is only a dunning letter.

His Parting Shot. A local minister had had a serious time in fighting the saloon element in his town and had not been backed up in his efforts by the members of his own church. This with other troubles had led to his resignation, and in announcing his departure at his farewell sermon he said: "I am going to do something the devil has never done. I am going to leave C—."

Her Hopeful Disposition. "Women," remarked Jones, "are naturally more hopeful than men." "Yes," agreed Smith, "there's my wife, for instance, every time she buys fish she asks the shopman if they are fresh. I suppose she hopes that some day he'll say no."—Stray Stories.

Can Brown "Come Back." (Chicago Inter-Ocean). The report that W. C. Brown, of the New York Central, was on the point of resigning and becoming a farmer turns out to be exaggerated. Nevertheless, Mr. Brown has bought an Iowa farm, and declares: "I am going to do it some day." Probably he will, for the call of the country to a man brought up on a farm is one of the strongest things in life. As a young man he may rejoice to get away from the farm, but when he gets to middle age the longing to return begins to grow upon him. Forty years ago Mr. Brown was a farm lad in Carroll county, Illinois, and deserted the farm for a job as water boy for a section gang.

Serious Lacerations and wounds are healed without danger of blood poisoning, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve; the healing wonder. 25c. McBrice & Will Drug Co.

Smothering Fake Colleges. (Boston Herald). It is a wholesome decision of the state of New York that an institution for instruction in hypnotism, mesmerism and personal magnetism shall not be permitted to advertise itself as a college. For twenty years past a concern existing merely on paper, but

NO ALUM NO TIME PHOSPHATE. Safeguard Your Food by Using Always Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER Made from Grapes Its purity, wholesomeness and superior leavening qualities are never questioned. Fifty Years the Standard