

TAKEN AT HIS WORD.

The Purchasers Complained of a Leak of One of the Elements in the Oil.

The faculty of terse and forceful speech is ordinarily an advantage, but occasionally a man gets hoisted by his own epigram.

"The oil we have been getting is not satisfactory," said he, "and I fail to see why we should make a change. Are there any extra inducements you can offer? How do you propose to improve on the old quality?"

"In this way," was the prompt answer. "I propose to give the business my personal attention. I intend to put some of my brains into every barrel of oil we send out."

The rejoinder pleased the old gentleman, and he became a customer.

A few months later the hustling young man was obliged to make a journey, and in his absence, through some oversight, the quality of oil was allowed to deteriorate.

It was quickly noted, and a letter now on file in the office records one of the protests. It reads: "Gentlemen: When we were induced to use your product we were assured that Mr. Blank put some of his brains into every barrel of oil. We deeply regret to observe that Mr. Blank is threatened with perjury."—Washington Star.

Struck It Big.

Henry A. Salzer, Manager of the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., also President of the Idaho Gold Coin Mining and Milling Co., is in luck.

They have recently struck a wonderful deposit of gold on their properties. As a result the stock of the Gold Coin Co. has doubled in value.

Many of the patrons of the John A. Salzer Seed Co. are owners of Gold Coin Stock. The mines are located in the Seven Devil District, Idaho.

True to Nature

She—What a good picture! He—No, it isn't. I was not well, and I looked like an idiot that morning.

She (intently studying the photograph)—Well, it looks exactly like you, anyway.—Judge.

Jason Crow, Oceansville, Ga., says: "I feel it my duty to write and let you know what your medicine, '9 Drops,' has done for me."

"I have had rheumatism about 18 years, but was able to be up most of the time, until a year ago last May, when I was taken down and not able to move about."

About six weeks ago I saw your advertisement and wrote for a sample bottle. After taking a few doses, it did me so much good that I ordered some more for myself and friends."

"In every case it has done wonders and given perfect assistance. Dr. Woodruff, my family physician, who has had rheumatism 15 years, is taking '9 Drops,' and says it is the most efficient rheumatic medicine he has ever used. May 31, 1909."

The above refers to '9 Drops,' a perfect cure for rheumatism, kidney and all kindred complaints. The proprietors, Swanson Rheumatic Co., 164 Lake St., Chicago, offer to send a 25c. sample bottle for only 10c. during the next 30 days. Be sure to read their advertisement of last week.

How It Sounded.

"My daughter's music," sighed the mother, "has been a great expense."

"Indeed?" returned the guest. "Some neighbor sued you, I suppose?"—Boston Traveller.

Keep Notes on Account of Thanksgiving Day via Big Bear.

On November 29 and 30, the popular Big Four Route will sell tickets to a distance of 150 miles from starting point at a rate of one-and-one-third fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be good up to and including December 1, 1909. For full information as to tickets, rates and limits, call on Big Four agents or Warren J. Lynch, O. P. A., Cincinnati.

The Bachelor Defined.—A Dallas mother with five grown daughters defines a bachelor as a "miserable coward who has lost the opportunity of a lifetime."—Dallas News.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of Ghor's Tarsulene Chills Tonic. Its simple iron and quinine atomized form. No cure—no pay. Price, 20c.

Worse Yet.

Stanley—They're a bad family. The father plays the stock market and the son the races.

Yow—You'd think they were virtuous if you heard the daughter play the piano.—Syracuse Herald.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The man who is sure it doesn't do any good to kick should never join a football team.—Elliott's Magazine.

It requires no experience to dye with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. Simply boiling your goods in the dye is all that's necessary. Sold by all druggists.

The great trouble seems to be that bad luck is natural, while people are compelled to work for good luck.—Aitchison Globe.

I have used Pile's Cure for Consumption both in my family and practice.—Dr. G. W. Patterson, Inkster, Mich., Nov. 5, 1894.

AYER'S PILLS. Is your breath bad? Then your best friends turn their heads aside. A bad breath means a bad liver.

W. L. DOUGLAS 53 & 3.50 SHOES UNION MADE. Worth \$4 to \$6 compared with other makes.

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THE BOERS' STRATEGY

They Are Repeating the Tactics at Ladysmith Adopted by Them at Dundee.

EFFECT A SURROUNDING MOVEMENT.

Another British Armored Train Was Wrecked and Most of Those on Board Killed or Captured.

Plans of Gen. Buller Have Been Wholly Changed—Kimberley Was Safe Friday, Nov. 10—Joubert's Forces Sent Out From Lourenco Marques.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Misfortune steadfastly pursues British employment of armored trains, the fascination for which has given the Boers their first and latest victories. On this last occasion the British seem to have walked into a deliberate trap, with the result that according to the best accounts 90 men are either killed, wounded or missing.

Special dispatches from Estcourt estimate the wounded and missing of the armored train contingent at from 100 to 150. The missing include Capt. Haldane.

It is hoped that some escaped over the veldt and will return to Estcourt in a few days.

DUNBAX, Natal, Nov. 18.—The Natal Advertiser has a dispatch from Estcourt which says:

"When part of the armored train was overturned by the Boers turning up the rails, the British alighted and exchanged volleys with the Boers. The engine driver, when the rails were replaced, seeing the position was hopeless, steamed back to Estcourt with a few of the Durban and 15 of the Durban, including Capt. Wylie, who was wounded, on the tender. The fate of the remainder of the Durban and Durban and Lieut. Churchill is unknown."

ESTCOURT, Nov. 18. Seven of the Durban have just come in, making 23 missing. Only 15 of the Durban have returned. The Natal 7-pounder, which was in front of the train, had fired three shots when it was shattered by the Boer artillery. The armored engine has many bullet marks and its dome cover is smashed, as also is its automatic exhaust pipe and 25-ton screw jack. The tender is also pitted with bullet marks.

It is rumored that Lieut. Churchill is a prisoner.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The absence of news of any serious movement against Ladysmith seems to show that the Boers are repeating the strategy adopted by them at Dundee when they appeared in front and endeavored to effect a surrounding movement. This seems to have been their object regarding Estcourt and since it is impossible that relief should reach there for some days to come, it is not unlikely that a further retiring movement on Mooi river will be made.

Kimberley was safe on November 10. Last Tuesday a Boer force of 600 entered Allwal North, Cape Colony, hoisted the flag of the Free State and declared the town and district to be part of the republic. The activity of the Boers in this locality would almost point the necessity of insuring the safety of the columns marching to the relief of Kimberley from attack from this direction or from Bloemfontein.

In view of the reticence of Gen. Buller it is almost useless to speculate regarding the report of a movement to relieve Kimberley. It can only be intended to withdraw the Boers, if possible, from Natal. The object of the occupation of Allwal North is understood to be to prevent the large quantity of ammunition at Herschel being forwarded to Jamestown and thence to the Queen's Own. The Boers have notified the inhabitants that no looting will be allowed.

Lourenco Marques continues to send Joubert stories, the latest being that so news has been received from him at Pretoria for three days, and that it is rumored he was taken prisoner. It is announced that the duke of Connaught was among the first to seek employment in the war, and even offered to waive his seniority for this purpose, out it was not deemed expedient that an officer so senior to Sir Redvers Buller should serve under him. The duke was greatly disappointed.

Special dispatches from Pietermaritzburg and Lourenco Marques say that Ladysmith is bombarded night and day and hard pressed. On November 9, having during the night placed men close to the town, the Boers, after a heavy bombardment, began an assault but were repulsed at every point with heavy losses.

Gen. Miles Tendered a Reception.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 18.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles was tendered an informal reception at the chamber of commerce Friday night. Gen. Miles will start east Saturday on a tour of inspection of the posts in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Thanksgiving Day in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 18.—The American colony here will celebrate Thanksgiving day by a ball on a superb scale, and President Diaz and family have accepted an invitation to attend.

WOES OF INTEMPERANCE.

International Sunday School Lesson for November 22, 1909—Temperance Sunday in Great Britain.

(Specially Arranged from Peloubet's Notes.)

LESSON TEXT.—Proverbs 23: 29-35; memory verses, 29-32. GOLDEN TEXT.—Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20: 1. LIGHT FROM OTHER SCRIPTURES.—Drunkness.—Deut. 32: 26, 27; Prov. 20: 1; 1 Pt. 4: 17; 2 Pt. 2: 11; 1 Cor. 6: 10; 1 Tim. 3: 3; 1 Pt. 4: 17; 2 Pt. 2: 11; 1 Cor. 6: 10; 1 Tim. 3: 3; 1 Pt. 4: 17; 2 Pt. 2: 11.

I. First Picture. The Portrait of a Drunkard.—Note the main features in this portrait. Woes, pains, diseases, troubles, quarrels, a passionate disposition, grumbling, bodily injuries, bad vision, both natural and spiritual—all proclaimed to every looker on. The marks that distinguish the drunkard from others are first described as a sort of prison costume, by which prisoners are known, or as the brand F (for, thief) on the face of a Roman thief.

V. 29: "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow?" The words corresponding to the two substantives are, strictly speaking, interjections, as in the margin: Who hath Oh? Who hath Alas? The woes are too great and too many to name separately. They are woes of body and woes of mind; woes in one's self, woes in his family; pains, disease, poverty. A man sick on account of his sins suffers very differently from one sick in the providence of God. A prison, a cross, may be a glory, or it may be a shame. "Who hath contentions?" may mean the conflict between desire and conscience; more probably, quarrels and bickerings. "Who hath babbling?" Foolish talking, vile conversation, noisy demonstrations, revelation of secrets. "Who hath wounds without cause?" Wounds received in careless or wholly unprofitable disputes, wounds and stripes such as come of the brawls of drunken men.—Lange.

"Without cause?" Upon very slight provocation, when men inflamed with wine are very apt to take.—Pool. "Who hath redness of eyes?" The word does not refer to the reddening, but the dimming of the eyes, and the power of vision.—DeLitzsch.

II. Second Picture. A Portrait of the Artist Who Made the Drunkard's Picture.—V. 30. "They that tarry long at the wine?" The tendency of strong drink is to continue drinking, to spend hours, often the whole night, in carousals. "They that go to seek mixed wine?" They go to the wine house, the place of revelry. Septuagint, those who hunt out where carousals are taking place. "Mixed wine undoubtedly here signifies spiced, drugged, medicated wine, the intoxicating power of which is increased by the infusion of drugs and spices."—Muenster. Such men "drink the cup of a costly death."—Tennison. Here are indicated four dangerous passes. Who does not enter the first will not be waylaid in the fourth. (1) Keeping bad company. (2) Sipping the wine. (3) Drinking to excess. (4) Drunken carousals.

III. Third Picture. A Section of the "Black Valley Road" to the drunkard's condition, with its snares, and traps, and pitfalls.—V. 31. "Look not thou upon the wine." Do not put yourself in the way of temptation. "When it is red;" Red wines were most esteemed in the east. The wine of Lebanon is said to be of a rich golden color, like Malaga. "When it giveth its color;" Literally, its eye, the clear brightness, or the beaded bubbles on which the wine-drinker looks with complacency.—Plumptre. "In the cup;" Sparkles or bubbles when poured out or shaken; "carries a head," which is regarded to be an indication of the strength and quality of the liquor. Some wines are celebrated for their brilliant appearance.—W. Hunter. "When it moveth itself aright;" Better as in R. V., "when it goeth down smoothly." This does not refer to the sparkling of the wine; but rather it "describes the pellucid stream flowing pleasantly from the wine-skin or jug into the goblet or the throat."—Plumptre.

IV. Fourth Picture. The Drunkard's Harvest Field. In this great gallery we pass through many rooms till we come to the last one lighted with a lurid blaze, and we gaze on the saddest picture of all. 32. "At the last it biteth like a serpent;" Like a serpent it will bite. "Adder;" The second word, "adder," is the more specific, and is said to be the Cerastes, or horned snake, the first more generic.—Cook. The Cerastes is exceedingly venomous. It lurks in the sand, coiled up perhaps in a camel's footprint, ready to dart at any passing animal.

The Serpent and the Adder. The east is woefully cursed with poisonous reptiles of all kinds. The special point to be observed in the present instance, however, is that the comparison of wine to the serpent begins in the thirty-first verse rather than in the thirty-second. This may be better in the following rendering of the two verses: "Look not on the wine when it reddeth, when it showeth its eye in the cup—glideth smoothly. After that, it biteth like the serpent and stingeth like the hissing serpent."—S. S. Times.

Grapes From Canaan.

Too many Christians say: "The Lord gave and the devil took away." The spear points of temptation may be used as spears to urge us to God. If we cannot save the world by dying for it, we may help it by living in it. The sinner seems to enjoy being cheated as much as the pleasure of cheating.

It is a poor sort of virtue that consists in abstaining from sins that are not cured for. Because he thinks the Christian is catching at a straw, the skeptic rejects the life buoy.—Ran's Horn.

Tea Poisoning.

Victims of tea poisoning are becoming alarmingly prevalent. Women demand the life and variety of health, and instead of doing it naturally by building up their systems they resort to tea. They should take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters instead. By strengthening the digestive organs this brings beauty and good spirits. It tones up the nerves, drives away the blues, regulates the bowels and cures all forms of dyspepsia. All druggists sell it.

Anticipated News.

Mr. Isaac (in Chicago)—Ish der a delegat for Mr. Isaac says: dot his shirt has purged down in New York?

Hotel Telegraph Operator—No! None!

"Vell, vian von geschoes sendt it right up to my room, please!"—Puck.

Every reader of this paper should give special heed to the offers which are appearing from week to week by the John M. Smyth Co., the mammoth mail order house of Chicago. In this issue will be found their advertisement of a thoroughly up-to-date, first-class sewing machine, at the astounding low price of \$14.25. Coming as this offer and other offers do from a house with a commercial rating of over one million dollars, and of the highest character, they mark an opportunity that the shrewd buyer will not be slow to take advantage of. The John M. Smyth Co., 150 to 166 West Madison street, will send their mammoth catalogue, in which is listed at wholesale prices everything to eat, wear and use, on receipt of only 10 cents to partly pay postage or expressage, and even this 10 cents is allowed on first purchase amounting to one dollar.

In Old Missouri.

Mrs. Goodwin—Here's a quarter, poor man. But tell me, pray, what ever brought you to this miserable state?

Dusty Rhoades—Me auternohel, ma'am. I was toun' 'rrough lows, an' I axidently stray'd across de line, see!—Chicago Evening News.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until cured, it may be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

They were inspecting the Texas. "The place we have just left," explained the engineer to the agent below, "is called the gun deck." "I see," she exclaimed, brightly. "And I suppose that place down there where they're raking the fires is called the poker deck."—Philadelphia Record.

The Office Boy—"Only three more days before my vacation!" The Picture—"You ought not to wish away your time." The Office Boy—"I ain't. I'm only wishing away the boss' time so that my time can begin."—Boston Transcript.

Somehow baldness is far more contagious than goodness.—Chicago Daily News.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various goods like LIVE STOCK, CALVES, HOGS, SHEEP, LAMBS, GRAIN, etc.

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THERE are women everywhere who suffer almost constantly because they cannot bring themselves to tell all about their ills to a physician.

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Mrs. Pinkham receives thousands of such letters from grateful women.

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"When your reply came I began taking your Compound and followed your advice and am now in perfect health, and would advise any lady rich or poor to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I can praise above all other remedies. It is a wonderful help to women."



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