

There are men who want to do such things that they overlook a lot of the things that would make a big aggregate.

As to the danger of over-population the globe, it is remarked that all mankind now in existence could stand on ease upon the Isle of Wight. The population of the world is estimated at 2,000,000,000. Allowing each person two square feet of standing room, 67,000 acres would be required. The area of the Isle of Wight is 95,341 acres. It is so affirmed that Texas alone is capable of yielding products sufficient to sustain mankind.

A kidney or bladder trouble can always be cured by using Foley's Kidney Pills in time. L. P. Van Werden.

Pinkerton's Detective Agency reports early to the American Bankers' Association, and the reports for 1905 is full of curious information as to systematic efforts made to arrest and bring to punishment forgers, burglars, check cashers and other light-fingered gentry who prey upon banks and their customers. In the ten years ended September, 1905, there were arrested and prosecuted 329 forgers, 190 burglars, 14 bank thieves and 11 robbers. These sentences aggregating 2,100 years, bank burglars, it is shown, fight shy of banks who employ systematic means of securing criminals. In the ten years banks, not members of the Bankers' Association, lost \$1,034,725, while 130 members lost but \$98,318. The policy of the Bankers' Association, it appears, is to pursue relentlessly and if necessary for years, any criminal who by force or fraud inflicts a loss.

Clear thinking, decisive action, vim and vigor of body and mind, the sparkle of life, comes to all who use Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. W. C. Stempel.

The grand jury of Mahaska county has directed a communication to Governor Cummins and Senator Jones and Representative Hambleton of Mahaska county, urging legislative action with regard to the town of Buxton. A law compelling cities or towns of more than 600 people to incorporate is urged. Governor Cummins is asked to recommend it and the legislators from Mahaska county are urged to support it. Buxton is not incorporated. It has a population of 5,000 people, but has no adequate means of self-government. This is declared by the grand jury to be the cause of the reign of crime in that community. Under the general law a town can have but two justices of the peace and two constables and this, until very recently, constituted the sole machinery of the law in the town of Buxton. Recently the sheriff of the county established a special deputy in the town. But these five limbs of the law are the only peace officers in the whole community. This condition is due to the fact that the town is owned by the Consolidation Coal company, which is owned or controlled by the Northwestern railroad and of which C. Buxton is the superintendent and manager. It is represented that the coal company owns all of the land in the town, all of the houses, and the stores. The people are represented to be owners only of their personal property.

Report From The Reform School.

J. G. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicine we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and absolutely harmless." L. P. Van Werden.

What Causes Murder.

Statistics covering the years since 1901 to 1905 show the cause of all murders and homicides committed in the United States in that period. During the eleven years 51,692 persons lost their lives as the result of murders 25,598 as the result of unknown causes, 1,987 as the result of jealousy, 1,875 because of the liquor habit, 3,711 were killed by highway-men and 2,716 mothers killed their infants. In resisting arrest, 1,400 persons were killed and 1,101 highway-men were killed. Insanity was the cause of 1,502 deaths and 516 persons were killed during strikes.

There were fewer lynchings in 1904 than any year since 1891. In 1895, according to the statistics, there were 10 persons killed by lynchings, the latest number in any of the eleven years. The number killed by lynching fluctuated each year, but there has been a gradual decrease until 1904 shows there were only 90 lives taken by mob violence.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

Applications, as they cannot reach the perforation of the ear. There is only one way to deafness and that is by constriction of the Eustachian tube. When this inflamed you have a rumbling sound or faint hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be cut out and this tube restored to its normal condition will give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. J. E. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Renting a House

[Original.]

One morning in April a gentleman was passing a cottage in the outskirts of a city on which was a sign "To Let." He stopped and looked at it. "Why shouldn't I?" he muttered to himself. "I shall never marry, and I'm beginning to tire of spending all my earnings at my club or forced to go out and see some one. I've furniture enough to set up housekeeping, and a whole house would be much better than rooms in a bachelor apartment house—especially for poker parties."

A lady came along and, seeing the man looking at the house, asked: "Do you know to whom it belongs?" "I do not," he replied, raising his hat and looking into a very pretty face. "I see it is to let," she explained, "and one renting a house had better deal with the owner direct. One can get better terms, for there is no commission to pay."

"That would be a woman's way," he replied. "Your sex are famous for looking out for salvages."

"If we didn't there would be no such thing as marriage in the world. Men can't run households as economically as women do. They would use up all the income long before the end of the year. I think I'll go in and take a look."

"Would you mind my doing the same. I promise you not to take the house if you want it."

"Certainly not; it is in open market." They went up the walk together and rang the bell. An elderly woman came to the door and admitted them.

"I think the house will suit you," she said—"that is, if you don't want it for a large family. How many children have you?"

The lady blushed and turned away, the gentleman, pretending not to have heard the question, went into the parlor and gaped at the ceiling.

"There's four bedrooms on the floor above," the occupant went on. "The front would do nicely for you two, while the children could occupy the other three."

The lady hurried back into the dining room and kitchen. "They're mighty independent of each other," thought the occupant. "I wonder if they aren't only engaged."

The lady having finished inspecting the rear came into the parlor, where the man was still gazing.

"I don't know anything about the advantages or defects in houses," he said to her. "Would you mind my going through with you while you give me a hint here and there?"

"Certainly. I shall be happy to serve you." The two went upstairs and the occupant remained below. "They don't need to be watched," she said to herself, "and I'll just keep on with my work."

The lady pointed out the qualifications of the house, but said it was rather large for her purpose, as she lived entirely alone. It would be better suited for a couple with one or two small children. The man was astonished that he had not noticed the defects or the advantages, all of which were as plain to her as the knave of spades to him.

"I don't want it," she said. "Nor I," said he. "I shall remain in bachelor apartments. I am convinced that no man has any use for a house without a woman in it."

"And a couple of rooms will better serve a spinster," she remarked. "A house must be very nice for two people who care to live together," he said musingly.

"There are certain matters a woman likes to leave to a man," she remarked in the same tone.

"And household affairs must be under the care of a woman."

They went downstairs together, thanked the occupant for having so kindly shown them the house and went out. There was but one line of street cars for them to take to get back into town, so they got aboard the same car.

"That's the oddest couple I ever met," said the occupant of the house as she saw them board the car. "They're not engaged, I'm sure. They're not sweet enough to each other. They're more like married people. They haven't much use for each other's opinion. The woman went off to look at the dining room and kitchen without paying any attention to the man, who seemed very impractical for a married man. I wonder if they'll take the house."

The 1st of May came and passed, and the cottage was not taken. On the 2d of June there was a ring at the door-bell and when the occupant opened the door there stood the couple who had looked at the house. But how different in their treatment of each other! The man carried the lady's wrap, stepped aside for her to pass in and was unusually attentive.

"Is this house still in the market?" asked the man.

"Yes." "We'll take it. When can we get possession?"

"Whenever you wish."

"Very well. You move on Thursday morning, and we'll move in Thursday afternoon."

"But the cleaning, dear," remarked the lady. "That will require two days at least."

"Oh, I forgot. I don't know anything about such things. At any rate, tell the owner to send the lease to my office, and I'll sign. That ends my part."

As they were going away the occupant asked: "The owner'll never know the relationship. He never rents to any but those living respectably. I suppose, of course, I can tell him you're married."

"Not yet," replied the lady, with a blush, "but we expect to be as soon as the house is ready for us."

FLORA MILLIGAN.

JAMES HOPE INSPECTOR

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Inspector Hope was at the zenith of his fame when he was given the case of "The Brown Eyes" to work up. The beginning of the case was a murder committed in a London omnibus. While the vehicle was rolling along with only two passengers in it—one a banker and the other a lady—the banker was stabbed to the heart, and the lady swung herself off the step and disappeared among the crowd. The banker lived long enough to say that she was a young and handsome woman, richly attired, and that she had large brown eyes. She had not robbed him nor could he tell why she had sought his death. She sat near him, but they had not spoken a word when she suddenly drew a dagger and plunged it into his side. Fifty different people saw the young woman leave the omnibus, but five minutes later, when the alarm was given, no one could say in which direction she had disappeared.

Even in his dying hour, as was afterward ascertained, the banker had lied. Many years previously and in another city he had wronged a trusting girl and left her to die in shame and disgrace. That girl had a sister, and the murderess of the omnibus was undoubtedly she. The banker had two sons, both of them young men. One held a responsible position in a large jewelry house, and the other was just setting up as a barrister. The police thought it would be an easy matter to pick up the woman with the brown eyes, but they found to the contrary. She did not have half an hour's start of them, and yet they failed to discover a trace. For weeks and weeks they were looking for brown eyed women and keeping them under surveillance, but nothing came of it.

One day three months later a young woman who spoke French fairly well, but who was undoubtedly English, called at a jewelry house in Bond street and looked at a lot of valuable gems and asked that they be sent to her rooms at a certain hotel at a certain hour. She would then pay for what she finally selected. It was the house in which the banker's son was employed, and he was selected to go with the valuables. He reached the hotel, was conducted to the lady's rooms and two hours later was found dead there. He had also been stabbed. As none of the gems had been taken and as the woman had mysteriously disappeared it was set down as a case of revenge. According to the clerk and the servants of the hotel, the murderess had large brown eyes, and her general description fitted that of the woman of the cab.

At this time two events happened in the life of Inspector Hope. He was given the case of the brown eyed woman to work out, and his wife had a partial stroke of paralysis and engaged a young woman to act as nurse and companion. She had advertised, and in answer came a stranger who knew a good deal about nursing and who brought the very best of characters. Inspector Hope saw and talked with her himself and was pleased to find her intelligent and anxious to please. She freely answered all questions and took the place on probation. The inspector was to write to certain parties in regard to her recommendations. When two weeks had passed she asked if he had written. He had not. His wife was so well pleased with her nurse that he decided to take chances.

For five weeks the nurse never left the house, and for five weeks Inspector Hope brought all his logic, logic and acumen to bear on the last murder case, but he made no progress. He was in despair, but still at work, feeling that his reputation was at stake, when a third mysterious murder was committed. The son of the banker who was in law had received as a client one afternoon a young and handsome woman wearing a half veil. She was in his office an hour. During the first half hour two people saw her there. No one knew when she departed, but when a caller opened the door the young lawyer was found breathing his last. He had been stabbed as his father and brother had been, and by the same dagger and the same hand. Again the murderess had disappeared and left no trace.

As a member of the family, almost, the nurse heard a great deal of talk about the strange murders and seemed interested to an extent. She knew how fervently the inspector desired to make a capture and was kind enough to hope that he would succeed. Two days after the murder of the lawyer Mrs. Hope and the nurse went to the country for a two months' stay, and the inspector set to work as he never had before. Spurred by the rewards offered, a thousand detectives and constables were on the lookout for the woman with brown eyes. When six weeks had passed and their ardor had begun to cool Inspector Hope received word that his wife's nurse was strangely missing. He went down to the farmhouse and found that such was the case. She had simply walked out of the house in the evening and been swallowed up in the darkness.

The inspector sat down and thought for an hour. Then he rose up and made a search of the baggage the woman had left behind. One simple thing betrayed the whole case to him. On a blotting pad found in her trunk he found the address of the lawyer as she had blotted the envelope. She had written to make an appointment, and she was the murderess. Her hand had struck down the father and his two sons. For a year the inspector hunted the earth for the woman with the brown eyes, and failing to find the slightest clew he resigned from the Yard and retired to private life.

M. QUAD.

The best way to avenge an injury is to forget it.

Some men mistake meek stubbornness or iron will.

You can get a good listener by feeding a hungry man.

Every man is a patriot who is allowed to define patriotism.

You cannot repair a house by kicking at the foundations.

The man who never tires is always complaining of a lack of opportunity.

Better overshoot the mark than to hit the ground in front of the target.

Life is like a cistern—if nothing is put into it nothing can come out of it.

It is a mighty ungrateful man who can not feel thankful that it was no worse.

If good advice were meat and clothing what a happy old world this would be.

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ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the district court of Iowa, in and for Decatur county, January term, 1906.

J. E. Leutz, plaintiff

Charlotte Lockwood and J. Q. Lockwood, Josephine Bethards and Ezra Bethards, Jane Williams Irons and Ruben Irons, Anna Williams Robey and Calvin Robey, et al., defendants.

To Josephine Bethards, Ezra Bethards, Jane Williams Irons, Ruben Irons, Anna Williams Robey, Calvin Robey, the above named defendants.

You and each of you are hereby notified, that on or before the 15th day of December 1905, there will be on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of Decatur county, Iowa, the petition of the plaintiff aforesaid, praying for the partition and sale of the following described real estate situated in Decatur county, Iowa, belonging to the estate of J. L. Leutz, late of Decatur county, Iowa, deceased:

Northeast quarter of section sixteen, except a graveyard on the highest point of the S. E. S. E. N. E. of the N. E. corner of the graveyard to be 10 rods in a S. W. direction from the N. E. corner of S. E. N. E. to be 12 rods W. 13 rods S. 12 rods E. 13 rods N. to beginning.

The E. 1/4 of the W. 1/4 of the N. E. of the S. W. section sixteen (16) N. E. S. W. and N. S. E. S. E. W. and the S. 1/4 S. E. S. E. W. of section fifteen (15) N. W. W. section twenty-two (22). Also W. six acres N. 1/4 S. 1/4 N. W. E. section twenty-six (26). All in township sixty-eight (68) range twenty-four (24).

Also the N. 1/4 E. S. W. and the N. 1/4 N. W. S. E. and the S. 1/4 S. W. E. and the S. 1/4 S. E. W. and the S. 1/4 E. S. E. W. and the S. 1/4 N. W. S. E. W. and the S. 1/4 N. W. S. E. W. and the S. 1/4 N. W. S. E. W. All in section thirty-six (36) township sixty-nine (69) range twenty-four (24).

And alleging as grounds hereof that the plaintiff and the defendants are the sole and only heirs-at-law of the said J. L. Leutz and Jane Leutz, deceased and are the absolute owners of all of said lands above described, each one owning the respective interests alleged and set out in the petition in said cause. And further pray that appraisers be appointed to appraise said premises, and that referees be appointed to sell the same as provided by law, and for costs, including attorney's fee for plaintiff's attorney, and for general equitable relief.

You are also notified that unless you appear therein and defend before noon of the second day of the term of said district court of Decatur county, to be held on the 15th day of January, 1906, a default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon. V. E. McGINNIS, Attorney for plaintiff.

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