

FIRESIDE FRAGMENTS.

Tin cleaned with paper will shine better than when cleaned with flannel.

Mica in stove-doors may be cleaned by washing it thoroughly with vinegar and rubbing it dry with a clean cloth.

Cheese Omelet: Four well beaten eggs, half a teaspoon of grated crackers, three table-spoonfuls of grated cheese.

The average cook will not be convinced that after water once boils it is impossible to make it hotter, or that any article can cook in water which is not rapidly bubbling.

Aunt Nellie's Cornmeal Muffins: Two cupfuls of Indian meal, one cupful of flour, one large spoonful of sugar.

Colony Toast: Cut a few stalks of celery into pieces an inch or two long, throw them into a little slightly salted boiling water.

Lamb Cutlets with Mushrooms: Trim and cut six lamb cutlets about half an inch thick; roll in grated crackers, and fry in butter until browned on both sides.

To Preserve Pippins in Slices: Take the fairest pippins, pare them and cut them into slices a quarter of an inch thick, without taking out the cores.

Fricassee Oysters: For an ordinary family put fifty oysters over the fire in their liquor. Let the fire be brisk, and at the first boil, drain them and keep warm in a hot tureen while you add to the liquor six ounces of butter.

ABOUT RED SAPPHIRES.

They Occur Sometimes as Exceptions to an Apparently Rigid Rule. Mineralogists now maintain that all of the historic rubies are spinels, but it is within the bounds of possibility that large red sapphires occur sometimes as exceptions to an apparently rigid rule.

The Ladies Delighted. The pleasant effect and the perfect safety with which the ladies may use the liquid form of the medicine is one of its most valuable features.

But of all the fine red sapphires which are known and proved there are but few above five carats. The largest one of which we have any definite knowledge is the beautiful gem set in the Tolson d'or of the French regalia.

This variety is singularly liable to imperfections, far more so than either the blue or the yellow. It is rare to find a ruby of the pure and characteristic pigeon blood tint that does not in some degree exhibit silky and opalescent fibers.

A TRAINED TARANTULA.

The Strange Pet Educated by a Half-Breed Mexican Boy.

A half-breed boy of Mexican and Indian blood recently attracted much attention at Winslow, Ariz., by the performance of an educated tarantula.

At the command of its master the tarantula mounted a small ladder, rung a bell and performed a miniature trapeze. Then, to the tamping of a tambourine in the hands of the boy, it proceeded to revolve slowly about, as if waiting, and when it had finished saluted the crowd by lifting one leg three times.

After its performance was over it crawled to its master's shoulder, where it sat, occasionally running around his neck or down into his bosom. The boy says he tamed the spider when it was young, first by feeding it every day until it grew accustomed to him, then gradually taught it the tricks it knows.

He declares that it is much more intelligent than any dog, and very tractable, though uncompromising in its enmity to any one but himself. It is as large as a silver dollar when curled up, though its legs are two or three inches long.

The body is an ugly dull brown, covered with short, coarse black hair, which also covers the limbs, but is very sparse and bristly. The eyes are small and gleam like diamond points, while the mouth is furnished with slender, overlapping fangs.

The power of spring in these creatures is said to be something incredible, a leap of ten feet being no tremendous exertion. The boy, who owns the only one who has ever made friends with any other living tarantula, says he has seen six more.

MINIATURE MESSAGE.

Journal of an Instructed Postage Stamp.

From Louisville to Pittsburgh. Graham C. Richards, a well-known Scotch-Irishman, prominent during the late congress of his race, was a few days ago the recipient of one of the oldest epistles that probably ever passed through the United States mail.

These two gentlemen had many agreeable conversations, and in the course of one of these Mr. McKenzie offered to bet his Pittsburgh friends that a common postage stamp, properly directed, and without any envelope appended, could be sent through the mails to its destination.

Thursday morning, however, the postman left with many grins what he called a "letter for Mr. Richards. The letter" was nothing more than a two-cent postage stamp. On the gummed side was written in tiny characters the address, "Graham C. Richards, Watson street, Pittsburgh, Pa." Below came the message, "All well. The bet is mine. McKenzie."

This extraordinary communication was hard to decipher, as some ruthless official had stamped a post-mark clear over the message.

A more extended letter was subsequently received by Mr. Richards from the enterprising Louisville, telling him to devote the money pending on the bet to the interests of the Scotch-Irish association.

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"You were dissatisfied with your pastor some months ago?" "Yes." "Has he resigned yet?" "No; but the congregation is."—Youth's News.

I NEVER was strong and I married a delicate little lady. We traveled much in search of health but we remained invalids until we began a use of Dr. Bull's Sarsaparilla. We both are now in better health and feel stronger.—R. A. Matthews, Harrisburg, Pa.

The imagination of men is often the refuge of their prejudices.—Talleyrand.

TAKES TYPING—Soup.

"GOOD BYE"—Venus.

AGAIN in a NEW—Oysters.

THREE-mendous—Some oinks.

A CURIOUS SENSATION—Drowsiness—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

RURAL dissipation—A meadow "lark."—Texas Siftings.

RAN away with a coachman—The horse.—Texas Siftings.

A MEK of a man generally makes a goose of a husband.—Hum & Hora.

The first regular fall opening—That of the oyster.—Boston Herald.

An aching tooth may be little, but it's nervy.—Elmira Gazette.

MISS CUMMING, of Bear Lake Mills, Mich., has two tongues. That's all we want to know of the Cumming woman.—Binghamton Leader.

A MAN often finds it difficult to break the ice, but the past summer it didn't take any effort for ice to break a man.—Youkers Statesman.

A MAN in Bonnell found a silver watch in his hen-house. As he failed to find any chickens there, it was very evident that his hen-house needed a watch.—Nonestovs Herald.

NO MATTER what the season of the year, we always have flies with us. In the warm weather they are house flies, in the cold days snow flies, and perpetually time flies.—Boston Herald.

"You must have been given a rather warm reception," said the merchant to his demoralized collector. "Well, rather. It was a combination of fire and ice, so to speak."—Indianapolis Journal.

A CERTAIN city physician with sporting proclivities did the best shouting on the Eastern Shore recently and boasted of it to his companion. "No wonder," was the other's comment, "look at your practice."—Philadelphia Times.

WHAT CURES?

Editorial Difference of Opinion on an Important Subject.

What is the force that outlasts disease; and which is the most convenient apparatus for applying it? How far is the regular physician useful to us because we believe in him, and how far are his pills and powders and tonics only the material representatives of his personal influence on our health?

The regular doctors cure; the homopathic doctors cure; the Hahnemannites cure; and so do the faith cures and the mind cures, and the so-called Christian scientists, and the four dollar and a-half advertising liniments, and the patent medicine men. They all hit, and they all miss, and the great difference—one great difference—in the result is that when the regular doctors lose a patient no one grumbles, and when the irregular doctors lose one the community stands on end and howls.—Rochester Union and Advertiser.

Nature cures, but nature can be aided, hindered or defeated in the curative process. And the Commercial's contention is that it is the part of rational beings to seek and trust the advice of men of good character who have studied the human system and learned, as far as modern science lights the way, how far they can aid nature and how they can best avoid obstructing her.—Buffalo Commercial.

It is not our purpose to consider the evils that result from employing the unscrupulous, the ignorant, charlatans and quacks to prescribe for the maladies that afflict the human family. We simply declare that the physician who knows something is better than the physician who knows nothing, or very little indeed about the structure and the conditions of the human system. Of course "he does not know it all."—Rochester Morning Herald.

I have used Warner's Safe Cure and but for its timely use would have been, I verily believe, in my grave from what the doctors termed Bright's Disease.—D. F. Shiner, senior Editor Scioto Gazette, Chillicothe, Ohio, in a letter dated June 30, 1890.

Love is a reality which is born in the fairy region of romance.—Talleyrand.

Weak Men and Weak Women.

Men and women both suffer from weakness and loss of strength. Women, however, suffer more than men. Men don't have the bearing down pains, the bare of a weak woman's existence. But, however, have their dizzy spells, their loss of energy, their loss of appetite, their lack of energy, their feeling of weariness and constant fatigue. Both become languid, insipid, and life to them hardly seems worth living. Their kidneys are weak and strain away. Their livers are inactive, their stomachs disordered, their bowels irregular. Oh! foolish, foolish men and women! why will you not seek the way to health and strength?

War is it that the brass band in a procession always stops playing just as you have rushed to the window to listen to it?

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It seems as though the literary world ought to have a peep-into of an ink-blot of some kind.—Birmingham Leader.

And "How to Succeed in Life" are fascinating themes to survey. In this connection the reader's attention is called to an advertisement in this paper of The Burrows Brothers Company of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the largest and best known book houses in the United States. Any recommendation they make can be relied upon, and there need be no hesitation in sending them money. For \$1.00 they propose to send a book giving a large amount of valuable information. Before receiving the book, please carefully and see if you do not want it.

Left Destitute. Not of worldly goods, but of all earthly comfort, is the poor wretch tormented by malaria. The fell scourge is, however, shorn of its terrors in advance by Hostetter's Stomachic. It is the only sure preventive and remedy. Dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, rheumatism, nervousness and kidney complaints are also among the bodily afflictions which this beneficent medicine overcomes with certainty. Use it systematically.

A MAN asks a woman's love before he marries her; after marriage he demands her gratitude.—Acheson Globe.

To impress a plain truth it is not necessary to paint it in the eye by comic wood cuts or sensational pictures of any kind. Ordinary type is better, if it secures your confidence. To illustrate: If you are the victim of malaria, and wish to be free from it immediately, one bottle of Shalensberger's Antiseptic will definitely do the work. It may pay you to believe this and get the medicine without delay. Dr. A. T. Shalensberger, Rochester, Pa., will send it by mail for cost.

We may differ in this world, but when we get to the next world, we are all on a dead level.—Indianapolis Journal.

Four poisons that accumulate in the blood and rot the machinery of the system, are credited and expelled by using Fitch's Fish Bitters, a medicine that will irritate the stomach or bowels. It acts in a gentle manner on these delicate organs, and restores health in every case.

The decline of literature.—The printed blank that accompanies rejected manuscripts.—St. Joseph News.

The fish that has felt a hook knows the danger of taking snap judgment.—N. O. Picayune.

HAVE no equal as a prompt and positive cure for sick headache, biliousness, constipation, pain in the side, and all liver troubles. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Try them.

The young man's motto: Consider the ladies of course, but keep your eye on the Mabels and the Gertrudes, too.—Somerville Journal.

Do YOUR clothes last as they used to? If not, you must be using a soap or washing powder that's not good. Try the good old-fashioned Dobbins' Electric Soap, perfectly pure to-day as in 1855.

A MAN always feels a great deal sicker when the doctor has called his disease by a high-sounding and unfamiliar Latin name.—Exchange.

There never was a remedy that gave so good satisfaction always as Dr. Bull's Worm Destroyer. Physicians recommended them.

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