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Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters by Using Peruna.



Mr. Isaac Brock, the Oldest Man in the United States.

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### For the Looks of the Thing.

Seeker—Is there really any literary advantage in the possession of a de luxe edition of any author's works?

Sage—Not that I am aware of.

"Why then is it that so many people are willing to pay an extravagant price for one?"

"Just for de luxe of the thing, I suppose."

—Boston Courier.

### HORSES NEED HAIR RENEWER

Uncle Reuben Thought There Wasn't Much to Brag About in the Show.

"City folks is easily pleased," remarked Uncle Reuben, who has a farm down in Egypt, relates the Chicago Chronicle. "I went in to see that there horse show, and there wasn't a single critter there that had more than a stump of a tail. What they need is a hair renewer for those prize animals. A stiff young man that kept looking at nothing and holding his arms out as if he didn't let his coat sleeves touch his coat as to me when I asked him about those poor tailless, stuck-up-looking animals that were there that way on purpose because it's the fashion. Queer what will come in for style. I looked round and most of the big men they said was millionsaires didn't have any hair on their heads. The bald spots was about as numerous as the bob-tailed horses. The young dudes that I see promading about with big flowers in their buttonholes didn't one of them have a sign of mustache or even a prospect of any whiskers. It was queer—horses without hardly any tails, men without any hair on their heads, and boys without any mustaches. It do beat all."

### NEARLY A BREAK DOWN.

Mrs. Olberg, a Prominent Minnesota Lady, Tells a Remarkable Story.

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 3, 1900 (Special).—There are few men and women in this state or indeed in the whole northwest, who have not heard, or do not know personally Mrs. Henriette C. Olberg of this city.

Mrs. Olberg was Judge of Linen and Linen Fabrics at the World's Fair, at Chicago, and Superintendent of Flax Exhibit at the International Exposition at Omaha, Nebraska, in 1898. Mrs. Olberg is Secretary of the National Flax, Hemp and Ramie Association, and Assistant Editor of the "Distaff."

Her official duties are naturally very onerous, and involve a great deal of traveling and living away from home. She says:

"During the World's Fair in Chicago, my official duties so taxed my strength, that I thought I would have to give them up. Through the continual change of food and irregular meal hours, and a poor quality of water, I lost my appetite, and became weak and nervous in the extreme. My kidneys refused to perform their usual duties. One of my assistants advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and sent for a box. I am pleased to say that I derived immediate and permanent benefit. I used three boxes, and feel ten years younger.

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### PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Wife—"Oh, Harry! You can't talk straight." Husband—"Sprained my neck, my dear, looking up for the (hie) leonids."—Town Topics.

Fred—"When you opened your mouth to offer your hand did you put your foot in it?" Frank—"N-no. My heart was in it."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"How did Dods ever become councilman?" "Huh; he has the only lawnmower in the neighborhood, an' has promised to buy a new snow shovel."—Indianapolis News.

"That newly-rich Billson carves beautifully." "Yes, he learned how to do that when they lived in a Harlem flat and he had to make one chicken go round with nine in the family."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

"Yes, it's true," boasted Col. Bragg. "I've been in innumerable engagements, and yet I never lost my head." "And I've been in hundreds of them," replied the summer girl, "and never lost my heart."—Philadelphia Press.

She—"It's strange how the smallest things in life make the biggest difficulties."—He—"That's so. Last night, for instance, I could find the house all right, but for the life of me I couldn't find the keyhole."—Stray Stories.

"Say," remarked the first boy on the way to school. "I just heard the minister telly another man 'at my pa was a 'horrible example.' Wonder what 'at is?" "I guess," replied the other, "he must have a lot of fractions in him."—Omaha Bee.

"Now, children," said the school teacher, "can you tell me of a greater power than a king?" "Yes, ma'am," cried a little boy, eagerly. "What, Willie?" asked the teacher (expecting the answer: "An emperor"), benignly. "An ace, ma'am," was the unexpected reply.—Town Talk.

### RUSSIAN SPIES ARE HERE.

They Are Keeping Watch of Nihilists Who Seek Refuge in America.

The Russian secret police are probably the most skillful in the world; they need to be. In the days of Napoleon III. the police of France had that reputation. They haven't it now for the best of reasons. An emperor needs skillful spies in all the world—a republic doesn't. Russia has had its lessons in the death of the late czar and in the many attempts made upon the present ruler. So the chief of political police keeps agents in every great city in the world. New York, where so many Russian nihilists have found refuge; San Francisco and Chicago are especially favored in this way. Escaped convicts from Siberia sometimes drift to the Pacific coast, while Chicago is watched on general principles. New York, however, is getting to be more and more the chief object of the solicitous attentions of the czar's people, says the Chicago Chronicle.

The spies who keep tab on nihilists in America always claim to be nihilists themselves, exiled for their political views, or escaped suspects. It is their plan to secure admittance to some of the many nihilist circles here and keep the police informed of what goes on.

So long as the nihilists confine themselves to speechmaking nothing is done about it. But if one of them should start for St. Petersburg with such a mission as that which took Bresci from Paterson the home authorities would be warned and stand ready to receive him after certain well-known precedents. As for the spy, his is a dangerous life. If suspected he may become at almost any time the hero of a mysterious murder case.

### Sustaining His Theory.

No man is a real man of science unless he is ready to abandon his own conclusions, duly put on record, if subsequent investigations prove them fallacious. The president of a great college once wrote a volume on the practice of medicine. After it had been completed and he had gone to New York to arrange for its publication, his house was burned, and the manuscript of his book and all his notes were destroyed.

He couldn't reproduce it. Ten years afterward he said: "That fire was the greatest of good fortune to me. If I had published the book, I should have had to stand by it, whereas now I know that it was all wrong!"

Mr. Andrew Lang, in Longman's Magazine, tells of two geologists who were gathering specimens in a lonely mountain place. One of them had written a book. The other, looking about one day with a field glass, saw his friend occupied a long time—unobserved, as he thought—in rolling a great stone downhill, and at dinner questioned him about it.

He pretended at first that he had been doing it for exercise, but, hard-pressed, confessed: "Well, the fact is, the confounded thing was 200 feet too high to suit my theory!"

But nature is too big to be rearranged to suit anyone's theory—even our own.

### Locomotives for Rent.

Hundreds of locomotives are rented every year. Several corporations make their chief revenue this way. The Baldwins have many a machine out on the rental form of payment. That is, the engines are rented in the same way that you would buy a stove on installments—so much down, so much a month, the payments to apply on the final purchase money. It is seldom, however, that a railroad rents locomotives.—Engineering.

### Women Hunting the Kangaroo.

Among the black hunters of kangaroo in western Australia are 27 women. It is a professional business and there are about 125 persons who make it their regular business to hunt and capture the animals.—N. Y. Sun.

### THE WORLD OF INDUSTRY.

The production of steel in the United States in 1899 amounted to 10,750,000 tons.

A St. Louis negro has devised an elevator in which a screw takes the place of weights and pulleys.

Dredging the channel of the Delaware river at Reedy island, 45 miles below the city of Philadelphia, is now in progress.

A single shaft of white marble 2 1/2 feet in diameter and 31 feet long was quarried recently near Sylacauga, Ala.

A recent compilation of statistics shows that out of 98 chief national industries in a given year only 29 gave men employment for 300 days in the year.

Between January 1 and October 15 18,134 cases, containing 90,820,000 cigars, were shipped from Tampa, Fla., as against 12,545 cases for the same period last year. These figures will give some idea of the enormous extent of the cigar-making industry in that city.

The largest casting ever made in this country was recently run into the molds at a foundry in Milwaukee. The casting is to be the bed-plate for a blowing engine for a Pittsburgh concern, and it weighs 110,000 pounds—all in one piece. In making it the workmen were required to pour 128,000 pounds of metal. The plate will be 23 feet 10 inches long, 9 feet 9 1/2 inches wide, and 5 feet deep in the center.

### FOR THE GENTLER SEX.

Panne velvet spotted with gold is very attractive.

Gold cloth made with a design in the weaving is one of the latest novelties.

Black fox showing a few white hairs is reported as one of the favorite furs for boys.

Pannes in Persian colorings and designs are much used for waists, as also are figured velveteens.

May Irwin declines to sing any ballads save those on which the publishers pay her a royalty. That is reversing the usual order.

Castor gloves are very fashionable for street wear, and then there are the heavy dressed kid gloves with pique stitched seams.

A Scranton woman, entrusted with the care of a neighbor's baby, was overtaken by a train on a railroad crossing. She managed to throw the child out of danger, but was herself crushed to death.

This year it is not considered either "common" or in "bad form" to go to the theater or opera in street cars. In fact, to do so has become the fashion in all the eastern cities. The next fad may be to substitute walking for the street cars.

### PERTAINING TO THE SCHOOLS.

There are four Filipino students in the University of Michigan.

There are 644 students in the Harvard law school this year, 63 colleges being represented by their graduates, and Yale leading, its delegation numbering 73.

More young men are studying medicine than are studying law and theology combined. More young men are studying theology and medicine in Illinois than in any other state, although New York leads in the number of law students.

Chicago's public school-teachers' pay roll has more than doubled in nine years and is now a little more than \$500,000 a month. There are 6,200 teachers, principals and superintendents on the city's pay roll.

In the high school at Carthage, Mo., the boys and girls own bicycles worth in the aggregate \$3,000. Two years ago there were only three bicycles "going to school."

### Reverses.

First Recruit—Why are you so anxious to go to Havana instead of Santiago or Puerto Rico?

Second Recruit—I want to get square with those fellows for all the bad Havana cigars I have tried to smoke.—N. Y. World.

### Her Sweet Friend.

Miss Antique—I can't help wondering who that old gentleman can be who has been staring at me all this evening.

Miss Frankly—Why, that is Prof. Numa, the most celebrated antiquarian in the city.—Tit-Bits.

Thought They Came from New Jersey. Farmer—This is one of my pet Jersey cows.

Greater New Yorker—Yes, I see. I can tell 'em right along by the dark spots around their eyes and mouths where the skeeters bite 'em.—Up to Date.

### Inquiries.

Justice—You are accused of impersonating an officer of the law—a constable.

Dismal Dawson—Me! You must think I ain't got no self-respect left at all.—Indianapolis Journal.

### Age of the Sun.

Lord Kelvin puts the age of the sun at 100,000,000 years. At its present rate of combustion, the sun will last from seven to fifteen millions of years before burning itself out.

### Collegiate.

"I expect to be a student all my life," said the Boston girl.

"Let's be classmates," he whispered. And so they matriculated in the school of experience together.—Up to Date.

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The Census of 1900. A booklet giving the population of all cities of the United States of 25,000 and over according to the census of 1900, has just been issued by the passenger department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and a copy of it may be obtained by sending your address, with two-cent stamp to pay postage, to the General Passenger Agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Chicago, Ill.

The person who doesn't know much, but knows enough not to let others know that he doesn't know, knows more than some of the knowing ones know.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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### Art and Nature.

"Was the country lovely, Marie?" "Oh, just lovely; it looked for all the world like a landscape painted by somebody."—Indianapolis Journal.

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Throw physic to the dogs—if you don't want the dogs—but if you want good digestion chew Beeman's Pepsin Gum.

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