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Crude petroleum applied to outbuildings will make them last a great deal longer. This kind of oil can't be heated with safety, but it is so penetrating that no heat is necessary to drive it into the pores of the wood.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all the other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3-4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then, again, because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

A well-balanced man doesn't have to part his hair or mane in the middle.

Your Father Used It.

For twenty years it's cured them, and rarely ever fails. There are many newer remedies, but no better ones. It cures Chills, Fever and all malarial troubles. It creates strength, appetite and health—we mean Cheatham's Chill Tonic. It if fails to cure your money is promptly refunded.

In countries where divorce laws are in force German shows 165; France, 180; Roumania, 204; Switzerland, 433, and the United States, 612 divorces for every 10,000 marriages.

The Houston & Texas Centrall railroad takes pleasure in announcing the inauguration of through sleeper service between Houston and Denver, and Galveston, Houston and St. Louis, the Houston-Denver sleeper running via the H. & T. C. to Fort Worth, F. W. & D. C. (the Denver road) and Colorado & Southern Ry. to Denver, and the Galveston, Houston-St. Louis sleeper running via the G., H. & N. to Houston, H. & T. C. to Denison and M., K. & T. Ry. to St. Louis.

A Texas negro has been sentenced to 1,001 years in prison. But he can have about 300 years knocked off for good behavior.

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY,
Houston, Texas, operates throughout Texas of competent detectives in the South. They render written opinions in cases not handled by them. Reasonable rates.

The fool doesn't know a good thing when he sees it, the lazy man doesn't seize a good thing when he knows it.—Philadelphia Record.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." Claim to some to equal it in quality and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

A fortune awaits the genius who will invent a borrowless umbrella.

The August Smart Set.

Mrs. Burton Harrison's name has always been identified with particularly entertaining fiction, and for many years she has not given us so capital a piece of work as "The Carlyles," the long novel which opens the August number of The Smart Set. It is by far her most important story, and is a distinct departure from her former novels. The scenes are laid in and around Richmond, during the stirring days of 1865, and the introduction of several historical events adds greatly to the interest of a splendid dramatic love story. No novelist dealing with the Civil War period has succeeded in creating a more realistic atmosphere or characters more convincing.

Lovers of good fiction should be interested in the August number of Smith's Magazine. There are stories by Charles Garvice, Vincent Harper, Sir William Magnay, Cyrus Townsend Brady and a number of other well-known authors. The magazine is remarkably well illustrated, and opens with a series of art studies of well-known actresses. The article on insurance, under the title of "Safeguarding the Home," will prove of service to a good many people who want to know just what chance their money has in an insurance company, and the big fashion department should win a great many women readers to the magazine.

A ceremonial drink called assine of the American aborigines was prepared by the women in stone vessels, and boiled by means of heated stones.

No Experiment.

The indications are that this will be a very malarious year—Chills and Fever will be much in evidence. If you become a victim don't fly to some new untried remedy—devised in a day. Use the reliable time-tried Cheatham's Chill Tonic. It always cures. It's guaranteed by your druggist to do so.

The maxim of William E. Dodge, the once princely merchant of New York, was, "What is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." Wanamaker's secret: "Pay attention to detail."

A good memory is a great help to happiness. A good memory, by the way, is one that forgets all the unpleasant experiences of life that it doesn't do you any good to remember.

Don't spoil your clothes. Use Red Cross Bag Blue and keep them white as snow. Your grocer sells it.

Every girl imagines she would be a queen in society but for the fact that she has more sence than beauty.

If a patient has lots of money any doctor can relieve him—of his coin.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—MRS. THOS. ROBBINS, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

Many a man has made a fortune by gratifying other men's curiosity.

The best way to prevent growing old is, according to my experience, to keep up steady and regular work, have as much open air and physical exercise as possible, and think as little as may be about the advance of years.—Justin McCarthy.

In giving evidence at Newport, England, recently, George Barris, an ironworks puddler, belonging to South Wales, mentioned that he had walked over 2,000 miles in the last winter looking for work.

FITS Every fit stopped permanently within first day's use. No fits after first day. Great Nerve Restorer. $2 trial bottle and treatise free. DR. R. H. KLINE, LTD., 931 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

For every mean man who dies at least two more are born.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is adapted to both sexes and all ages. Cures Kidney and Liver complaint, and purifies the blood. At all druggists.

It's easier not to want things than it is to get them.

Gibson Well Water is shipped everywhere. It cures Constipation, Rheumatism, Kidney, Liver and Stomach Troubles.

Honeysuckles and the sweet girl graduates bloom simultaneously.

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Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Rests Upon the Fact that It Really Does Make Sick Women Well

Thousands upon thousands of American women have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Their letters are on file in Mrs. Pinkham's office, and prove this statement to be a fact and not a mere boast.

Overshadowing indeed is the success of this great medicine, and compared with it all other medicines and treatment for women are experiments.

Why has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound accomplished its widespread results for good?

Why has it lived and thrived and done its glorious work for a quarter of a century?

Simply and purely because of its sterling worth. The reason no other medicine has ever approached its success is plainly and positively because there is no other medicine in the world so good for women's ills.

The wonderful power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound over the diseases [illegible] is not because it is a stimulant—not because it is a palliative, but simply because it is the most wonderful tonic and reconstructor ever discovered to act directly upon the uterine system, positively curing disease and displacements and restoring health and vigor.

Marvelous cures are reported from all parts of the country by women who have been cured, trained nurses who have witnessed cures, and physicians who have recognized the virtue in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and are fair enough to give credit where it is due. If physicians dared to be frank and open, hundreds of them would acknowledge that they constantly prescribe Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in severe cases of female ills, as they know by experience that it will effect a cure.

Women who are troubled with painful or irregular menstruation, backache, bloating (or flatulence), leucorrhœa, falling, inflammation or ulceration of the uterus, ovarian troubles, that "bearing-down" feeling, dizziness, faintness, indigestion, nervous prostration, or the blues, should take immediate action to ward off the serious consequences and be restored to health and strength by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Anyway, write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice. It's free and always helpful.

THE PLAYWRIGHT-STAR.

Odette Tyler, Famous Actress, Values Doan's Kidney Pills.

Miss Odette Tyler is not only one of the best known dramatic stars in America, but has written and produced a successful play of her own. Miss Tyler has written the following grateful note, expressing her appreciation of Doan's Kidney Pills:

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Gentlemen:—My experience with your valuable remedy has been equally gratifying to both myself and friends.

(Signed) ODETTE TYLER.

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents per box.

Peter the Great, it is said, borrowed the idea of the Russian flag from the Dutch, among whom he learned shipbuilding. He simply turned the Dutch tricolor red, white and blue, upside down.

Stop Babies' Tears.

Ninety per cent of babies' troubles are caused by disordered stomach or bowels. They can all be quickly cured by a few doses of that great digestive medicine, Dr. Caldwell's (laxative) Syrup Pepsin. It digests curded milk, sweetens the breath, reduces fever and relieves pain. Absoluely harmless to mother or child. Sure relief in teething. Sold by all druggists at 50c and $1. Money back if it fails.

Americans and American capital are going into Ceylon to assist in the development of the tea-growing industry this year as never before.

"Nails."

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly fingernails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted, and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch and less than a box cured me entirely."

J. M. Ward,
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The best cork comes from Algeria. There are 2,500,00 acres of cork forests in that industry.

More Flexible and Lasting,

won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

A GOOD SCHOOL.

No blow, no impossible guarantees nor unbusinesslike propositions made by Toby's Practical Business College, Waco, Tex., the High Grade School for High Grade Students. Plenty of hard, honest work by a corps of highly educated persons. "That's all." Enter any time. Catalogue free. The home of Jane's Shadeless Shorthand, the renowned parliamentary system.

Kipling's New Story.

It is an old trick of Kipling to preface a story with a scrap of verse. He has chosen for introduction to "'An Habitation Enforced,'" which appears entire in the August Century, these lines of Thomas Tusser:

My friend, if cause doth wreet thee
Ere folly hath much oppressed thee,
Far from acquaintance kest thee,
Where country may digest thee,
Thank God that so hath blessed thee,
And sit down, Robin, and rest thee.

GRATEFUL TO CUTICURA

For Instant Relief and Speedy Cure of Raw and Scaly Humour, Itching Day and Night—Suffered Months.

"I wish you would publish this letter so that others suffering as I have may be helped. For months awful sores covered my face and neck, scabs forming, itching terribly day and night, breaking open, and running blood and matter. I had tried many remedies, but was growing worse, when I started with Cuticura. The first application gave me instant relief, and when I had used two cakes of Cuticura Soap and three boxes of Cuticura Ointment, I was completely cured. (signed) Miss Nellie Vander Wiele, Lakeside, N. Y."

When the Hawaiian planters begin fighting Claus Spreckels in California there will be plenty of cane raised.

FREE TO OUR READERS.

Botanic Blood Balm for the Blood.

If you suffer from ulcers, eczema, scrofula, blood poison, cancer, eating sores, itching skin, pimples, boils, bone pains, swellings, rheumatism, catarrh, or any blood or skin disease, we advise you to take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Especially recommended for old, obstinate, deep-seated cases, cures where all else fails, heals every sore, makes the blood pure and rich, gives the skin the rich glow of health. Druggists, $1 per large bottle. Sample sent free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice sent in sealed letter. Medicine sent at once prepaid; 3 for $2.50, 6 for $5, 12 for $10.

Many a natural born fool wouldn't be suspected if he only had sense enough to keep his mouth shut.

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

A woman usually is as brave as a lion when telling what she would do if she should face sudden danger.

Defiance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best or money refunded. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now.

When a man is down in the world he gets many more kicks than boosts.

The Scalping Business.

There are two sides to the question at issue between the railroads on the one hand and those more or less malodorous people known as "scalpers" on the other, and the "scalpers'" side is not without merit, where considered as a purely abstract proposition.

The scalper lays down the dictum that a ticket is the property of the man who buys it, and that the purchaser, therefore, has a right to dispose of it as he sees proper and at any price he sees fit to accept it, and, going further, he claims that the purchaser of a ticket pays for and is entitled to the transportation it provides or its value in money, and his a right to sell it.

As an abstract proposition, the scalper has a strong position, and makes the most of this *quid pro quo* argument, but his defense being based on false premiums, his logic is wrong and his conclusions are erroneous.

If the railroads had no rights which the public should respect, and if the contract into which the purchaser enters with the railroad when he purchases a special rate ticket can be violated regardless of the ethical questions involved in every agreement—business or otherwise—then the scalpers would be in the right.

Unfortunately for the scalper's position, the tickets which form the stock in trade of his illegitimate business are sold for the accommodation of large numbers of people who could not otherwise avail themselves of the travel and traffic which are thus put within their reach, and for the benefit of business men and other citizens at the other end. They are sold with a specified limit, for a specified purpose, and for a specified occasion. They are sold under a plainly stated understanding or contract between the railroad and the purchaser, which is as legally and morally binding on the one as on the other, or should be.

Then the scalper, in order to promote his own nefarious business, (1) works against the public interest because, if he succeeds, the result will be the abrogation of all special rate excursions, and (2) he works to induce honest men to act dishonestly and in violation of their contracts.

The scalper is unquestionably a menace to the business and moral interests of his locality; he is a gambler of the most detestable and harmful type.

Our laws are supposed to be designed for the public good, and they provide punishment for the crime of gambling, the receiving of stolen goods, the violation of contracts, etc., and it is not unreasonable to hope that they may be able to reach and crush this species of disreputable, if not dishonest, lawbreaker, not in the interest of the railroads, but in the interest of decency and honor and good morals, as well as business integrity and good government.

With the damage suit industry and the nefarious scalping crushed, we may look for a healthier tone in the industrial world, and great enterprises which incidentally promote every public interest and build up those sections in which they lay, thus assured of justice and a fair deal, will have their sphere of usefulness enlarged and will not be slow to improve not only the facilities for handling the public business, but for larger investments and new enterprises.

Anything which threatens capital and enterprise and endangers their safe investment and proper administration works greater injury to the public interests than it does to the enterprise against which it is directed. That the public is awakening to this fact is evidenced by the withering of the damage suit industry and the crusade against the "scalpers" under an aroused public sentiment.—Eagle Pass Guide.

STRANGE, ISN'T IT?

A woman sees a hat or bonnet in a milliner's window. It is in the latest style, so she determines to have that hat—or one just like it.

No use to try to dissuade her—she wants that kind of a hat! No other will suit her.

There she displays her will power, and probably does the same with everything she buys for herself or her family. She makes, as it were, a feminine "declaration of independence."

Is it not surprising, therefore, to find some few women who still allow their grocers to choose for them in important matters like foodstuffs?

In spite of the fact that grocers as a rule have long ago realized the necessity of catering to their customers' rather than their own desires, there are still a few of the other kind left, who show a marked inclination to persuade customers to take what they do not ask for, or desire.

Take Lion Coffee, for instance, the leader of all package coffees, an established favorite for over twenty-five years in millions of homes, on account of its absolutely pure and uniform quality.

Wouldn't you thing it impossible that a single grocer can still exist who would oppose such an invincible argument of merit, by trying to persuade a customer to buy loose coffee in preference to Lion Coffee?

Loose coffee has no standard quality—nobody can guarante that it is even clean.

Of course, really independent and intelligent women know this, and so do up-to-date grocers, but if women were as particular about coffee as about hats, no kind of grocer could be without Lion Coffee.

An English diplomat at Bombay, a singer and her song, make material for an excellent short story in the August Lippincott's Mgazine, by Prince Valdimar Vaniatasky, under the rather strong title, "The Madness of Sari."

Makes Pain Go Away.

Are you one of the ones who pay in toil
For your right of way through this life?
If so, you will find in Hunt's Lightning Oil
A friend which will aid in the strife.

To those who earn their own way by their own labor, accidents occur with painful frequency. Burns, bruises, cuts and sprains are not strangers to the man who wears his corns on his hands. A better remedy for these troubles does not exist than Hunt's Lightning Oil.

The quickest way for a girl to get rid of her ideal is to marry him.

Gibson Well Water thoroughly eliminates Uric Acid. We ship it. The Gibson Well Water Co., Mineral Wells, Texas.

Every time a man makes love to his wife he makes a profitable investment.

Let us continue to hope for the best, and, some of these days, we may find a little time to work for it.

The best operatic music is as nothing to the song of the man who whistles on the highway to good times.

The only reason lightning never strikes twice in the same place is—because it does its work pretty well the first time.—Atlanta Constitution.

BUBBLES.

Evening trains—in the ballroom.

Time naturally flies in fly-time.

Even dark lawyers may be legal lights.

All is good time—well regulated watches.

The careless printer has a finger in many a pi.

The only way to count your fish is to line them up.

Actors never get beyond liking the game of "spat out."

A new umbrella is all the more useful when it is used up.

Performers in the limelight have no excuse for being slack.

It's a matter of much moment—a woman's "Wait just a minute."

The oculist says there are many pupils in his school of experience.

Neither a clock nor a person has to be two-faced to have a good time.

The "windows of the soul" are made so that we may look out for ourselves.

Perhaps a woman wears tight shoes to enable her to forget her other miseries.

Girls who eat onions during their courtship are taking desperate chances.

It is usually what a man doesn't know about a woman that induces him to give the parson a job.

Young man, don't flatter yourself that you have made an impression when a girl smiles at you. Perhaps she is too well bred to laugh.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

The criminal never has to plead to empty benches.

Two heads are better than one on the penny toss-up.

The man who puts on company manners must expect to have them taken off

The bank teller does not believe in signs. You must get somebody to identify you.

Many a man is like a digit. His importance is increased simply by association with ciphers.

The man who is rooted to the spot looks green when he leaves.

When riches take unto themselves wings and fly away they probably go by the route of all evil.

The dancer's lot is not a happy one. It is full of reverses.

Everything goes backward when people lose their tempers. Therefore, when a nation is r-a-w, w-a-r naturally follows.—Boston Transcr

YOUR SHOE MONEY
Will go farther and last longer if you *Insist* upon having the *Right* kind of *Shoes.* Your dealer will sell you the
"ALWAYS JUST CORRECT"
CLOVER BRAND SHOES
If you ask him for them; if he hasn't got them, they're worth waiting for until he gets them.
The RIGHT SHOES *for* ALL SORTS *of* WEAR
You can pay as little or as much as you want to. For the most for your money, buy *"Rigeur."*
Wertheimer-Swartz Shoe Co.
LARGEST FINE SHOE EXCLUSIVISTS
ST. LOUIS, U. S. A.

The Secret of Good Coffee

Even the best housekeepers cannot make a good cup of coffee without good material. Dirty, adulterated and queerly blended coffee such as unscrupulous dealers shovel over their counters won't do. But take the pure, clean, natural flavored

LION COFFEE, the leader of all package coffees—the coffee that for over a quarter of a century has been daily welcomed in millions of homes—and you will make a drink fit for a king in this way:

HOW TO MAKE GOOD COFFEE.

Use LION COFFEE, because to get best results you must use the best coffee.

Grind your LION COFFEE rather fine. Use "a tablespoonful to each cup, and one extra for the pot." First mix it with a little cold water, enough to make a thick paste, and add white of an egg (if egg is to be used as a settler), then follow one of the following rules:

1st. WITH BOILING WATER. Add boiling water, and let it boil THREE MINUTES ONLY. Add a little cold water and set aside five minutes to settle. Serve promptly.

2d. WITH COLD WATER. Add your cold water to the paste and bring it to a boil. Then set aside, add a little cold water, and in five minutes it's ready to serve.

3 RULES { Don't boil it too long. Don't let it stand more than ten minutes before serving. Don't use water that has been boiled before."

TWO WAYS TO SETTLE COFFEE.

1st. With Eggs. Use part of the white of an egg, mixing it with the ground LION COFFEE before boiling.

2d. With Cold Water instead of eggs. After boiling add a dash of cold water, and set aside for eight or ten minutes, then serve through a strainer.

Insist on getting a package of genuine LION COFFEE, prepare it according to this recipe and you will only use LION COFFEE in future. (Sold only in 1 lb. sealed packages.)
(Lion-head on every package.)
(Save these Lion-heads for valuable premiums.)
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When you are at a loss to know what to serve for luncheon, dinner or supper—when you crave something both appetizing and satisfying—try
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