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The Hot Stove Treatment.

Otto Heink of Omaha has a wife who was once the chief engineer of the household and the machinery moved as she directed. One night before Christmas Heink came home feeling a bit gay and very foolishly undertook to suggest the kind of presents they should send their friends. His wife immediately took issue with him. She made him understand that he was not duce high in family and that she would brook no interference with her prerogatives from him or any other tow-headed biped on earth. Then opening the valves of her wrath she turned loose a flood on the devoted Otto, a much larger and a hotter one than he had ever before experienced. She began gently by saying that such a toggle-jointed apology for a man as he was had no business to put his mouth into her affairs and then proceeded to lash him forward, aft and athwartship with a tongue that had a snapper on it as keen as a bullwhip and which made fifty strokes to the second.

Mrs. Heink had not fairly settled down to the task of putting her husband in his place before the poor fellow commenced to writhe under the lashing and in a few moments was out in the middle of the floor dancing the Highland fling in the most fantastic fashion. The wilder he danced the hotter grew the rage of his wife until it finally registered about 250 pounds to the square inch. In the meantime Otto himself was becoming maddened by the thrusts of her lightning-like tongue and being unable to longer endure the torture he dragged his spouse from her entrenchments under the bed clothes and sat her on top of a red hot stove with the determination, paradoxical as it may seem, to cool her down. The treatment was perfectly successful. The scolding ceased with remarkable abruptness, and howls of agony floated out on the frosty night from the home of the Heinks. They caused the dogs to bark and also brought a policeman who escorted Mr. Heink to jail, but the latter was downcast nor did he plead for mercy. On the contrary the consciousness of the fact that he had at last successfully rebelled against the tyranny of years made him feel that he amounted to more than thirty cents, and he walked beside the policeman with a proud step, softly muttering to himself: "I guess she knows now that I'm something of a pain-maker myself." The once badly hacked Otto Heink was in due time arraigned and fined for assault and battery and the fine was paid by sympathetic friends many of whom no doubt had endured experiences similar to those which had driven Otto to the hot stove treatment.

The same sympathetic friends, it appears, were successful in using their kind offices to bring about a reconciliation between the husband and wife, but the latter now abhors a chair and for some time to come will continue to eat her meals off the mantlepiece. Mrs. Heink is said to be a much gentler woman now than she was before the rebellion of her Otto occurred and he is gracious enough to make home happy by saying to his wife when he departs to his work in the morning: "Mandy, don't forget the stove, and if you'll be real good you may kiss the hand of your only Otto."—States.

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Leprosy in the Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 26.—An appended report of General MacArthur's review of the past fiscal year gives some rather startling facts regarding the introduction and prevalence of leprosy in the islands.

According to the estimates of the Franciscan fathers, says Major Guy L. Edie, the writer of the report, there are no fewer than 30,000 lepers in the Viscayas. Leprosy was introduced in 1633, when the emperor of Japan sent a ship with 150 lepers to the Philippines as a present to be cared for by the Catholic priests. Thus the seed was planted and as no practical methods were ever adopted to eradicate the disease or prevent its spread, it has taken firm root. A house-to-house inspection, began last January, found more than 100 lepers concealed in dwellings. These were sent to San Lazaro hospital, in Manila, but many others escaped into the surrounding country. A commission is now engaged in the work of selecting a suitable island or islands for the purpose of isolating all the lepers in the archipelago.

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Strive To Own A Home.

Be it ever so humble, a home is a man's palace, and a wife's love his crown; and a king whose wife and children wait to give him a kiss cannot be a wholly bad man. The wise man labors to build up a home; a resting place where to recuperate his energies and where to close out his earthly existence, soothed by the sympathy of dear ones who strive to palliate the pain of frail mortality as it ebbs away. The good woman and children extend him sympathy and a loving welcome which veil his troubles and dispel despair. Because of a want of thrift or from habits of idleness and dissipation many have not the blessings of a home. What a misfortune! How disconsolate! Youthhood spent in frivolous amusements and demoralizing associations, leave them at middle age, when the physical and intellectual man should be in its greatest vigor, enervated and without any laudable ambition. Friends, too, all long since lost, confidence gone, and nothing nor any one to look to in old age, nor anything to expect but mere toleration in the community where they should be creditable citizens, if not ornaments to society. But all is blank, and there is no hope or succor, except that which is given out by the hand of private or public charities.

And thus while the family of the sober provident man gathers around the cheerful hearthstone on a wintry day, the homeless man is seeking and glad to find shelter in the cells of a station house, or is begging for a night's rest in the out buildings of one, perhaps, who started with no greater advantages than himself, but who, by honesty and industry, has built up that home, while idleness and dissipation have rendered homeless and miserable.—Farmer's Guide.

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A negro man living in Habersham county, Ga., has leased his son, who is eighteen years old, as a convict, to J. W. Callahan, who works Georgia convicts in his lumber business. The contract has been drawn under the seal of the clerk of court and is to be effective for three years, or until the boy is of legal age. The young negro is to wear the convict clothes and to have the same fare and be confined in the same quarters as the criminals. He will also be under the same guards, and if he should attempt to escape will doubtless be shot down like any of his striped companions. While the boy is doing a convict's work his father will have a pretty easy time. He will receive $10 a month from Callahan, which is something less than the contractor pays the State of Georgia for her criminals. He can live very comfortably on this amount. When asked about leasing his son as a convict, the old man explained that his son would be certain to get on "de gang" sooner or later if he was allowed to run about and "do devilment," and he believed it would be a good thing for him hereafter if he was given chain gang training now. "'Tain't gwine ter hurt 'im," he said, "an' 'twill do me some good. May be 'twill keep dat boy from gittin' he neck stratch wid a rope some time yereafter."

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Negroes Ordered to Marry.

Charleston, S. C. Dec. 26.—Magistrate Strohreker, of Red Top, a notorious negro settlement, gave orders to day that all negroes living there would have to marry. Since notice was made several days ago, that such orders would be issued by the magistrate, seventy-five couples, it is said, have been married. Magistrate Strohreker maintains that a man will fight quicker for his paramour than for his wife, and to stop the run of crime in that locality has directed the negroes to become legally man and wife.

Wesley Morris, a helpless cripple from rheumatism, is making an extraordinary journey. He is riding from Columbia, S. C., to River Junction, Fla., 500 miles, in a goat wagon. The wagon is a four-wheeled concern, with the body only a few inches from the ground and with the seat supported on three sides to hold the driver securely in his place. Morris, who is a diminutive hunchback, left Columbia three weeks ago, and reports his arrival at Macon, Ga., having accomplished 200 miles of his journey. The wagon is drawn by two stout goats, and an attendant walks beside them. Morris can move his legs, one arm and his head.

The Teacher Should Grow Continually.

The mission of the teacher is to put moral force into a boy while teaching him reading, geography, arithmetic, or any of the other branches. Can you do this? It can be done; it is repeatedly done. Four points are essential:

1. The teacher must really want to see things done right.

2. He must have mental and moral power of leadership.

3. He must know how to manage numbers of persons, to teach a class, as we say. This is different from managing one person.

4. He must continue to increase his mental power by reading and studying and thinking.

The last is especially important. One school officer remarked of a teacher: "She did well the first year, she was just from the normal school; the second year she seemed to have 'teached out' all she knew; she lost her grip; could not rouse any interest or enthusiasm. We advised her to go back to school and lay in a new stock."—*Teachers' Institutes.*

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Plants Require Plenty of Fresh Air.

"Sometimes plants fail to do well because they are not given air enough," writes Eben E. Rexford, in the January Ladies' Home Journal, "plants breathe, just as human beings do, and unless they can have a sufficient amount of pure exygen to answer the demands of their nature they will not grow, because they cannot grow. Make it a rule to admit pure, fresh air every pleasant day into the rooms in which your plants are growing. Very often plants fail to grow because they are small, young specimens which have been planted in large pots. Small plants are injured greatly by this treatment—indeed, they are often killed by it, because their few young, tender roots are not able to appropriate the nutriment contained in a large amount of earth, and, as a natural consequence, the tender plants are overted. They cannot digest all the food forced upon them, and vegetable dyspepsia results. Use small pots for small plants, and shift, from time to time, to larger sizes as the old pots are filled with roots."

The Lafourche Branch.

In conversation with Major Robert Strong, general agent of the Texas and Pacific road, he had the following to say regarding the completion of the Lafourche branch: "The heavy rains which have been falling for the past few days," he said, "have been a help to us rather than a hinderance. We have 250,000 ties in the swamps which we want to float out and I just got a message from Superintendent Paul to the effect that we had enough in the swamps to float a battle ship, let alone a cross tie. Only a few miles of road remain to be built, and it is a safe proposition that trains will be running to Thibodaux by the middle of January."—Donaldsonville Times Dec. 31.

A Severe Loss.

It is claimed that a loss of $5,000 was sustained by the Cumberland Telephone Company, at Donaldsonville, Thursday night. While in a gale on the river, in front of the above town, one of the Mississippi's large tow boats attempted to cast anchor, and in doing so struck the large cable of the Telephone Company's, inflicting damage to the above amount. The use of two very important lines has been made impracticable, those of Baton Rouge and New Orleans.—Castillian Dec. 29.

A Wisconsin cat traveled ninety-three miles a few days ago and didn't get two yards from where it started. It jumped onto a revolving fly wheel and stuck there until the machinery was stopped. Although the wheel made eighty-seven revolutions a minute, pussy came out all right with the exception of a slight swimming in the head.

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