

Druggists and their shops.
 During the last century the druggist came to America and early followed him a practitioner, modifying them, however, by the practice of the Indians with whom he came in contact. Quack apothecaries began to spring up in the new land, and in 1636 the colony of Virginia passed a law which among other things regulated the prices and fees of the druggist. At this time it was fashionable for the druggists to practice surgery in addition to pharmacy, and the Virginia colony contained a large number of people who were proficient in both professions. In Massachusetts the business was largely in the hands of Indians, schoolmasters, old women and teachers. The Salem witchcraft delusion retarded the spread of the druggist for some time in the Bay State, for the popular impression fastened on the apothecaries a suspicion that they sold the potions that were supposed to produce the spells. Among those who suffered persecution at this time mixers of medicine appear to have been prominent.

The drug shop had not yet become a distinct institution. It was usually a branch of the grocery or spice business. In 1647 one Giles Forman of Boston had, however, firmly established himself as devoting special attention to pharmacy. In 1648 the first distinctive drug store in America was opened in Boston by William Davies. No doubt more reliance was placed on drugs then than now, when people are beginning to recognize the large part that fresh air, dietetics and other hygienic measures play in the successful treatment of disease. —Lippincott's Magazine.

Not His Province.

The New England ministers of early days were expected to preserve an aspect on the verge of solemnity on all occasions, not only on Sundays, but week days as well. If they possessed a sense of humor, it sometimes made itself evident even in the midst of devotional exercises.

One New Hampshire parish was guarded and guided by a quaint speaking elderly man, who had a slight lisp. He was fond of outdoor work of almost every sort and was an able farmer as well as preacher, but all domestic matters he relegated to his wife.

One day the old traveling baker, seeing the minister at work in the field, drew rein, and when the jingling of his horse's bells had subsided he called out, "Any crackers wanted today, parson?"

The minister raised his head and surveyed the baker from under his shaggy eyebrows. No smile of greeting crossed his solemn face.

"Abraham in the field," he responded gravely. "Tharah (Sarah) in the tent," and without another word he resumed his heaving and left the baker to digest his Biblical reproof and drive on to the house to find out if "Sarah" would buy any of his wares. —Youth's Companion.

When Longfellow Came to Cambridge.

In 1836, when Lowell was a sophomore, Mr. Longfellow came to Cambridge, a young man, to begin his long and valuable life in the college. His presence there proved a benediction and, I might say, marks an epoch in the history of Harvard. In the first place, he was fresh from Europe, and he gave the best possible stimulus to the budding interest in German literature. In the second place, he came from Bowdoin college, and in those days it was a very good thing for a Harvard undergraduate to know that there were people not bred in Cambridge quite as well read, as intelligent, as elegant and accomplished as any Harvard graduate. In the third place, Longfellow, though he was so young, ranked already distinctly as a man of letters.

This was no broken wined minister who had been made professor. He was not a lawyer without clients or a doctor without patients, for whom "a place" had to be found. He was already known as a poet by all educated people. —Edward Everett Hale in Outlook.

The Water Lily.

Almost everybody has observed the strange characteristic of the water lily bud opening its petals at sunrise and closing them again at sunset. It was for this reason mainly that the ancients held the water lily sacred to the sun. Pliny says: "It is reported that in the Euphrates the flower of the lotus plunges into the water at night, remaining there till midnight, and to such a depth that it cannot be reached with the hand. After midnight it begins gradually to rise, and as the sun rises above the horizon the flower also rises above the water, expands and raises itself some distance above the element in which it grows." It was also through this peculiarity that Hancarville proved that the Egyptians considered the lily an emblem of the world as it rose from the waters of the deep. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

An Epitaph of Pope's.

The following epitaph was highly commended by Johnson. It was written to keep alive the memory of Elizabeth Corbett, who sleeps now in St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Here rests a woman, good without pretense,
 Blest with plain reason and with sober sense;
 No conquest she but o'er herself desired;
 No arts essayed, but art to be admired.
 Passion and pride were to her soul unknown,
 Convinced that virtue only is our own;
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To bashful woman the scene of agony.

Woman's passport to her husband's purse.

The poorest mother's richest gift.

The safety valve of exuberant feeling.

Nature's Volapuk.

The drop that causes the cup of love to overflow.

A two-faced action that meets with mutual approval.

Cupid's sealing wax.

It's like the wind that blows—felt but not seen.

That in which two heads are better than one.

Two orbiculars in a state of juxtaposition and in anatomical juxtaposition.

Cupid's cruising smack. Printing without ink; no proof sheets wanted.

Report at headquarters. The sounding system used by the operator in sending a telegram to the heart.

The sweetest fruit on the tree of love.

The best tincture in the household medicine cupboard.

Love's most ecstatic expression and sorrow's sweetest balm.

A woman's most effective argument.

The striking of a love match.

A thing that cannot be taken without giving, and cannot be given without taking.

A universal plaster that heals all wounds given in thoughtless tiffs.

Enlargements of the heart, the symptoms of which is contraction of the mouth.

A "stick of matter—two heads" and an application.

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