



The man who would run from a lion greets ill health with a smile, and yet he has more chance of escaping from the lion than he has from the effects of ill health. The lion's work is quickly done and the man is out of his misery. Many a victim of consumption would be glad if the end came sooner. His life of misery and suffering can hardly be called real life. He is half alive, at best. The fact that he might have been perfectly well and strong makes his trouble all the harder to bear. The fact that he can be perfectly well and strong again seems a hard fact for him to believe. Hundreds of men whose lives have been given up by physicians have been brought back to health and strength by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Its good effect is felt almost immediately. It brings back lost appetite, soothes and strengthens the nerves, fills the blood full of richness and vitality. It stimulates digestion, clears out the liver, and makes assimilation easy and perfect. It has a remarkably cleansing and strengthening effect on the lungs, and some of its most remarkable cures have been in the line of throat, lung and bronchial affections. It is an absolutely sure remedy for indigestion in any form, for nervousness, sleeplessness, debility from overwork, and wasting away of the tissues. The marvelous remedies can be obtained from any honest druggist. Do not accept a substitute.

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**Weather Signs.**

Among the weather signs which depend upon certain days are the following:

If it rains on Easter Sunday it will rain on the seven succeeding Sundays. A late Easter is a late spring.

If it rains on Good Friday it will rain on the rock the whole year, that is, it will be a year of showers, a dry year.

If there is snow on the ground Christmas we will have a green Easter.

Twelve days after Christmas govern the weather for the whole year. Each day governs one month and the weather during that month will be that of its governing day.

A green Christmas is a fat graveyard.

The old familiar sign of ground-hog day is much believed in. If on the second day of February he sees his shadow he will return to his habitation for it will certainly be a late spring.

This is from an old English superstition, as some who do not distinguish between superstition and well authenticated signs are pleased to term it. This was if Candlemas is clear and cold the spring will be late; if cloudy and warm, it will come early.

By observing the actions of certain domestic animals one may be certain as to the weather. They go by instinct and in some things this is more infallible than judgment.

If the chickens go out from shelter on a rainy morning and pick their food depend upon it that it will rain all day.

If on a wet day the chickens fly high, that is on fences and out buildings, it will clear up before long.

Before a storm the guineas and pea fowls will cry.

When you see the fowls oiling their feathers look for falling weather. They are putting on their oil coats and gossamers in preparation for same.

If in the morning when you turn the cows into the pasture they linger about the gate then prepare for a storm. If they go into the pasture and eat it will be clear.

The country skeptic, yes, I am sorry to say that we have him even in our little exclusive circle, then spoke: "Talk as much as ye mind ter 'bout signs en sech things. I've got one that lays all o' yurn inter the hollow; An old Injun give it to me a long time ago and I've never known it to fail. You can allus tell when it is goin' ter rain, when you sees it runnin' down on the edges and pourin' down in the middle." We never pay any attention to his thrusts of this character.—*Columbia Herald.*

While digging a well a Waverly man struck a large cottonwood log four feet in diameter in a good state of preservation at a depth of 18 feet. He had to dig his well in another place.

**CASTORIA.** It is an every day remedy.

Two old farmers who were on their way back East to see the folks struck the Union depot the other day. While they were waiting for a train they strolled out on Union avenue and got their first glimpse of a cable car. "What kind of a railroad do you call that that ain't got no engine on it?" asked one of the other. His companion was attracted by the rattle of the cable as it passed over the sheaves, and stepping over the slot he listened attentively for a moment, then turning to his friend with a look which was the embodiment of all earthly wisdom, and a reproach to ignorance, replied: "Well, Brother Joshua, I thought you knew what that kind of a railroad is. Don't you see it's ore of them underground railroads that we read about in the papers? You hear that noise down there? Well the engine's down there and runs along under the ground and pulls the cars, so's not to scare the horses. These city people are gettin' powerful smart, aint they?"—*K.C. Times.*

**Beware of Ointments for Catarah that Contain Mercury.**

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good if you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

**Ancient Red Men Had the Cross.**

That the cross was a religious symbol long before the founder of the Christian religion came among men is well established. The origin of the symbol is lost in antiquity.

But while the symbolic cross is known to have obtained among the ancient races of the orient, it is not known that the aborigines of America possessed it before Columbus discovered this continent, and before Christian missionaries brought from the old world the story of the Christ.

This discovery has been made by the unearthing or archaeological specimens decorated with crosses, and these specimens undoubtedly ante-date the time of Columbus. One of them has just been presented to the University of Pennsylvania by the Buck County Historical Society.

This specimen was found by J. W. Detweiler of Bethlehem, Pa., in the Rio Cauca valley in the Republic of Colombia.

It is a spindle whorl, and besides the interest which attaches to it because of the cross symbol, it has an additional scientific interest in that it demonstrates the similarity of methods in primitive hand spinning in the old and new worlds at the same time, and that time probably about 1,900 years ago.

This whorl, or weight, was used to give momentum to the spindle-stick, a thin rod about a foot long, pushed for an inch or more through an orifice in the center of the whorl. In discussing these facts Prof. Mercer said: "The thread material used in this spindle, attached to a distaff held in the left hand, ran to the spindle, which, being twirled on the knee and being left free to act, spun or wound the thread. These whorls prove a strange coincidence in the thread making processes in the old and new worlds. Dr. Schliemann found several thousand whorls at Hissarlik, and, strange to say, many of them were decorated with the swastika, or bent armed cross. Others were marked with the ordinary cross. By the bent armed cross is meant a cross which resembles two letter Z's, one placed across the other just as if each were a single bar.

"Some of the Mexican spindle whorls are marked with crosses, but none show the design in its symbolic form so clearly as the specimen which was brought to light the other day.

"To my mind the specimen shows first the cross symbol existed in ancient America before the coming of Christianity; second, the cross symbol carved on a spindle whorl by ancient Americans in just the same manner as ancient Asiatics and Europeans had carved crosses on spindle whorls, before the birth of Christianity; third, the identity of a peculiar process for spinning in the old and new worlds before the discovery of America by Columbus."

A study of the face of the whorl found in South America shows it to be

of great age. Its general style and workmanship make it plainly apparent that it is the result of the labor of the people who inhabited that part of South America now known as Columbia. Before the star of Bethlehem startled the shepherds. In some particulars it resembles in great degree stone objects found in the monuments of the mound builders, and also calls to mind certain carving on implements of stone used by the Aztecs, Mexico's early settlers. Directly across the center is a belt large on each side in point of width, narrowing down until in the center of longitudinal lines come close together. Above and below this belt are crosses which show that they are not purely for ornament, but possessed at one time a symbolic significance.

The discovery of crosses on different articles, all of which were made before Christ was born, in Mexico, the United States, South America and ancient Egypt show to the mind of the archaeologist that while the cross is truly symbolic of Christianity it at the same time was most assuredly a religious emblem before the Son of Man was heard of.—*Post-Dispatch.*

**Ram's Horn Blast.**

Overwork is a thief of time.

A stop in time saves pain.

Charity robs herself when she frowns while bestowing a gift.

Education, in this age, means cramming in more than leading out.

Thought, without purpose, is like seed spilled upon the ground.

The hand that holds the rod should always be controlled by love.

Blessed is the man who knows how little he knows of other people's business.

We don't care so much how far a man is from the cradle as how far he is from the crown.

There is no admission into the straight gate for those who are not willing to give up all that is crooked.

The world is so indifferent to religion, because most professed Christians are doing so little to show what it really is.

One small whiskey glass roughly carved on a small headstone, would often tell more truth than three volumes of biography.

The best men are mother made men.

The soul fed upon husks never gets fat.

Reason always walks but love runs.

A poor free lunch costs more than a good dinner.

The true life is the life we live within ourselves.

The cause of our not being esteemed is in ourselves.

God pity the man who murders his own innocence.

The man who fails in character has made the greatest failure.

If there is nothing in a man his "opportunity" never comes.

It is a blessing to have opinions; it is a curse to be opinionated.

All sinful life is moral insanity; a guilty act is criminal lunacy.

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**Reflections of a Bachelor.**

Every man thinks he could do lots better work if he only felt better.

A woman never really takes pleasure in hurting a man unless she loves him.

When one woman kisses another it means about as much as when one man calls another "old man."

A woman will always deny that she can't put on a clean pillow-case without holding the pillow in her mouth.

A man never has any money. Before he gets married he spends it, and after he gets married his wife does.

A well-dressed woman is never satisfied till she knows you know it, but she doesn't like you to tell her you know she knows it.

TRIXIE NEWCOMB, a Boston belle, has sued her lover, John Jay Withers, for \$10,000 damages for breach of promise. It seems that Trixie has been attending the Boston school of cookery, and, to show her proficiency in the culinary art, proudly offered to bake a pie for her fiance if he would agree to eat it. He kept his promise and heroically entered upon the task as a martyr would go to the stake. He was sick for a week afterward, but Trixie claims that it was purely a coincidence, while John Jay swears it was the pie, and that he won't marry a girl who can't bake one "like mother used to make."

DR. T. R. Hamilton of Independence, Ia., who was a Union soldier in the late war, presented the ex-Confederate home at Higginville with a solid gold watch and chain six years ago, to be worn by the first inmate admitted to the home, and at his death to be transferred to the next one in regular order. Since the death of Julius Bamberge a few days ago, it has been worn by Broxton Cox, who was the eighth man admitted to the home. The seven who preceded him are dead.

Mrs. WILLIAM CAYNOR, who was the oldest resident of Greene county and perhaps the oldest woman in the state, died recently at Strafford at the age of 100 years. Mrs. Caynor's age was not so remarkable as the number of her descendants. She was the mother of thirteen children and three great and great-great-grandchildren living. At the time of her death she weighed 220 pounds and had been an inveterate smoker for sixty years.

A LONE ELM genius has invented a lover's alarm clock. At 10 o'clock it strikes loudly, two little doors open and a figure of a man, attired in a dressing gown appears, holding in his right hand a sign on which are painted the words "Good night." An automatic boot, placed under the chair or sofa occupied by the young man, would be better still. Seeing is not always believing, but feeling generally is.

The Columbia Herald's printing and binding establishment does more different kinds of printing than any other printing office in the Missouri valley. One hundred employees are kept busy all the time and more money is paid out each year than is required to run the entire government of Boone county. The 14,000 square feet of floor space is already crowded to its full capacity.

THE mayor of Greater New York will be a bigger man than the governor of the state. In the way of political power and fame he will rank almost next to the president. He will have a personal constituency of almost four millions souls, and every one of them feel a right to stop the mayor on the street and ask him how his liver is. Of all cities, ancient or modern, this enlarged New York is alone exceeded by London.

A WEDDING recently celebrated in Joplin was carried out under the auspices and with the ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is said to have been the only event of the kind that has ever occurred in the state.

DEAN SWIFT once proposed to tax female beauty and to leave every woman to rate her own charms. He said the tax would be cheerfully paid and prove highly productive.

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**Figures of all Sorts.**

Of the 50,000 breweries estimated to be in the world 26,000 are in Germany.

The total value of gold in the world at the present time is about \$3,000,000,000.

The value of grounds and buildings devoted to education in the United States is \$95,545,681.

One hundred and twenty freeman are required to feed the furnaces of a first-class Atlantic steamer.

A nail-making machine produces as many nails in a given time as were formerly made by 1,000 men.

The number of public houses in London is 5,104, in addition to 2,243 beer houses, 218 hotels, 120 clubs and 219 restaurants, making a total of 7,904 licensed houses.

Official estimates of the world's raw sugar product for this year is as follows: Beet, 4,960,000 tons; cane, 2,655,000 tons. Stock on hand 1,150,000 tons; total, 8,765,000 tons. Estimated consumption for ensuing year, 7,350,000 tons.

It takes each year 200,000 acres of forest to supply cross ties for the railroads of the United States. It takes 15,000,000 ties to supply the demand, for which the contractors get on an average of 35 cents apiece, making in the aggregate \$5,250,000.

THE town of Ruhla in Thuringia is noted as being the locality where the largest proportion of German pipe stems may be said, to all parts of the world. The German papers give some remarkable data as to this industry, as carried on at the Ruhla works, showing that for some years past the annual production of bowls, independently of stems or handles, amounts to 540,000 meerschams and nearly 5 1/2 millions imitation meerschams; the total of wooden bowls produced is not far short of 5,000,000, while the average number of that popular variety, the china pipe, attains the prodigious number of between 12 and 15 millions, of these about 9 1/2 millions being of common porcelain and the remainder of fine ware. But in addition to these there are also produced some 15 millions pipes made of other materials than those enumerated above. The same manufacturers are engaged in turning out annually 15 million pipe stems of different kinds, also millions of "accessories," such as flexible stems, chains, stoppers and the like.—*New York Sun.*

**Mr. Bryan's Generosity.**

William J. Bryan has done one of the noblest and most patriotic acts recorded in political history in the gift of \$8,000 to the support of the cause of bimetalism. This round sum of money is one-half of the proceeds of the first month's sale of his book, "The First Battle." The gift of it proves the absolute unselfishness and sincerity of his devotion to the cause for which he labored during the campaign, and for which he will doubtless give the benefit of his talents and of his remarkable powers of public leadership for the balance of his life.—*Denver Times-Sun.*

BARNUM'S famous expression: "The public loves to be humbugged," was perhaps borrowed from Mackenzie, who wrote: "Mankind in the gross is a gaping monster that loves to be deceived, and has seldom been disappointed."

QUITE a party of Cooper county farmers have gone to Colorado county, Tex., where they will probably buy large tracts of land.

A CHICAGO jury has given an actress who dared to enter the dismal recesses of a hotel folding-bed and nearly had her back broken, a judgment for \$10,000, and now the demand for folding-beds in Chicago hotels is something unprecedented.

A PRESBYTERIAN clergyman formerly of Sedalia appeared before an Iowa presbytery the other day and asked dismissal, stating that his views on religion were unchanged, but that he wanted to be independent and preach where and what he pleased.

"He is a highly accomplished young man," said the professor.

"Something of a linguist, I believe," returned his wife.

"Yes. He knows five modern languages."

"Which?"

"English, French, German, Spanish and base ball talk."

SENATOR VEST has introduced a bill in the senate appropriating \$25,000 for the improvement of the old battle field near Lexington, providing the citizens of that place purchase the ground. So far only \$800 has been raised, and most of this sum has been earned by the women of the town.

**News Service Excluded.**

The St. Louis Republic recently made arrangements with the cable companies, whereby direct news from all sections of the civilized world are received. It now prints more authentic foreign news than any other paper and continues to keep up its record for outlook for the year is one of the best events, fast succeeding each other and they will be highly interesting to everyone. The price of the Republic daily is \$6 a year, or \$1.50 for three months. The Twice-a-Week Republic will remain the same—one dollar a year, by mail, twice-a-week.

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**FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE.**

Creditors and all other interested in the estate of Thos. R. Johnson, deceased, are hereby notified that at the next regular term of the Chariton County Probate Court, to be begun and held on the second Monday in May, 1902, at the Court-House in Keytesville, Chariton County, Missouri, I shall make final settlement of said estate.

J. J. MOORE,  
Administrator.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE BY SHERIFF.**

Whereas, C. M. Williams and Minnie Williams, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated July 20th, 1892, and recorded in the Recorder's office of Chariton County, Missouri, in record book number 5, page 619, conveyed to James O'Brien, as Trustee, all their right, title, interest and estate in and to the following described real estate to-wit:

"The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter, of section 5, township 36, range 18, in Chariton County, State of Missouri," which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain note or obligation of even date therewith, and in said deed fully described, and whereas said deed of trust provides that in the case of the absence, death, refusal to act or disability in any wise of the above named Trustee the then Acting Sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri, may at the request of the holder of said note proceed to sell the property described, and whereas the said James O'Brien is absent from the said County of Chariton and refuses to act, and whereas default has been made in the payment of said note or obligation for a period of more than six months next prior to the date of the first insertion of this advertisement, and under the terms of said deed of trust the whole of said note or obligation is now due and payable, now therefore I, the Sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri, and Acting Trustee at the request of the legal holder of said note or obligation shall proceed to sell the above described real estate at the Court-House door of Chariton County, in Keytesville, Missouri, to the highest bidder for cash at public auction on

Thursday, June 10th, 1897,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day to satisfy said note or obligation together with the cost and expense of executing this trust.

JAMES H. DESNEY,  
Sheriff and Acting Trustee.