

THE FOUNTAIN OF PERPETUAL YOUTH

(Written for the Ocala Banner.)
I was all alone, and was sick and sad,
And I wondered if our "luck" was always bad,
And if on earth there was a cure for all
The ailments that to our lot did fall.
And I thought of the fabled "Fountain of Youth"
That Ponce de Leon—if we are told the truth—
Did not find in this fair state of ours,
Which he, and others, called the "Land of Flowers."
So up I rose, and traveled about,
All over the state, and by every route,
To try if I could discover at last
This panacea that was talked of long past.
And I suddenly came upon the spring
That I knew my youth to me would bring.
And I bathed, and bathed, and lo! I could see
That I became beautiful—as beautiful could be.
My eyes were bright and my hair was long;
My skin was lovely, and I was strong.
I felt happy, and young, and free from care,
And with my voice Jenny Lind's could not compare.
As I looked in the depths of this fountain so clear,
And saw my image, as in a mirror near—
More beautiful even than Cleopatra of old;
Then I knew that the half had not been told.
So I danced and sang, and sang again,
To think that my burden of age and pain
Was gone; and that I would forever be young;
It was beyond belief, but as I sang
A vague unrest began to trouble my breast,
And I wondered, after all, if it were best.
If the whole world could have perpetual youth,
Inexperienced, irresponsible, this would be the truth.
What would become of the weighty matters of state,
And important affairs that have come up of late,
For without experience and wisdom of age,
The affairs of the nation would collapse at this stage.
And then I awoke—for it was all a dream,
And I had no regret for what "might have been."
We must work and wait, and bear our pain,
For the Lord has given us a fair domain
In which to live, and be happy, and blest
In the knowledge that if we do our best
We will find "up yonder" a beautiful land
Of perpetual youth, and a loving hand
To lead us up through the pearly gates—
To the perfect happiness that for us awaits.

THE BEST PILLS EVER SOLD

"After doctoring fifteen years for chronic indigestion, and spending over two hundred dollars, nothing has done me as much good as Dr. King's New Life Pills. I consider them the best pills ever sold," writes B. F. Ayscue of Ingleside, N. C. Sold under guarantee at Tydings & Co. drug store.

MEXICAN BANKING SYSTEM

Mexico, which is perhaps one of the best governed republics in the world, has adopted a new banking law that might be studied with profit by economists of this country. In its essential features it regulates the establishment of new banks, provides for an examination of existing institutions, defines collateral securities and provides remedies for existing abuses relative to long-time loans, prohibits bank officials from becoming indebted to the institution during the first year of its existence, prohibits banks of issue from loaning for a term longer than two months, prohibits the issuance of uncovered drafts or extension of credit on an account which may not be revoked at any time, and declares that no bank can accept the liabilities of any firm for more than 10 per cent. of its capital. The new law apparently places greater safeguards around the banks than the banks of the United States enjoy but it would also seem to limit their earning capacity.—Gonzales (Tex.) Inquirer.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE WINS

Tom Moore, of Rural Route 1, Cochran, Ga., writes: "I had a bad sore to come on the instep of my foot and it could find nothing that would heal it until I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Less than half of a 25 cent box won the day for me by affecting a perfect cure." Sold under guarantee at Tydings & Co. drug store.

OUR BANNER WAVES FOR GEN. GILCHRIST

(Written for the Ocala Banner.)
See lovely roses saluting each other,
Look at the herds all at peace on the plain;
Man, and few women, make war on their brother,
And laugh in their hearts at his peril and pain.
Shamed by the beasts that go down on the plain.
Is it worth while that we jostle a brother,
Bearing his load on the rough road of life;
Is it Christ-like that we jeer at each other
In the blackness of heart? That we war to the knife?
God pity us all in their pitiful strife.
Is any miserliness so mean as that which holds words of approbation in the heart unspoken when noble lives are being censured near us, which our words of approbation would cheer and delight? Three cheers for Gen. Gilchrist, one of nature's truest noblemen. All honor to our appreciated editor who so proudly waves our Banner to give comfort (that "rocking chair"), joy (that "fan"), also cheer (those "pindars"), hope and encouragement to the noblest knight of all. Editor Harris is as true as steel and does not lower his colors even to those "dear, good women" who join in the hue and cry of crucifying and helping blast the reputation of two reputable citizens, whose home lives are gentle and pure, and whose public records are without spot or blemish. The writer believes that "good women" should show womanliness of character. Let their standard be so high as to be looked up to with the greatest respect and deference. Never to blush for being reproved in public for trying to blight characters like those of Gen. A. W. Gilchrist and Attorney Duncan U. Fletcher, whose records do not show that they have been bound to the cohorts of evil. Indeed, their lives are such that ought to be treasured with reverence in every Christian home. Their lives have been on the side of temperance and the people of God.
Don't look for flaws as you go through life,
And even when you find them,
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind,
And look for the virtue behind them;
For the cloudiest night has a hint of light
Somewhere in its shadows hiding;
It is better by far to hunt for a star
Than the spots on the sun abiding.
The current of life runs ever away
To the bosom of God's great ocean;
Don't set your force 'gainst the river's course
And think to alter its motion.
Don't waste a frown on the universe—
Remember it lived before you;
Don't butt at the storm with your puny form,
But bend, and let it go o'er you.
The world will never adjust itself
To suit your whims to the letter,
Some things must go wrong your whole life long.
And the sooner you know it the better;
It is folly to fight with the infinite,
And go under at last in the wrestle;
The wise person shapes into God's plan
As clear water shapes into a vessel.
Three cheers for Gen. Gilchrist,
Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher and our true Banner Editor!

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A GRAND FAMILY MEDICINE

"It gives me pleasure to speak a good word for Electric Bitters," writes Mr. Frank Conlan of No. 436 Houston St., New York. "It's a grand family medicine for dyspepsia and liver complications, while for lame back and weak kidneys it cannot be too highly recommended." Electric Bitters regulate the digestive functions, purify the blood, and impart renewed vigor and vitality to the weak and debilitated of both sexes. Sold under guarantee at Tydings & Co. drug store. 50c.

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"Why this strenuousness?" asked one of his neighbors.
"Last week I sent a dollar in answer to an advertisement offering a method of saving gas bills," answered the G. T., "and I just received the information."
"Well?" queried the neighbor.
"It was in the form of a printed slip directing me to paste them in a scrap book," replied the victim as he braced himself for another kick.—Chicago Daily News.

STOMACH TROUBLES

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price 25 cents. Samples free at all druggists.

STATES MAY AGREE

The press is discussing Secretary Root's illumination of the clause of the constitution that "no state shall, without the consent of congress, enter into any agreement or compact with another state," namely, that they can enter into any number of agreements with the consent of congress. The New York Evening Mail says that this cuts the obstruction clear that was supposed to exist preventing states from having agreements in uniform legislation for divorce, labor, water rights, taxation, interstate commerce, etc., because the consent of congress could be appealed to for proper measures. It goes on to say: "Thus the gap that has always existed between the jurisdiction of the nation and that of the individual state is bridged over. Thus an agency is found for policing that 'no man's land' between the two jurisdictions, in which licensed injustice and government ineffectiveness have conspired to work evil. The measured words of Secretary Root do not exaggerate the prospect that is before us if we will avail ourselves of it: 'I regard this meeting as making a new departure—the beginning of an era in which the states of the union will exercise their reserved powers upon a higher plan of patriotism and love of country than has ever existed before.'"
The Buffalo Express, after citing common legislation, such as primary laws, public utilities laws, etc., says: "Since the states are already so close together, it perhaps would be less difficult than might be supposed for a succession of such conferences as the one now meeting to agree upon and bring about the adoption of some general policies on such subjects as the preservation of forests and mines and the improvement of water courses. And it is hardly conceivable that congress would refuse to ratify any agreement which the states might reach in this matter. The experiment is worth trying at any rate. It may prove to be a new force in our government which will lead to a solution of many vexing problems."

THINKS IT SAVED HIS LIFE

Lester M. Nelson of Naples, Maine, says in a recent letter: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for many years for coughs and colds, and I think it saved my life. I have found it a reliable remedy for throat and lung complaints, and would not be without a bottle than I would be without food." For nearly forty years New Discovery has stood at the head of throat and lung remedies. As a preventive of pneumonia and healer of weak lungs it has no equal. Sold under guarantee at Tydings & Co. drug store. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free. x

VIRGIL, THE POET OF ITALY

Beneath the smiling blue Italian skies,
That arching bend to bless the fruits and flowers
With dewy eyes, and summer suns and showers,
The poet Virgil lifted blessed eyes.
He gazed with never ending glad surprise
On earth, and sea, and sky, and all their powers;
While winged songsters thrilled the golden hours,
He sought to win and hold the poet's prize:
At first the oaten pipe he tried to blow,
And forth there came a dainty pastoral;
The next he pressed to lip the golden flute;
Such bubbling music from its throat did flow,
That last he tried the highest strain of all,
And sang Aeneas' soul out on the lute.
—LINCOLN HULLY.

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Our family were all born and raised in Iowa, and have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (made at Des Moines) for years. We know how good it is from long experience in the use of it. In fact, when in El Paso, Texas, the writer's life was saved by the prompt use of this remedy. We are now engaged in the mercantile business at Narcoossee, Fla., and have introduced the remedy here. It has proved very successful and is constantly growing in favor.—Emmis Bros. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

If everything nice said of the candidates were really true, many of them would be entirely too good to dwell on this common old earth of ours. But, on the other hand, if the bad things said of them came anywhere near being true they would not be "fittin' to tote somethin' ter a bear."

BADLY SPRAINED ANKLE CURED

Three years ago our daughter sprained her ankle and had been suffering terribly for two days and nights—had not slept a minute. Mr. Stallings of Butler, Tenn., told us of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. We went to the store that night and got a bottle of it and bathed her ankle two or three times and she went to sleep and had a good night's rest. The next morning she was much better and in a short time could walk around and had no more trouble with her ankle.—E. M. Brumitt, Hampton, Tenn. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by all druggists. x

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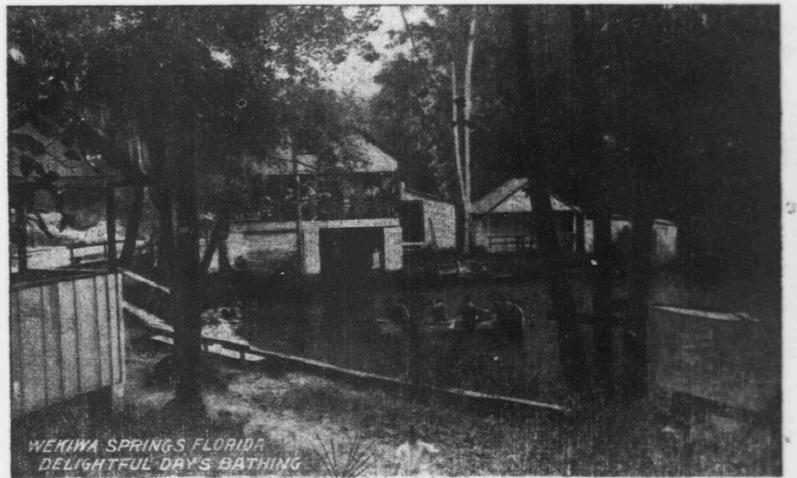
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