

THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

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Miss Day married Mr. Weeks. Although this added weeks to day, yet a day was lost and weeks gained, comments Life.

The soldiers of the United States are better paid than in any other army in the world, declares Harper's Weekly. Our soldiers receive \$13 a month, while the pay of the other nations is as follows: Austria-Hungary, \$9.73 a month; France, \$1.74; Germany, \$2.50; Great Britain, \$7.14; Japan, \$9.60; Russia, \$0.12.

Training a teacher is always a delicate and usually a difficult piece of class work, avows the Boston Transcript; but whenever an instructor does learn a lesson and profit by it, pupils everywhere in all grades of educational institutions feel their hand strengthened and their disciplinary motions surer of success.

If the people who swarm together in our great cities would clear out, strike for the open country, settle down and be content with frugal ways, the problem of poverty would well-nigh disappear. But they voluntarily prefer the vice, misery and starvation of the slums to the easier but less highly-seasoned life amid undefiled nature.

Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, bishop of Scranton, in a sermon on child labor, at Scranton, Pa., declared himself unequivocally for permitting working boys to play athletic games on Sunday. He pictured the hardships that many boys undergo in the mines and mills six days of the week and criticized those that would prevent their indulging in recreation on Sunday. "I say, let them play baseball or football, or any other kind of ball, to their heart's content. The good Lord will be pleased to see them do it, I aver, providing they are good boys," said he.

Greenhouse gardening, as the most scientific and one of the more profitable and promising branches of farming, deserves the increasing attention it receives from the experimenting stations. New Hampshire station has a fine new greenhouse. Massachusetts and Rhode Island will try both to get one this season of the legislature, and the attempt should not fail of support from all who believe it a public advantage to encourage an industry which produces the greatest crop value from the least space of land.

On the whole, Spain is wonderfully peaceful and miraculously loyal, states the Bystander. Any native returning after 20 years' absence would scarcely know it. The antimonarchical forces are quiet; the Carlists are dormant—permanently, perhaps; the colonies are, most of them, gone, and the drain they made on the impoverished country is at an end. Thanks to the Regent Maria Christina, to the great Sagasta and to the unknown person or persons who blew up the Maine, Spain is now a country that has a chance.

According to Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson, a Philadelphia scientist, woman is unfitted for general housework, says the New York Householder. Nature is a branch of chemistry, or housecleaning, which requires expert mechanical knowledge. "Her natural function is that of a homemaker," where she will elevate herself, solve all the vexing problems in our home life, save money for the men and prolong their lives. In the ideal home which the doctor constructs out of ink and paper there will be no kitchen. Meals will be served hot from a centralized cooking establishment. The family will have nothing to do but eat and digest, a labor which pure science shirks. Houses will be swept, mopped and scrubbed by the machinery of a domestic syndicate. Experts will do everything, even collect the bills automatically. There will be no Monday washdays and no Thursdays off for maids, for the domestic trust will look after all cooking and laundering. A dull, drudgery world may laugh at Dr. Thompson's idea. But by planning and by dreaming progress is made, even if not quite all the plans and dreams come true.

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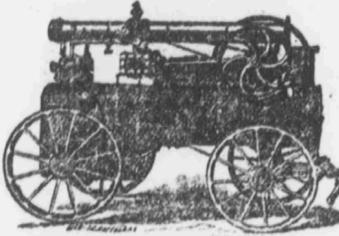
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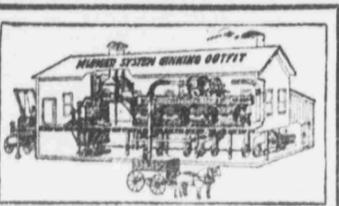
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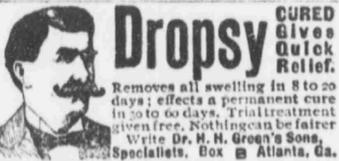
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OF MORE CONCERN TO HER. "Of course," said one woman, "we all have to overlook some shortcomings on the part of our husbands." "I've no fault to find with my husband's shortcomings," responded the wife of the traveling man; "but his long goings make me awfully tired."—Chicago Tribune.

"It's 7 o'clock, Fritz! We must run home." "No; if I go home now I shall be whipped for being so late. I'm going to stay till 9, and then I'll get bonbons and kisses because I'm not drowned."—Luatige Blatter.

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An Army of Blackbirds.

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The American appetite for baubles and gewgaws evidently grows with the ability to satisfy it, and the wife of the freight brakeman wants a little stone on her finger or at her ears just as much as the lady of the opera box wants a collar and a tiara.

HAPPY WOMEN.

Mrs. Pare, wife of C. B. Pare, a prominent resident of Glasgow, Ky., says: "I was suffering from a complication of kidney troubles. Besides, I had a great deal of trouble with the secretions, which were exceedingly variable, sometimes excessive and at other times scanty. The color was high, and passages were accompanied with a scalding sensation. Doan's Kidney Pills soon regulated the kidney secretions, making their color normal and banished the inflammation which caused the scalding sensation. I can rest well, my back is strong and sound and I feel much better in every way."

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NOT NAUGHTY, MERELY UNSELFISH.

Mother—Ethel, you naughty child, what have you been doing to make Charley cry so? Ethel—I've only been sharing my codliver oil with him, dear mamma. You said it was so nice.—Harper's Bazar.

A GOOD GUESS. "Now," said the cooking school teacher, "can any young lady tell me what the pie-plant is?" "I suppose that's just another name for pumpkin," said the bright girl.—Philadelphia Press.

The longest underground thoroughfare in Great Britain is in central Derbyshire, where one can walk seven miles upon a road connecting several coal mines.

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Frog farming has assumed large proportions in Canada.

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"My little girl had been suffering for two years from eczema, and during that time I could not get a night's sleep, as her ailment was very severe. I had tried so many remedies, deriving no benefit, I had given up all hope. But as a last resort I was persuaded to try Cuticura, and one box of the Ointment, and two bottles of the Resolvent, together with the Soap, effected a permanent cure. Mrs. I. B. Jones, Addington, Ind. T."

Investigation of the Packers.

Very general interest has been manifested in the Government investigation now in progress into the mode of conducting business by the large packers located in Chicago and elsewhere. Much has been written upon the alleged illegal and improper modes of business procedure connected with the packing industry; but it seems that so far no definite charge of any kind has been sustained and no proof of illegal or inequitable methods has been disclosed to the public. While a wave of severe criticism of this great industrial interest is now passing over the country it might be well to remember that the packers have had as yet no opportunity to make specific denial, the many indefinite charges of wrongdoing having never been formulated so that a categorical answer could be made.

The recent report of Commissioner Garfield, which embodied the results of an official investigation undertaken by the Department of Commerce and Labor of the United States, was a vindication of the Western packers, but this result having been unexpected attempts in many quarters to discredit it were made.

In view of the situation as it now stands, however, attention may properly be called to a few facts that owing to popular clamor are now being apparently overlooked. Fair treatment in this country has heretofore been accorded to all citizens whose affairs assume prominence in the public eye and some of the facts that bear upon the relation of the packers to the commerce of the country may at this time be briefly alluded to. It would be difficult to estimate the benefits gained by the farmers of the country resulting from the energetic enterprise of the packers, for whatever is of benefit to the farmer is a gain to the entire commerce of the country. And connected with their continuous aggressive work no feature perhaps has been more important than their efforts in seeking outlets all over the world for the surplus products of the farmer. Our total exports of agricultural products have gained but little in the past twenty years, and leaving out corn, the total of all other farm products was far less in 1903 than in 1891. But in packing house products there was considerable gain during this period, because an organized and powerful force has been behind them seeking new and broader markets.

Besides the benefits reaped by farmers on account of the enterprise and energy exercised by the packers in attaining commercial results by foreign trade, the great development in the manufacture of packing house by-products has added enormously to the value of all live stock raised in the United States. The waste material of twenty years ago, then an expense to the packer, is now converted into articles of great value and, as an economic fact, this must correspondingly increase the value to the farmer of every head of cattle marketed at the numerous stock yards of the country. Let these facts be remembered while now it is so popular to regard the great packing industry as deserving of condemnation. At least it must be admitted that, so far, there is no adequate reason for the almost unanimous howl that may be heard everywhere in the face of the Garfield report above alluded to which practically exonerates the packers from the obscure and indefinite charges that have been for some time past made the subject of popular comment.

GIVING GOOD AUTHORITY.

"She's not at all vain about her beauty, although she has good cause to be." "The idea! How do you know that?" "She told me so herself."—Philadelphia Ledger.

N. O. Nelson, a wealthy citizen of St. Louis, says: "Getting rich is merely a habit, a bad habit." By way of reassuring those who do not wish to contract bad habits, it may be said that this is about the most difficult of all bad habits to acquire, comments the New York Tribune.

A Homestead Claim.

beastie," but at times it shows an audacity which borders on the impertinent. A traveler in Alaska brings home this experience of his Klondike wanderings.

The teller of the story passed a long, cold winter at Cape Nome. He and his companions had, for a year or more, let their beards grow, as a protection for their throats and chests.

One night, when all were asleep, the man in question was awakened by a light patting on his face. The cold was intense, and not caring to move unless it was necessary, he lay still. Again the light touches on his cheek. He put up his hand, and his fingers closed on a tiny mouse tangled in the meshes of his beard. A companion, roused by the involuntary exclamation, lighted a candle and investigated.

The mouse had selected the beard as a warm and eligible site for a residence. It had burrowed out a nice round nest, and when caught, was engaged in dropping beans, purloined from the scanty larder, into the receptacle thus made.

Better Blood.

In the home of a New England farmer there are two small heirs, bright little fellows, six and seven years old, named Will and Eugene. Like most other lads, both of them dislike work, especially "chorea," and when these small services are required, each frequently evinces a desire to have the other take the laboring oar.

A short time ago it chanced that the family physician was calling at the house, in attendance on the mother, whose health is not good. As he was putting on his gloves to go away, he ran a professional glance over the two youngsters.

"Mrs. Fuller," he remarked, "the younger of your two boys, Eugene, is more robust than Will. He has greater vitality. His blood is better."

This remark was not lost on the lads.

About an hour later, as dusk was falling, the mother said, "Will, you must fill the wood-box for morning. Fetch in four armfuls."

"I don't want to," whined Will. "Make Gene go. His blood's better'n mine."

SHOCKED BY THE NAME ONLY.

Fair Devotee—I don't see any way to raise our church debt, except to have a lottery.

Minister (shocked)—That will never have my sanction, madam, never, unless you call it by some other name.—New York Weekly.

YES, INDEED.

"Can you imagine anything more mortifying than to think of the clever retort you might have made?" "Well, it's a heap more mortifying to think of the clever retort that you might better have left unsaid."—Philadelphia Ledger.

COFFEE HEART.

Very Plain in Some People.

A great many people go on suffering from annoying ailments for a long time before they can get their own consent to give up the indulgence from which their trouble arises.

A gentleman in Brooklyn describes his experience, as follows: "I became satisfied some months ago that I owed the palpitation of the heart, from which I suffered almost daily, to the use of coffee (I had been a coffee drinker for 30 years), but I found it very hard to give up the beverage.

"I realized that I must give up the harmful indulgence in coffee, but I felt the necessity for a hot table drink, and as tea is not to my liking, I was at a loss for awhile, what to do.

"One day I ran across a very sensible and straightforward presentation of the claims of Postum Food Coffee, and was so impressed thereby that I concluded to give it a trial. My experience with it was unsatisfactory till I learned how it ought to be prepared—by thorough boiling for not less than 15 or 20 minutes. After I learned that lesson there was no trouble. Postum Food Coffee proved to be a most palatable and satisfactory hot beverage, and I have used it ever since.

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