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To Clean Matting

Few things can be used to clean matting, salt and soda have been used, but experience has taught that the best way is to have the matting thoroughly swept, and then go over it with a solution of warm water with...

Gold Dust Washing Powder

Dissolved in it, it is best to use a woolen cloth; a tablespoonful of Gold Dust Washing Powder to a quart of water is the proportion; wring the cloth almost dry and rub quickly, but the moment the water gets dirty, change it for fresh; then follow the wet cloth with a dry one. This will clean it perfectly.



A PLUNGE TO DEATH.

SAM PATCH'S FAMOUS JUMP OVER THE GENESSEE FALLS.

The Last of a Sensational Series of Daring Feats Which Might Have Resulted Differently but For a Bottle of Brandy.

Nov. 12, 1829, Sam Patch lost his life in jumping from a scaffold 25 feet above the brink of the Genessee falls into the abyss below. He undertook to jump in all a distance of 125 feet. Of course the whole population of Rochester as well as the farmers from neighboring villages were upon the scene. The fame of Patch had for several weeks been a topic of conversation among the early settlers.

Patch was born in Rhode Island in 1807. Soon after he removed to Paterson, N. J., at which place in 1827 he was seized with the jumping mania. After giving several daring exhibitions in New Jersey he decided to try his luck at Niagara falls two years later. In October, 1827, he jumped from a shelving rock between Goat Island and the gurgling waters many feet below. A few days later he startled the natives by jumping from the old Fitzhugh street bridge at dawn. He swam under the water to a convenient hiding place, where he had much amusement in watching several boats crowded with people dragging for his body. They were startled when he called merrily to them, joking them for their wasted efforts in his behalf.

On another morning he started a Rochester lad by jumping from the brink of the falls to the rapids below. If Patch had not reassured the boy, he would have had half of the population of Rochester dragging the water for his dead body.

With such a record it is no wonder that on the morning of Nov. 12 all the muddy roads leading to Rochester were thronged with people desirous of seeing the wonderful jumper. Even if farmers were unusually busy in securing the last of their harvests they found time to take a day or two off in order to witness the feats of Sam Patch. Several boats brought hundreds of visitors in holiday attire from Canada, Oswego and Lewiston. Buffalo, Canandaigua and Batavia were almost depopulated on account of the exodus to Rochester. The few taverns in the city turned guests away, and many had to camp out overnight.

Notwithstanding the raw, cold weather throngs of settlers lined the banks below the falls. Although Sam said he did not feel the cold weather, he was pleased to fortify himself with a drink of brandy tendered to him by his friend, William Cochran. Several of the spectators contributed a unique uniform. Dressed in white trousers decorated with a black silk handkerchief tied around his body, surmounted by a light wooden jacket and skullcap, Sam must have presented a grotesque appearance.

After taking another drink from the flask Sam made the following speech to the thousands of breathless spectators: "Napoleon was a great man and a great general. He conquered armies, and he conquered nations. But he couldn't jump the Genessee falls. Wellington was a great man and a great soldier. He conquered armies, and he conquered nations, and he conquered Napoleon, but he couldn't jump the Genessee falls. That was left for me to do, and I can do it and will."

Although Sam Patch could jump the Genessee falls when he was sober, he could not do it when he felt the effects of the brandy. Owing to this fact he met his death when he took the jump. When the thousands of silent and horror-stricken spectators saw Sam strike the water, they did not see him come to the surface. His descent was so unlike his previous efforts, when he shot like an arrow from a bow, that the spectators were certain that he met his doom when he reached the water and the jagged, peering rocks beneath. The spectators searched in vain for the jumper. The torches of the searchers along the river bank and those of the searchers who ranged the river in boats lit up the river during the long night hours. Amid the roar of the

cataract the sorrowing multitude shed tears for the jolly good fellow who, like many others, loved his bottle on occasions.

Notwithstanding the rumors that Sam Patch had been seen alive in Rochester nothing was heard of him until St. Patrick's day, when his body was found in a cake of ice near the mouth of the Genessee. His remains were buried in the cemetery at Charlotte. Although it had been the ambition of his life to jump London bridge, he met his death in the Genessee. The feats of Sam Patch filled the newspapers for weeks, and although such poets as Mrs. Sigourney wrote poems dedicated to his memory no monument has been erected in commemoration of his feats.

Indeed, the event produced a profound impression upon the people of those days. On the following Sunday the preachers in Rochester and neighboring towns could not say enough against the evils of jumping. Some even went as far as Josiah Bissell, who told the pupils of the Third church Sunday school that because they saw the fatal leap they were accessories to his death and were murderers in the sight of God.—Rochester Herald.

THE SAMPLE FIEND.

It Takes Lots of Material to Supply the Sampler's Demands.

Coming suddenly upon a salesman in a retail store who had a number of yard long lengths of new pipes liberally sprinkled with those little price tags (the pins all stuck through the several thicknesses and bent down, one understood all at once the full import of the demands of the sample fiend. Marked off evenly like a check-ribbon, with 17 price tags lengthwise and seven to the width, which made 119 to the yard, the salesman was going over the lot with a pencil, setting down the width and price on each.

At one store the one who is at the head of each stack attends to the preparing of the samples of his particular stock. Thus the pipe samples would be cut by one, samples of swiss by another, of organic by another, and so on. In the silk department one man, who is kept for the purpose, does it all. And it takes all his time.

For people from a distance who do their buying by mail this is of course a very good method. But the part to which all sane people take exception is the senseless sampling of those who wander aimlessly about, evidently gathering samples as a thoughtless child sometimes pulls twigs in passing bushes. The worst of it is we have to pay for this senseless woman's foolishness, it being often observable that the biggest samplers are the smallest buyers. One clerk says that he has actually seen thrown upon the sidewalk the samples given to a woman after showing her his whole stock, her purchase being ostensibly postponed because of her fear that the goods will not match something or other.

The time is past when these scraps went to feed the insatiable crazy quilt fiends.—Philadelphia Record.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As 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 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 surface 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.

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STORMS IN NEW ENGLAND.

Heavy Damages Along the Coast From Rains and Snowstorms.

Boston, Feb. 14.—The gales of the equinox have scarcely ever exceeded in force the storm which swept over New England Tuesday, leaving in its wake damage by flood that is almost incalculable.

For 24 hours a heavy rain, after wiping away what few traces there were of snow and ice, brought to a climax the most unseasonable winter New England has known for a great many years. Tributary bodies of water, which a few weeks ago were so low that the unheard-of condition of drouth in midwinter was threatened have been changed in torrents of more threatening volume than during the spring freshets. From drouth to flood, with all the damage done at both extremes to the manufacturing, logging and ice harvesting interests, is now added the cost of repairing bridges swept away and of repairing railway and highway beds torn up.

The most extensive damage reported is along the Merrimac and Connecticut rivers. The blow was fierce along the coast, but shipping, usually less in volume at this season, had ample warning of the storm.

At Manchester, N. H., Almer H. Jackson, a mill hand, fell into a river and was washed away and drowned.

Washouts stopped traffic on many small lines.

At Champaign Valley the rain has lasted nearly five days, so that after effects are expected to be more serious than now appears.

At North Adams, Mass., several mills have their lower floors flooded with damage exceeding \$10,000.

Along the Kennebec river in Maine the ice is so weak that it is likely to break up and with the ice go all prospects for a harvest this season.

From all points come reports of heavy damage to mill property and the destruction of small bridges for ice jams. The suburban electric cars are running erratically, owing to slides of earth under the rails.

Resenting Deceit.

"I hate her!" Winifred's lustrous eyes flashed angrily.

"Why, we thought she was such an old friend of yours," we ventured.

"She is," exclaimed Winifred, with vehemence, "but she doesn't show her age, the deceitful, hypocritical minx!"

Of course when they met henceforth she would speak to her and kiss her, but that was all.—Detroit Journal.

A Natural Tendency.

"I guess Binx has just had a raise in salary," said the confirmed cynic.

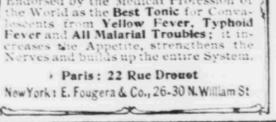
"Has anybody told you so?"

"No, but he goes about saying he thinks the world is growing better and that the danger from trusts is greatly magnified and that human nature isn't so bad after all. That's the way a man nearly always talks just after he has had a raise in salary."—Washington Star.

The Luck of Dr. Williams.

"You never kin tell what's in sto' for you, outside of a grocery bill," said the old colored philosopher. "Dr. Williams took out a accident policy for \$200, on in ten minutes afterward a railroad cut his head clean off! En befo' dat time he wouldn't or knowed do eagle on a silver dollar of lit had scrawmed on clawed him!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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Remarks on the Silk Hat.

In an editorial in the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post Hayden Caruth says that the silk hat is getting out of date. He says that the burden of living up to a silk hat is greater than the average man can bear; that to live consistently up to it a man must spend at least \$1,000 a year. Many men have tried it, only to fail and die bankrupt. The silk hat, in Mr. Caruth's opinion, ought not to stand upon the order of its going, but go at once! He doesn't know perhaps that it is still very popular here in Georgia. Recently, at a little railway hotel, the writer overheard the landlord calling to his spouse, "Maria, fetch me my hickory striped shirt, my jeans britches an my silk beaver; I've got to go an marry a couple!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Face That Changes Not.

me, full many a year has flown— Two decades if a day— Since first I saw that face, and I, Alas, am growing gray And bald, and yet, as dense and dark As then, its crown of hair Surrounds that face which shows no trace Of trouble, time nor care! No cruel crows' feet mark the eyes I gaze upon through "spes," And, by the smile, the softsome smile, That countenance betokens That not my roving glance long spend The cheeks are dimpled still, The teeth intact. Oh, 'tis a fact, Time's conquests here are nil! Here naught's surrendered to the years Nor time nor tribulation paid, My best beloved's early bloom Long years ago did fade, And still untouched by time I see, While I grow old and sad, That smiling face in its old place On a comely all. —Boston Globe.

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