THE MODERN BLACKSMITH

TO BLACKSMITHS in country towns important positions are allotted nowadays. Since the times of which early poets wrote the business of the horseshoer has broadened out to such an extent that he is recognized as running a shop second in importance to no other in town.

In thousands of instances the blacksmith wields an influence in the town council; frequently he is the mayor. It is a common thing to find him an alderman, and in some instances at least, the residence of a village blacksmith in a prosperous town is as fine as that of the banker. In a great many instances he has a good store of books; there are fine pictures on his walls. The earnings from his trade are invested in shops that are equipped with every modern appliance and in many other ways his general prosperity is made plain to the world.

Men in the country now are more particular about having fine horses on their farms and naturally more careful about the way they are shod. There has been almost as much improvement in fitting a shoe on the foot of a horse as there has been in the work of a dentist in repairing the human teeth.

And all this change despite the invasion of the equine field by the automobile!

FIGHTING OPIUM IN PEKIN

Pekin, the capital of China, is fighting the "opium-shop evil." Efforts are being made to reduce the number of dens and to restrict the smoking of the drug and to curtail the loafing and vice that accompany opium smoking by compelling each shop to take out a license and to pay a tax according to the lumber of "lamps" in each shop. The shops are divided into four classes and the fees are graded accordingly from $1 a month to twenty cents for each lamp, payable on the 10th of every month. The recent proclamation of the Pekin sanitary department reads as follows: "Opium smoking is extremely harmful to the health and the shops where opium is smoked are the retreats of loafers. Such places should really be altogether prohibited, so that the people might enjoy more prosperity, and dens of thieves would thus be done away with. But as opium smoking has become such a habit it cannot be got rid of entirely and at once. The evil can only be removed gradually.

"There are in the outer city of Pekin many opium shops, and it is evident that the smokers are increasing every day, which is very bad. The department has taken into consideration the matter and arrangements have been made for those who will abandon the habit. In addition, the opium shops opened in the outer city of Pekin have been divided into four classes and are to be taxed after certain regulations. They are to register themselves according to their classes and the number of lamps for the payment of taxes so that inspection can easily be effected.

"Shop owners are hereby informed of the regulations and that they are to come to this department for registration beginning from the 30th day 1st moon 31st year of Kuang Hsu. If any one dares to make a false declaration as to his class or the number of lamps, opens shops without license or refuses payment of the tax, if discovered, the building used for smoking opium will be confiscated and the owners strictly fined as a warning to these private dealers in opium shops. All must respect this order and not disobey."

HAD TO BE IMPRESSED

The driver of the Oaktown stage was a person of much amiability and a large fund of anecdote, but his memory was by no means of the best. The inhabitants of his native town made many excuses for him, but summer visitors found his failing a particularly trying one.

"That man should be complained of and should lose his position as express agent and mail carrier!" said one exasperated man who had been obliged to remain in Oaktown over another night, owing to Ranny Peet's forgetting to call for him.

"Well, now, I guess you didn't impress it on Ranny that he was to take ye," said an Oaktown man, moved to mild remonstrance.

"Impress it on him!" echoed the summer visitor. "I wrote my name on his order book in the postoffice. I should like to know what more I could have done."

"Well, now, it's like this," said the farmer, with a half-apologetic air. "Sometimes there's a number of orders on that book, and Ranny might happen to forget one of 'em, so what folks most generally do is fust to write their names in the book, and then speak to Ranny about it when he's up on the trip before the one they want to go on. And then they ask Lemu'l, the postmaster to kind of remind Ranny when he stops for the mail. And then we always deem it wise to be all ready to start in time enough so's we can walk down to the cross-roads and head Ranny off, just for fear it might slip his mind, allowing time to go back for a trunk in case there's one to be lugged."—Youth's Companion.

TRAVEL BY STAGE COACH

It was in 1658 that the first regular stage coach began running between the two capitals, London and Edinburgh. It ran once a fortnight and the fare was £4, which would be a good deal more than $20 to-day. The time taken to the journey is not accurately known, but between York and London it was four days. This lavish system of communication was not, however, kept up, as in 1763 the coach ran between London and Edinburgh once a month only, taking a fortnight, if the weather was favorable, to the journey. In 1754 a heroic effort was made to improve the London and Edinburgh coach. The Edinburgh Courant for that year contained the following advertisement:

"The Edinburgh stage coach, for the better accommodation of passengers, will be altered to a genteel two end glass coach, being on steel springs, exceeding light and easy, to go in ten days in summer and twelve in winter, to set out the first Tuesday in March and continue it from Hosea Eastgate's the Coach and Horses, in Dean street, Soho, London, and from John Somerville's, in the Canongate, Edinburgh, etc. Passengers to pay as usual. Performed, if God permits, by your dutiful servant, Hosea Eastgate."

In the days of stage coaches people sometimes clubbed together and hired a post chaise for their journey as being quicker and less expensive, and Scottish newspapers occasionally contained advertisements to the effect that a person about to proceed to London would be glad to hear of a fellow "adventurer" or two bent on the same journey to share the expense.

THE ONE NEEDFUL THING

Acadia College, Wolfville, N. S., had as its president for many years a very able New England divine, the Rev. A. W. Sawyer who was not given to much smiling or joking. On occasion, however, he knew how to press wit and even sarcasm into his service with great effect, and he was very popular with his students.

When the large female seminary building erected near the college was nearing completion, the financial committee, of which Dr. Sawyer was a member, if not chairman, was charged in stentorian tones by a minister, fluent in speech, but without college training, with being guilty of deeds of darkness that needed to be uncovered.

This charge of misappropriation of funds was made at the Baptist convention for the maritime provinces, held at Truro, N. S. The speaker resumed his seat, and for a little there was a painful silence. Then the comparatively slender form of Dr. Sawyer was seen to rise and move slowly and quietly out to the front of the platform.

The dry old doctor brought down the house by looking up over his glasses and quietly remarking: "The good brother thinks there are some awful works of darkness that need to be uncovered. About the only thing I know of that needs to be uncovered is a gold mine."

REALM OF THE MIND

I walk with Plato through the storied grove
Of Academus; climb Horeb's mystic mount
With Israel's leader; with Salathiel rove
The changing world, and the swift centuries count.

And you would bid me to a narrow hall
To hear you boast this day the all in all!

I hear the mighty music of the spheres,
The chorus of the worlds that grandly sing
The story of the ages, and the years;
A paean to the universal king.

You fancy I would find it great delight
To hear your pretty Diva sing to-night!

Look where Antares blazes, dully red—
The Scorpion's splendid star—in the southwestern sky;
By many worlds like this his flames are fed.
Behold a mighty solar system die!

O creature of an hour and a day
You ask me to a "fireworks display!"

In this, my star-ship through the vasty deep
Of space, I make the mighty cycle of the sun,
A million miles in one brief hour I sweep,
And scarcely is the race of worlds begun!

Must I, then, marvel at the snail-like pace,
At which your engines crawl the world's small face?

Peace, peace, O fool! Go on your petty way,
Nor chatter of what your life's moment brings;
I have to do with aeons—nor may stay,
Urges my business with eternal things.

Enjoy your little hour; laugh and weep,
Then crawl into your narrow grave, and sleep!

—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A LIVING DEATH.

Vividly Described By a Citizen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Andrew Johnson, 411 West Twelfth St., Sioux Falls, S. D., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills saved my life. My doctor, from a careful analysis of the urine and a diagnosis of my case, had told me I could not live six weeks. I was struck down in the street with kidney trouble, and for a whole year could not leave the house. I lost flesh, my eyes failed me, I bloated at times, my back hurt and I suffered a living death. There seemed no hope until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. Then I began to improve. The pain left gradually, the swellings subsided, I gained appetite and weight, and to make a long story short, I got well!"

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"Did you order him to desist when he kissed you?" "No, ma." "Well, why did you not?" "Why, ma, you've no idea how timid he is."—Houston Post.

SAVED BABY LYON'S LIFE.

Awful sight From That Dreadful Complaint, Infantile Eczema—Mother Praises Cuticura Remedies.

"Our baby had that dreadful complaint, Infantile Eczema, which afflicted him for several months, commencing at the top of his head, and at last covering his whole body. His sufferings were untold and constant misery, in fact, there was nothing we would not have done to have given him relief. We finally procured a full set of the Cuticura Remedies, and in about three or four days he began to show a brighter spirit and really laughed, for the first time in a year. In about ninety days he was fully recovered. Praise for the Cuticura Remedies has always been our greatest pleasure, and there is nothing too good that we could say in their favor, for they certainly saved our baby's life, for he was the most awful sight that I ever beheld, prior to the treatment of the Cuticura Remedies. Mrs. Maebelle Lyon, 1826 Appleton Ave., Parsons, Kan., July 18, 1905."

Blobbs—"What sort of luck did you have when you played poker with Skinnum?" Slobbs—"Fair I got away with some of my money.'

Consular Reform.

American business men in all parts of the country are taking an active interest in the bill for the reorganization of the consular service now pending in congress. Objections to this measure seem to come only from the professional politicians, and it is not at all likely that the most important business interests of the country will be allowed to suffer in order that places may be kept open for political workers.—Pueblo Chieftain.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar. Made of extra quality tobacco. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

A Fugitive From Justice?

Tax-dodging, complicated with perjury, is one of the recognized recreations of the unco rich in this country. Magistrate-dodging, in connection with automobile "accidents," is another. No billionaire takes shame to himself for either of these forms of pastime. But subpoena-dodging is not quite on the same footing with tax-dodging, or even with summons-dodging. The distinction between a subpoena-dodger and a fugitive from justice is difficult to draw.—New York Times.

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"So you don't believe in college education?"

"No, sir. After graduation I nearly starved to death practicing law."

"But you look prosperous now."

"Yes, sir. I went into vaudeville and made a fortune balancing a barrel on my feet while standing on my head."—Detroit Free Press.

Emphasize "Now."

"I'm in sympathy with the president's fight for railway rate regulations," says Senator Steve Elkins of West Virginia, and some of our satirical exchanges are saying that the president now needs sympathy, indeed.—Tacoma Ledger.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Sensible.

Emperor William has issued orders that artists who desire to caricature the imperial person can do so without any fear of the penalties for lese majeste. That's a good way to take the point off the cartoonists's pencil.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Women in Our Hospitals

Appalling Increases in the Number of Operations Performed Each Year—How Women May Avoid Them.

Going through the hospitals in our large cities one is surprised to find such a large proportion of the patients lying on those snow-white beds women and girls, who are either awaiting or recovering from serious operations.

Why should this be the case? Simply because they have neglected themselves. Female troubles are certainly on the increase among the women of this country—they creep upon them unawares, but every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at left or right of the abdomen, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the organs or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the female organs, and if not heeded the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation. When these symptoms manifest themselves, do not drag along until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an operation—but remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved thousands of women from surgical operations.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful periods, weakness, displacement or ulceration of the organs, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation, backache, bloating (or flatulency), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings they should remember there is one tried and true remedy.

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The following letters cannot fail to bring hope to despairing women.

Miss Ruby Mushrush, of East Chicago, Ind., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"I have been a great sufferer with irregular periods and female trouble, and about three months ago the doctor, after using the X-Ray on me, said I had an abcess and would have to have an operation. My mother wanted me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a last resort, and it not only saved me from an operation but made me entirely well."

Mrs. Alice Berryhill, of 313 Boyce Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"Three years ago life looked dark to me. I had ulceration and inflammation of the female organs and was in a serious condition.

"My health was completely broken down and the doctor told me that if I was not operated upon I would die within six months. I told him I would have no operation but would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. He tried to influence me against it but I sent for the medicine that same day and began to use it faithfully. Within five days I felt relief but was not entirely cured until I used it for some time.

"Your medicine is certainly fine. I have induced several friends and neighbors to take it and I know more than a dozen who had female troubles and who to-day are as well and strong as I am from using your Vegetable Compound."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

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HIGH CLASS DRUGGISTS
AND — OTHERS.

The better class of druggists, everywhere, are men of scientific attainments and high integrity, who devote their lives to the welfare of their fellow men in supplying the best of remedies and purest medicinal agents of known value, in accordance with physicians' prescriptions and scientific formula. Druggists of the better class manufacture many excellent remedies, but always under original or officinal names and they never sell false brands, or imitation medicines. They are the men to deal with when in need of anything in their line, which usually includes all standard remedies and corresponding adjuncts of a first-class pharmacy and the finest and best of toilet articles and preparations and many useful accessories and remedial appliances. The earning of a fair living, with the satisfaction which arises from a knowledge of the benefits conferred upon their patrons and assistance to the medical profession, is usually their greatest reward for long years of study and many hours of daily toil. They all know that Syrup of Figs is an excellent laxative remedy and that it gives universal satisfaction, and therefore they are selling many millions of bottles annually to the well informed purchasers of the choicest remedies, and they always take pleasure in handing out the genuine article bearing the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package. They know that in cases of colds and headaches attended by biliousness and constipation and of weakness or torpidity of the liver and bowels, arising from irregular habits, indigestion, or over-eating, that there is no other remedy so pleasant, prompt and beneficial in its effects as Syrup of Figs, and they are glad to sell it because it gives universal satisfaction.

Owing to the excellence of Syrup of Figs, the universal satisfaction which it gives and the immense demand for it, imitations have been made, tried and condemned, but there are individual druggists to be found, here and there, who do not maintain the dignity and principles of the profession and whose greed gets the better of their judgment, and who do not hesitate to recommend and try to sell the imitations in order to make a larger profit. Such preparations sometimes have the name—"Syrup of Figs"—or "Fig Syrup" and of some piratical concern, or fictitious fig syrup company, printed on the package, but they never have the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of the package. The imitations should be rejected because they are injurious to the system. In order to sell the imitations they find it necessary to resort to misrepresentation or deception, and whenever a dealer passes off on a customer a preparation under the name of "Syrup of Figs" or "Fig Syrup," which does not bear the full name of the California Fig Syrup Co. printed on the front of the package, he is attempting to deceive and mislead the patron who has been so unfortunate as to enter his establishment, whether it be large or small, for if the dealer resorts to misrepresentation and and deception in one case he will do so with other medicinal agents, and in the filling of physicians' prescriptions, and should be avoided by every one who values health and happiness. Knowing that the great majority of druggists are reliable, we supply the immense demand for our excellent remedy entirely through the druggists, of whom it may be purchased everywhere, in original packages only, at the regular price of fifty cents per bottle, but as exceptions exist it is necessary to inform the public of the facts, in order that all may decline or return any imitation which may be sold to them. If it does not bear the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package, do not hesitate to return the article and to demand the return of your money, and in future go to one of the better class of druggists who will sell you what you wish and the best of everything in his line at reasonable prices.

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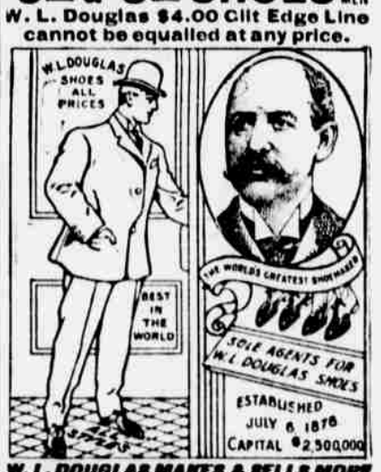

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