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In the Woman's Home Companion for February, Charlotte Perkins Gilman reviews the advance and the present status of woman in a strong essay, "Good Tidings of women." Other features are the illustrated articles, "Wild Animals of the Stage," "The Carnival Queens of the South," and "Dog Heroes of St. Bernard;" "Home Catering," by Fannie Merritt Farmer; "Smart Frocks for the Little Folks," by Grace Margaret Gould; "Afghans—Artistic and Comfortable," by Helen Marvin; "The Secret of the Open Fireplace," by Samuel Howe; "Suggestions for a College Boy's

Room," by Evelyn Parsons; "In Honor of St. Valentine" by Lillian Baynes Griffin, with abundant material for the festivals of the month. Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays and St. Valentine's Day. The fiction list includes, "Adam and Eve," "The Making of Alderman Droghan," "To Oblige a Prince," "Unknown Territory," "Barney and Norah," and "The Trail of the Billy Doo." Published by The Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

Miss Martha Lee, of Ely, was with Monroe friends Saturday.

He Got a New Papa.

Jacob Schaefer, aged 7, had been out of school and his absence was being inquired into. "I was out walking," he explained glibly; "I was out walking with my mamma and papa."

"Oh, were you?" returned the teacher. Then, fixing stern eyes on the culprit, she continued. "I thought you told me your father was dead?"

Here she paused and waited for Jacob to wilt. Jacob did nothing of the sort. Instead, bristling with importance, he said:

"An' so he is dead, but my mamma put a 'for let' sign in our parlor window last month an' now I got a new papa."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Of Interest to the Housewife.

In the February Delineator there is much of housewifely interest. Isabel Gordon Curtis helpful household serial called "The Progress of a Housewife" touches upon the kitchen and its utensils. Delicious recipes for onions and cakes and desserts are supplemented by an interesting and instructive article on "Meat and Its Uses," and the pages of Illustrated Cookery are extremely suggestive. Gardening and house finishing are other topics of particular interest in the home.

Dr. F. M. Moore went to the Bluff City Saturday to meet his wife, who resides in Perry. She came over to look the city over preparatory to moving to the Queen of the Prairies.

Miss Beatrice Elliott left Friday for Oak Dale, where she was to spend several days with relatives.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—A Chautauqua assembly will be held in every county in Illinois by the Prohibition state committee, beginning May 1, at Mount Carmel to rouse interest in the campaign. Orators, entertainers and quartets will tour the state, five of the assemblies being held every week until all the counties have been covered.

Mrs. Frank Williams and children, of Oklahoma City are in the city with their numerous kinspeople and friends. They have tired of that new country and as Mr. Williams and family are good people, good citizens, Missouri is only too glad to receive them once again and welcome them to their native home.

Publicity That Pays

Newspaper advertising is today the trade-wind of business prosperity. It is the power behind the throne, the power which sells goods to the public and a power which no business man disputes, says the Coffeyville Record. It is to business the motive power that makes the "wheels go round." Handsome stores, fine goods and gentlemanly clerks go a long way toward making prosperity, but it is advertising that men and women have learned to depend upon to guide them to the best for their money.—Hannibal Journal.

Yes, the merchants advertisement is the sign board on the commercial road to guide the would-be-purchaser into the haven sought, bringing contentment to him and prosperity to the advertiser.

Quincy Fire.

The Quincy Herald of the 19th inst., gave the losses in the terrible fire of the morning of the 18th as: J. B. Schett & Co. \$180,000; City Hall \$75,000; Summer Drug Co., \$25,000; Mrs. A. Woolf \$10,000; Fred E. Hornest livery man, where the fire started, \$10,000.

There was good insurance carried by all. That is from \$50 to \$75 per cent of values.

Wires caused the streams of water thrown by the engines to split into spray and become useless and the same thing will happen on Main Street, Monroe City, Mo., if a fire gets a good start in some of the business houses.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 20.—During a fire at 2100 Eugenia street yesterday morning in a saloon owned by John H. Huelsmann, there was a rescue of a little dog by a big one. Dick, a St. Bernard, escaped from the building early, and then returned to the basement when he heard the cries of Jack, a little spaniel. Soon Dick reappeared carrying Jack by the nape of the neck. The dogs are great chums and Dick was loudly cheered by the crowd watching the fire.

All Wrong.

Saturday morning when the temperature was at 62 degrees M. C. Hawkins and Emmett Yowell had a good natured wrangle. Mark had some perfect green lettuce displayed in front of his place of business and Emmett had heavy blankets in front of his place. Each contended that the display of the others goods was detrimental to the sale of his neighbors goods. Each thought the other all wrong and had goods out of season.

Rumors.

There is a well defined rumor on the street, to the effect: Monroe City is to have a third bank.

Its capital stock to be \$25,000 is already subscribed. Promoters and stock holders are among the solid business men of the city.

Who is at the head of the new enterprise? At present that is a secret.

The little children at Palmyra are kept quiet in church by threats to have their names put in the local papers.—Hannibal Clipper thirty years ago Saturday.

William Sandifer was a business visitor in Palmyra, Monday.

Deceit

Well, neighbor, if we are satisfied who live in a local option county, you ought to be satisfied who do not. We find that our county without saloons doesn't furnish any criminal docket for circuit court to grind on for weeks. For several terms, our circuit court has not had any criminal cases on the docket. Our court meets twice a year and remains in session from three to five days. We have no murder cases, no criminal assault cases in years. Compare this with Monroe County's docket for the past two years.

Then compare our list of indictments for the illegal sale of liquor with the 65 or more indictments for this offense recently returned by the Monroe county grand jury. The comparison will answer your question satisfactorily.

We also commend this article to the attention of the Stoutsville Banner, which has been urging that our local option system doesn't pay the county as much revenue as it would derive from saloons.

The local option system works well under the reign of a prosecuting attorney who does his duty. It suits the people of Shelby county and they are the ones it most affects.—Shelbina Democrat.

The foregoing is in reply to "Does It Work" in last issue of the People's Paper.

Frankly we have no fight to make on local option and yet we heartily despise subterfuge.

What can be said of a moralist, who for the saks of argument conceals facts and resorts to sophistry.

The one answering "Does It Work," does not deny that the evening train has well earned its name, "Jug Train," nor that the J. T. delivers liquor as stated by the DEMOCRAT.

Nor does he tell the readers of his paper the reason that court costs are cut down is because drunken boys of "tender age," who attempt to wreck trains, have a pull and are let out on parole, and that it is not only would be train wreckers, but others who are on parole.

Drop the parole business and where will your criminal docket and court expenses sail to?

And, right here permit us to say that during the baseball season numerous Shelby young men came to this city on Sundays well "tanked up" and then call Monroe a slow town because they cannot get liquor to send them home wild. We still ask information, "Does It Work."

Could Not.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan 17 — W. A. Stanger of Chicago, editor of the General Merchants' Review, in a speech before the sixth annual convention of the Indiana Retail Merchants' association, charged the large mail order house with dividing territory and selling cheap goods at high prices. Strong resolutions condemning mail order houses and the parcels post were offered and referred to the committee on resolutions.

Such a thing could not occur in the Queen of the Prairies, because the business interests of the city are so self satisfied, that it is taking a long nap, hence could not act in unison upon any proposition. But the shoe will eventually pinch and awaken them.

Jim Dimmitt, the jeweler, has started out his mustache and the girls say: It's real cute. Oh! my, but how it will tickle in a week or so.