



CUPOLA SKETCHES
By BYRON WILLIAMS

At Baltuff's Store.
At five when work has eased its grind
And yielded respite to its knight,
Dance Pleasure beckons with her wand
To check the mad world in its flight—
Then gather flockwise round the door
The natives at the grocery store!

They loaf upon decrepit chairs,
Or balance dimly on a box,
While others seek the curb-stone perch
And rusticate upon the rocks—
Then "Captain" Boggs he gets the floor
And unfolds the grocery store!

There's Clark, and Jones, and Willie Brown,
And several mollers from "the works;"
The "city marshal" joins the bunch,
Likewise the grocer and his clerks—
Then "General Wood" he lets 'er soar
In front of Baltuff's grocery store!

There's loud guffaw and hooded quips
Portending jokes that have been sprung
To agitate some hapless wight—
At whom the javelin is flung—
For everything is known—and more
About the village grocery store!

Then black be lows the corn will fall:
Which prompts Old Granddaddy Burr to
guess:
"Th' crops is lookin' mighty well,
For which we all th' Lord should
bless!"
Then silence reprimands the bore
Who "sues things" at the grocery
store!

The government is groomed and spanked
And made to stand up prim and
straight:
"Judge" Haller, stopping for some plug,
Discusses "minty" of town and state—
His honor rules on benches four,
Yet daigns to argue at the store!

There's Allison and "Billy" White—
One owns a farm and tills the soil,
While "tother" mounts to nothin' much
"Cant-savin' bread from mold an' spoil!"
But all are equal in the core
About Jim Baltuff's grocery store!

They sit and spit and smoke their pipes,
Grave strategists and sparkling wits;
Some hit the cracks and others don't
Yet every man, he sits and spits—
While time boats to the other shore,
And darkness hides the grocery store!

Old "Reevey" shop we love you yet,
Mid passages of agon and steel,
And some day we will sit and spit
Beside thy fragrant onion peel—
Just resting at the open door
Of that old, corner grocery store!

SUFFERED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

Completely Restored to Health.
Mrs. P. Brunzel, wife of J. Brunzel,
stock dealer, residence 3111 Grand
Ave., Everett, Wash., says: "For fif-



teen years I suffered with terrible pain in my back. I experimented with doctors and medicines but got little if any relief. I actually believe the aching in my back and through the groin became worse. I did not know what it was to enjoy a night's rest and arose in the morning feeling tired and unrefreshed. My suffering sometimes was simply indescribable. Finally, I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and got a box. After a few doses I told my husband that I was feeling much better and that the pills were doing me good. When I finished that box I felt like a different woman. I didn't stop at that, though. I continued the treatment until I had taken five boxes. There was no recurrence until a week ago, when I began to feel miserable again. I bought another box and three days' treatment restored me to health. Doan's Kidney Pills act very effectively, very promptly, relieve the aching pains and all other annoying difficulties. I have recommended them to many people and will do so when opportunities present themselves.

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine, which cured Mrs. Brunzel, will be mailed to any part of the United States on application. Address, Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

Prof. Francesco Peper, dean of the law faculty in the University of Naples, whose death, at the age of 80, was recently announced, had been connected with the university fifty-four years.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

An electric motor for unloading bananas has been introduced in New Orleans which handles 15,000 bunches an hour, working at three hatches, and the fruit is protected from the slightest bruise.

Heaven Help Us
In our troubles, but use Hunt's cure for Itch, Tetter, Ringworm, Itching Piles and Eczema. Guaranteed.

Sailing vessels for general transportation are now obsolete on the great lakes. Of several hundred such vessels hailing from Chicago, not more than thirty-four are now in use.

MANY CHILDREN ARE SICKLY.
Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, cure Summer Complaint, Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Malaria was conquered by Simmons' Liver Purifier (the box). Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

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If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

In two years there has been a loss of about a million dollars in the current value of the stocks of ten great corporations.

Swapping Lies
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Emperor William recently gave 225,000 marks in aid of the fishermen of Zeeven, on the German ocean, who have been ruined by a tidal wave.

McCASE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY,
Houston, Texas, for trained and reliable detective services.

The fact that the new king of Servia has bought an automobile has created the impression that he isn't going to wait to be killed by assassins.

The grandest thing in life is to have a great heart that bids the hands uncover the weak and the weary.

A man may live with many but he must die alone.
Life is made up of time and a little brief authority. Do not waste the one or abuse the other.

STATE OF OHIO, City of Toledo, ss.
I, FRANK J. CHERRY, Notary Public, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears from the records of the office of the Notary Public, in and for the County of Lucas, Ohio.
FRANK J. CHERRY,
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Gold crosses and diplomas were presented by the German empress last year to 170 women servants who had been forty years with the same family.

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When we say there is no shaking of bottles, no licking of spoons, no wry faces when Chamberlain's Laxative Chill Tablets are used. 25 cents. No cure—no pay.

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Smith, Brown and Jones hang their hopes of recovery upon Chamberlain's Laxative Chill Tablets. They will be around soon shaking hands with friends. 25 cts. No cure—no pay.

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Defiance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best or money refunded. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now.

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It is said that Secretary Root was never known to smile.

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