

TIS BUT A STEP.

'Tis but a step, nay hardly so far,
From your proud hall with its gilded bar,
Where the landlord clothed in raiment fine
Deals out to his guest the pois'ous wine.
'Tis but a step, aye—it leadeeth down
From manhood's pride to a felon's crown.

'Tis but a step that leads within
Those gilded halls of death and sin
Where manhood's pride is lost—ne'er won,
And woman's virtue sold for rum.
'Tis but a step—aye, mark it well,
It leadeeth down to a drunkard's hell.

'Tis but a step—will enter there
Where misery dwells with gaunt despair,
Where weeping mother bows her head,
While starving children cry for bread.
'Tis but a step from gilded room
To the drunkard's cold and cheerless home.

'Tis but a step, young man, beware!
Your gilded walls hath many a snare
To lead from virtue's paths of right
And land thee in eternal night.
'Tis but a step—aye but little more,
From gilded hall to the prison-door.

'Tis but a step, will enter now
Where avarice breeds her drunken row,
Where drunken men, like demons, rave
And send their victims to the grave.
'Tis but a step—the road is free
That leadeeth to the gallows tree.

There's another step—it leadeeth well,
Beyond the gallows and the prison cell:
The road is broad, and what is more,
It leadeeth straight to the poor-house door.
'Tis but a step—o'er spread with sin
Why will proud mortal walk therein.

A Spider's Engineering Feat.

N. Y. Sun.

Popular interest at Syracuse, N. Y., has centered during the past few days in the operations of a spider of the Tegenaria medicinalis species over a bar in a saloon in that city. Thousands of people have gone into the place to watch the spider accomplish an engineering feat which displays in the insect almost human capacity, and the saloon keeper is becoming rich by the patronage of his visitors during the star engagement of the spider. The insect set out on Tuesday to lift a kernel of popped corn from a dish on the bar to its web attached to an electric light wire on the ceiling. It descended on the kernel by spinning a cable of the necessary length. It was evident, however, that when the spider hoisted the load clear from the dish, its uneven weight would cause it to lop to one side so suddenly as to probably snap the cable. To prevent such an accident the spider attached two smaller sized cables to projecting parts of the kernel and made them fast to the main cable about five inches above the burden.

All being ready, the spider returned to his headquarters and started its windlass, and the kernel began to rise. That was the situation when the people in the saloon first discovered what was going on. After getting the corn up about a foot, work was suspended for a time. The spider had begun to mistrust some of the machinery. It made an investigation, repaired a slight break or two above in the guys, and then slid down to the corn. Everything there was all solid but the engineer thought prudence a mark of wisdom, and doubled up the cable where the main weight was seen to hang. This was 11 o'clock on Tuesday night, with a more cheerful air of confidence than it had before displayed, the spider ran lightly aloft to the hoisting apparatus. The machine started, and so did the corn, and so did the eager throng of spectators, who burst into applause. Inside of a minute the corn was raised at least four inches. There was another delay, which was only short.

At midnight on Tuesday the corn had risen two feet. At daylight on Wednesday it was up thirty-six inches. There it seemed to stick. All day Wednesday only slight progress was made, though the spider never relaxed its efforts. Sometimes the burden even receded. Then there was a series of jerks, but the machinery overhead seemed to slip a cog, and no headway was made. Late on Wednesday night operations were temporarily suspended, and the spider retired to its inner chamber for contemplation. Thanksgiving day was spent in the completion of further plans or in rest, and Friday morning the work rested where it had stopped on Wednesday night. The spider went up and down the main cable time and time again, apparently mending it, and finally, toward evening, began to draw up, but with only partial success, though it was cheered on by a crowd of spectators. The sporting fraternity are backing the spider at 10 to 5.

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The Human Family.

There are about 1,500,000,000 inhabitants on the globe. Of these 33,033,033 die every year. There are 3,064 languages and over 1,000 religions professed by the people. The number of males and females is about equal, and their average life is about thirty-three years. One-fourth of the inhabitants die before they reach their fifteenth year. To 1,000 persons only one reaches the age of one hundred years; to every one hundred only six reach the age of sixty-five, and not more than one in five hundred lives to the eightieth year; 33,033,033 dying every year makes a grand total of 91,324 per day, 3,730 per hour, sixty a minute, or one every time the clock ticks! Married persons live longer than single ones, and the tall have a better chance for long life than those short of stature. Women have more chances of life in their favor previous to fifty years of age than men have, but fewer afterwards. The number of marriages is in proportion of seventy-five to every 1,000 individuals born; the time when the greatest number of marriages take place is in June and December—about the time of the summer and the winter solstices. Dark-haired persons have a better chance in the great struggle for existence than those of the opposite complexion, except in contagious diseases, where blondes are comparatively exempt. A person born in hot weather stands the heat a great deal better than one born in the cold months of winter; of course, the rule works vice versa. Those born in the spring are usually of a more robust constitution than if born at any other time of the year. Births are more frequent by night than by day, also deaths.

Are You in Need?

Are you in need of good advice? Do you suffer from palpitation of the heart; have you spells of dizziness; do you feel listless, and do you frequently get tired without cause or exertion? Do you suffer from rheumatism, neuralgia, and other mysterious and unaccountable backaches and pains in limbs and joints and bones? Do you feel nervous; are you sleepless at night, and do your dreams disturb you? Are you excitable and does your heart beat unevenly, sometimes hardly beating at all and at other times thumping like an engine? Do you worry over little things? Are your kidneys disordered? Are you troubled with indigestion and constipation? Are you annoyed by any urinary difficulty? Do you want to be cured of all such weakening ailments? Then use Dr. John Bull's Sarsaparilla. It will make you strong and perfect in every part.

Peanut Culture.

Peanuts are not cultivated to any extent north of Virginia, but they will grow successfully much further north. They want to be planted early and do best in a warm quick soil, although they sometimes do well even on clay. The unroasted nuts are put in in May and grow rapidly when well started. The ground must be kept well stirred and in good condition. The nuts will not form unless the blossoms are covered as soon as they open and this must be done every day. The blossom is about half as large as a sweet pea blossom, about the same shape, of a deep yellow, very fragrant and growing singly upon its own fragile stem. The nuts soon form after being covered and are of all sizes on the vines. As soon as the first frost comes the vines should be pulled up with the nuts on and hung to dry, when the nuts can be gathered. The vine in itself is very pretty and will pay for the labor put on it even if no nuts are secured.

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A resolution looking to the removal of Gen. Grant's remains to the national cemetery at Arlington was defeated in the House of Representatives by a vote of 154 to 92.

Thousands of mothers bless the name of Dr. John Bull for inventing his celebrated Dr. Bull's Worm Destroyers. Children tease for them and they never fail to do good.

Served Her Right For Scrawling.

"It's swell, of course, to write 'Town' on your city-addressed envelopes," said a young woman, the other day, "but I had rather a bitter experience lately, which makes me now write it with care. One of the men I know sent a note asking me to drive with him in the park; as he owns an awfully stylish turnout, with footman and all that sort of thing, you may fancy I had no engagement to prevent, and promptly sent him an acceptance of his invitation. Fancy my chagrin when the day came and he did not, and my subsequent indignation when several days came and went with no word from him. It was half a week after the afternoon appointed for the drive that one morning, about noon, his card was brought to me—a penciled line under his name 'with explanations,' for, as he told me afterward he was afraid I would not see him. It seems my 'Town,' in fashionable scrawl on the envelope, had been read 'Iowa,' and thither the note had traveled, coming back after several days, and finally being delivered to the man for whom it was intended."—Light.

The laws of health are taught in the schools; but not in a way to be of much practical benefit and are never illustrated by living examples, which in many cases might easily be done. If some scholar, who had just contracted a cold, was brought before the school, so that all could hear the dry, loud cough and know its significance; see the thin white coating on the tongue and later, as the cold developed, see the profuse watery expectoration and thin watery discharge from the nose, not one of them would ever forget what the first symptoms of a cold were. The scholar would then be given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely, that all might see that even a severe cold could be cured in one or two days, or at least greatly mitigated, when properly treated as soon as the first symptoms appear. This remedy is famous for its cures of coughs, colds and croup. It is made especially for these diseases and is the most prompt and most reliable medicine known for the purpose. 50 cent bottles for sale by Ritchey & Bostick.

Learn Simple Work.

The Farmers Home.

Girls, learn to sew neatly, to mend, patch, darn, to do all plain ordinary sewing that cannot be done on a machine, and above all to make neat, strong button-holes. If means are limited and you are not needed at home, you need not despair of going out into the world to make your way because you are not fitted to teach and cannot have the means to prepare yourself for the various trades open to woman. There are thousands of women with social demands who cannot do this part of their work, ready and anxious to pay a good price for good work, and other thousands of women at desk, in counting-house and school-room, too jaded to even sew on a button, who'd hail with joy the coming woman who does not disdain plain sewing from house to house. If you do your work well, it is just as honorable as is the writing of a great book or the painting of a great picture.

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Pulpit Announcements.—Editor's wife (to husband just returned from church): You are late. You must have had a longer sermon than usual. Editor—No, there was about the ordinary amount of news matter and editorial, but there was an unusual rush of advertisements.—Peterborough (Ont.) Review.

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