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SOMETHING ABOUT SMILES.

A Plea for the Use of Anæsthetics in the Photographist's Studio.

Bill Nye, in Denver Opinion.

There are many varieties of the genus smile. There's the smile that is childlike and bland, the cultivated smile, and the plebeian smile that ripples forth like the first joyous laugh of the boiler factory, and that spreads out with a gurgle that closes the eyes, trots out the wisdom teeth, then shows a roguish dimple in the tonsile.

There might be enumerated, also, the classical smile, the subdued smile, the parlor smile, the sacred smile, the before election smile, the after-election smile, and the smile that you get two for a quarter, called the twofor smile.

Then we have the stage smile and the portrait smile. Do you call to mind the genial smirk which is, in fact, the thin silk overskirt of joy covering the silica sham of a nameless woe? Do you happen to have about your home the photograph of a friend whose petrified gayety fills your eyes with briny weep?

Joy is something that we cannot seize ruthlessly and lead it into the photographer's laboratory by the ear. I've tried that. I always leave my umbrella and my hope behind when I go into the photographer's gilded hell. I can laugh while the dentist pulls my sound teeth and plugs the poor ones, and I can even be gay while nature and the cucumber of commerce are engaged in mortal combat, but I cannot affect a joy that I do not feel while the cast-iron hat-rack of the artist leans against my love of home, and the artist bids me look at a place on the wall that is freckled with iodine.

I am positive that the art of photography is upon the eve of a grand stride toward perfection. Those who have never seen anything on the eye of a grand stride will find little of interest in what I am about to say; but the day is not far distant when no sane man will have his photograph pulled without the administration of an anæsthetic. Cut this out and see if I am not right.

Little Joker.

The firm of Gail & Ax, of Baltimore, Md., manufacturers of the celebrated Little Joker Long Cut smoking tobacco, have a representative in this State whose photo is the embodiment in the colored label on every package of that fine tobacco. Mr. George Bartholomasi, the gentleman who travels under the foregoing pseudonym, is an affable and pleasant man of fine business qualifications, and to him the following parephrase of an old poem is dedicated by an admiring friend:

MIXED UP.

I've wandered through the village, Tom,
Along with Little Joker,
To listen to the mocking bird
In the cottage by the sea,
While Reed's gray mare was never best
At smoking Little Joker.

The colored girl and poor old Ned
Are smoking Little Joker;
I'd offer thee this hand of mine,
Susanna, don't your cry,
For publicly or on the sly
We'll be smoking Little Joker.

Hark, I hear an angel sing,
He's smoking Little Joker;
We're coming father Abraham,
Along with Anna Lyle,
The girl I left behind me,
All are smoking Little Joker.

The nice young man and fairy belle
Are smoking Little Joker;
And the Captain with his whiskers
He dotes on Little Joker;
We will rally round the flag, boys,
For Johnny stole the ham—
Yankee Doodle! Hail Columbia!
They all smoke Little Joker.

Alamo Iron Works.

Among the most solid and useful institutions of San Antonio is the Alamo Iron Foundry. This foundry was began about nine years ago, but the enterprise dragged along and was a losing speculation, until about five years ago, when it became the property of Messrs. Holmgreen & Sons. This firm, by their indominable pluck and hard work, have demonstrated the fact that a foundry and machine shop will pay in San Antonio. They are now engaged in erecting new shops and foundry, in order to meet the large and rapidly increasing business that seeks them. The new works are situated on the Southern Pacific railroad a short distance south of Commerce street, where there will be sufficient room to carry on the business. There is already erected a foundry 30x80 feet, with a blast furnace of 3000 pounds an hour capacity, a cleaning room 35x40, and an office and store room 20x35. This is for immediate use, and will be occupied in a few days. Soon will follow the machine shop 30x100 feet and engine room 30x40. This foundry and machine shop will be one of the most complete in the Southwest. The work turned out by the Alamo Iron Works speaks for itself, the most notable of which is the new Kampmann building, the Dullnig and the new Maverick buildings and almost all the new buildings in the city. They have some 40 hands employed and the weekly pay amounts to some $400. They are also manufacturers' agents for engines, pumps and everything in that line. The foundry department you will find complete in every particular, and they can make castings from three ounces to two tons. They have constantly on hand iron railings for balconies, galleries and graves, which are executed in the latest and most artistic style. For finish their work is not excelled in the State, and their wonderful success is but the reward of merit. Their new works will be a model of its kind, and with the increased facilities they will be enabled to even excel their past work. It is now not necessary to send North for any kind of iron work, for Messrs. Holmgreen & Sons can fill your orders just as well and at a great saving in freight. Besides, by patronizing them you assist in building up a worthy enterprise and keeping your money at home.

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MESQUITE BLOCKS.

A Visit to the Wood Block Sidewalk Factory of W. Scott.

A LIGHT reporter paid a visit recently to this interesting factory at 306 to 308 South Laredo street. When he approached he found a two-story building and at its side a huge pile of timber, which on inquiring he found to be the mesquite in its rough state. By means of a tramway this timber is put on a car and by means of a tramway track it reaches the second floor of the factory, where an ingenuous engine, invented by Mr. Scott, lifts the timber from the track, places it on a saw table, and with marvelous celerity is cut into four inch lengths. Ere one can descend the gangway to the lower story, these four inch blocks are cut into every imaginable geometrical shape by various saws. After undergoing this operation, another car is loaded with them and the convenient tramways run them until they reach the houses to which each size is assigned. These houses are built in a row, each one having a number. In one of these houses is to be seen the newly invented mesquite curb, another invention by Mr. Scott. This is intended to take the place of the old fashioned curb stone, and a good example of its success can be found in front of the High school on Acequia street. The great desideratum obtained in this curb is that no change of temperature affects it. From the noise of the saws the LIGHT reporter visited the engine room, where he found the motive power which runs this factory is a large Atlas engine, and was supplied by Messrs. Elmendorf & Company. This is run by Mr. Scott's youngest son. Mr. Scott is prepared to to put down mesquite floors or walks of any pattern and of various colors. He guarantees all his work for five years, and the merits of mesquite is well known, as can be testified by the 7000 running feet of the best sidewalk to be found in any city. It is not necessary to debate on the merits of mesquite sidewalks—the proof of the pudding is in eating—and no one can deny that the proof of their superiority is incontestable. The name of Walter Scott, too, is so well and favorable known in San Antonio and this frontier that no comment is required. He is one of the pioneers of the manufactory industry of San Antonio, and it is hoped he will reap the harvest he so richly merits. San Antonio needs a few more men of Mr. Scott's intellect and energy to carve out the hidden treasure that San Antonio has hid in her raw material.

A Plethora of Wealth.

From Talmage's Last Sermon.

The prosperity of this nation has rolled up until the crest of the wave has broken and recoiled upon itself. More corn and wheat and cotton and rice than we can find profitable market for. More manufactured goods than we can dispose of. The grain markets are glutted and the factories by the hundreds stopped or run with only half the spindles harnessed, and wages are cut down because the supply has swamped the demand. Nothing is the matter to-day with this country but over production and under consumption. Where there is work for ten there are twenty who offer their services, and the hundred thousand wheels of American industry are slowing up, not because there is too little, but because there is too much. God has snowed upon the track of the nation such vast accumulation of prosperity that the engine which draws the train cannot plow any further through. The American nation is being choked to death with surplus of production and manufacture. Too much wheat, too much corn, too much cotton, too much fruit, too much coal and iron, too much hardware, too many dry goods, too many shoes, too many carpets, too many cattle, too many artisans, too many merchants, too many lawyers, too many doctors, and from the large numbers of excellent men in my own profession without settlements, some might think too many ministers.

The deluge of supply rises fifteen cubits high above the mountains of demand. The load of national wealth is greater than the team can draw. The man who dies for lack of a crust of bread is no worse off than the man who smothers to death in a wheat bin. The nation suffers to-day, not of anæmia, but of plethora; not from consumption, but from apoplexy. What shall we do? Let us rush right down to Washington and have the tariff changed say a multitude. But put up the tariff as high as the tip-top house of Mount Washington, and while you might keep out foreign goods, we have enough mills of our own left to weave ten flannel shirts where there is one back to wear them, and ten pair of shoes for every two feet that need them, and twenty curtains for every window that could support them, and twenty pair of eye glasses for all the visions that could be reinforced by them. Doctor the tariff with a homœopathic, or allopathic, or electric dose from now until the Thanksgiving Day of the year 3000, and you cannot in that way cure this chronic national malady.

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