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Only a Tramp.

Two well dressed young men seeing a seedy tramp in front of a saloon asked him to take a drink. When the glasses had been filled one of them called on the tramp for a speech. He drank and straightened himself to his full height and said:

"Gentlemen I look tonight at you and at my self and it seems to me that I have a picture of my life before me. This bloated face with its protruding nose and handsome features, this shaming figure, this proud as yours, a world of men. I, too, had a wife, friends and a position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, and I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect in the wine cup and Cleopatra like, saw it dissolve and quaffed it down in the brimming draught. I had children bright as the flowers of spring and I saw them fade and die under the blighting cause of a drunken father. I had a home where love lit the flame upon the altar and administered before it, and put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspirations and ambitions that soared as high as the morning star, and I broke and bruised their beautiful wings, and at last strangled them that I might be secured with my cries no more. Today I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp without a home to call his own, a man whom every good citizen is ready to swallow up as a drink." The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nervous fingers and shivered in a thousand fragments on the floor. The swinging door flung open and but again when the little group about the bar looked up the tramp was gone. Ex.

Just Take the Opposite View.

No matter what the question is, if you want to know where Taft and Roosevelt stand on it get the views just as opposite to the present administration and you will have it. Both of these men had opportunities of running the government, and history shows that neither of them made as much success as their successor. Of course they have to knock on Wilson's administration or the people would kindly forget them.—Albany Ledger.

Have your clothes pressed at Lane's, The Tailor Shop. 2-4

Possibly you have a dollar bill that belongs to us in your pocket. We will say right now that we have use for all the dollars that we can get.

This is an age of progress. If you have seen many summers pass you can call to mind many things which we now consider the necessities of life which were unheard of when you were small. Think it over.

Charles W. Green's Daily Argus published at Brookfield is one of the most newsy country dailies we know of but then Green is one of those newspaper boys who is always hustling for news and business and gets both. He is to be congratulated on the Daily Argus.

Why did June run away?

For Fire, Lightning, Tornado and Plate Glass Insurance, see A. S. Jayne.

If the Heart is Warm.

Ice binds the flowing streams;
The water is hidden and cold;
Frost in the star light gleams;
Winter his story has told.
It is the story of death,
Sung in an icy breath,
But the cold cannot harm,
If the heart is warm.

Wide and far winter reigns,
Covering land, covering sea,
Covering valleys, mountains, plains;
Death to the flower, death to the bee.

The birds have taken flight,
Fleeing the icy night,
But no need for alarm,
If the heart is warm.

Wind, rain and falling snow,
Are as tears, grief and pain;
All are a part of the world below
And all melted by the summer rain.

Streams will run again, flowers bloom,
And joy dispel life's gloom.
It's all in the mystic charm—
If the heart is warm.

C. S. York

Household Hints.

Fish may be scaled much easier by first dipping them into boiling water for a minute.

An immediate cure for hiccup is to take a lump of sugar with a few drops of vinegar on it.

Very frequently when separating the whites from the yolks of eggs the yolk becomes broken and falls into the white. Dip a cloth in warm water, wring it dry, and touch the yolk with a corner of it, and the yolk will adhere to the cloth and may easily removed.

To clean and brighten oil paintings, sponge the painting very carefully with a pure soap and luke warm water and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth. With a piece of chamois skin dipped in sweet oil rub all over the picture. This cannot injure the finest work of art.

When washing and rinsing colored materials add a teaspoonful of Epsom salts to each gallon of water and even the most delicate shades will neither fade nor run. Serge or merino dresses, which have been dyed black, can be safely washed in this way without any risk of the dye running.—Colman's Rural World.

Patronize Home Industries.

An Independence woman returned from Kansas City the other day and proudly exhibited a household article she said she always had wanted. It was an oil mop. Her brother, who runs a store in Independence, remarked that he kept oil mops of that make in stock. "And I sell them 99 cents cheaper than you say you paid in Kansas City, and deliver them free," he said. "Why don't you advertise them?" retorted the sister. "I saw this oil mop advertised, price and all, and thought was I getting a bargain."—Republic.

Recipes.

Individual Spare Ribs—Cut spare ribs into pieces about 4 inches long and 4 ribs wide. Make a stuffing bread crumbs and seasonings. Lay a spoonful on the spare ribs, roll and tie securely. Sear the rolls in a pan over a hot fire, then put in the pan just enough water to keep the meat from sticking and cover tightly. Steam in this way one hour, add water as necessary. Serve with apple sauce.

Hot Roast Beef Sandwich.—Cut in slices of bread, butter sparingly and lay slices of cold roast beef between the bread, seasoning the meat. Put in a moderate oven to heat thoroughly. Make a brown gravy of stock well flavored with tomato. Put the sandwiches on hot plates, pour gravy over each and serve immediately.

Pigs in Blankets.—Wipe oysters on a clean towel, then roll each oyster in a thin slice of bacon, fasten with a toothpick. Place in a pan and bake in a moderate oven until the bacon is crisp. Avoid leaving too long for then the oyster will shrink and become tough.

Sausage and Fried Apples.—Pare and core two tart apples, and cut into quarter-inch rings. Cook half a dozen rounds of sausage in a frying pan for ten minutes, thinning until both sides are brown. Add the apple rings, cover, and cook until the apples are tender. In serving, make a mound of mashed potatoes in the center of a hot platter and arrange alternate rings of sausage and apples around it.

Scalloped Sausage.—Arrange half a dozen slices of sausage in the bottom of a baking dish, cover with mashed potatoes which have been well seasoned with salt, pepper and butter, and in a which a can of milk has been beaten, do not use of butter, and bake in a hot oven.

Nut Bread. 1 cupful brown sugar, 4 cupfuls Graham flour, 1 cupful chopped walnuts, 1 teaspoonful salt, 1 large tablespoonful baking powder, 2 cupfuls sour milk, 1 teaspoonful soda. Mix dry ingredients, add sour milk in which soda has been dissolved. Bake in two loaves in a moderate oven.

Graham Muffins. 1 cup Graham or entire wheat flour, 1 cup flour, 1-4 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup milk, 1 egg, 1 tablespoon melted butter, 4 teaspoons baking powder. Mix and sift dry ingredients; add milk, egg well beaten and melted butter; bake in hot oven in buttered gem pans twenty five minutes.

Oatmeal with Apples.—Core apples, leaving large cavities, pare and cook till soft in a syrup made of sugar and water. Fill the cavities with oatmeal porridge; serve with sugar and cream. This would make an excellent supper dish for children, and would be a pleasing change from plain porridge.—H. M. Star Farmer.

Spare Moments.

What do you with your spare moments? Do you use them to better yourself, or do you use them for a good time?

You have ambitions, every intelligent person has. Why don't you show the world what you can do? Are you waiting for something to turn up that will give you promotion? That is mighty uncertain. You may be waiting thirty years from now for something to turn up and your best days are past. Then what will you do when you realize your life has been a failure? When you go down the street, look around you and you can see example of people who have been waiting for something to turn up. Ask them and they will tell you where they made their mistake.

Make use of your spare moments by training yourself for a better position. Make your own opportunities. Show the business world you are a live one, then they will receive you with open arms.

Make something out of yourself. Make up your mind at once.

Take one moment now, and sum up the number of hours you are actually wasting each day. Many of our most prominent men of this country have won their distinction by making use of their spare moments.—Frankford Chronicle.

Test for Prospective Father. No man has any business to get married until he can listen to a crying baby without saying things that wouldn't look well in print.

Not to Be Wondered At. History fails to record a single instance of a woman having fallen in love with a man as the result of seeing him eat a plate of spaghetti.

THE BANK BOOK IS THE BEST BOOK THE "PRUDENT MAN" HAS ONE.



JOIN WITH US TO GET THE BEST OF THOSE WHO ARE ALWAYS KEEPING THEIR BANK BALANCE GROWING. MONEY PUT IN OUR BANK RIGHT HERE AT HOME STAYS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY, AND THIS HELPS DEVELOP IT AND HELPS EVERYBODY TO PROSPER. WHY SEND MONEY AWAY WHEN WE CAN INCREASE THE VALUE OF OUR OWN PROPERTY BY BUILDING UP OUR OWN TOWN?

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Why an Ad Series?

The following poem is dedicated to the man who runs one ad and quits because it does not set all his goods.

One step won't take you very far,
You have to keep on walking;
One word won't tell folks who you are,
You have to keep on talking;
One inch won't make you very tall,
You have to keep on growing;
One little ad won't do it all,
You have to keep them going.

If not convinced, you can prove by an Ad Series in

The Democrat

And suppose your ad was in this space -be reading it yourself, wouldn't you?

Watch for the "Clutching Hand".

The Spirit of Envy Curse of America.

The spirit of envy that is abroad in the land is the curse of the American people. The laborer is envious of his employer and would in his heart rejoice to see the business go to the wall. The borrower is envious of the loaner and harbors a sort of hope that sometime the latter will be forced to the same position that he now occupies. The renter is not interested in the prosperity of his landlord. The wearer of good clothes is envied by the woman who is unable to gown herself in equally attractive apparel and so it goes the world over—the lower down envious of the one higher up. The result is a continual effort all along the line to pull down the one higher up. It's an unfortunate spirit and needs to be weeded out of American politics and American social life.—Kirkville Journal.

SALESMAN WANTED—to look after our interest in Monroe and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission. Address THE VICTOR OIL COMPANY, Cleveland, Ohio.

Call 49 Bell Phone.

We call for and deliver your clothes. All work guaranteed satisfactory. 2-4.

FARM LOANS!

W. B. Spalding,
Monroe City, Mo.

represents

Security Farm Loan Association of Chicago

Negotiators for farm loans, 6 percent interest, 5 or 10 years. Straight 2 1/2 percent commission. Call or write for particulars. Our plan is new and good.

A Kansas farmer, a Dane applied for naturalization papers. The judge asked him: "Are you satisfied with the general conditions of the country?"

"Yes," drawled the Dane.

"Does the government suit you?" queried the judge.

"Yes, yes; only I would like to see more rain," replied the farmer. — Ex.