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W. J. Stearns

Prof. Chemistry, College of Pharmacy Dept., University of California.

Older Gold.

"It takes Chicago to reach the limit of refined elegance. I mean elegance as Chicago knows it. Here's an illustration of it on my watch chain, and I value it as much as a wild westerner as I do for its personal associations. The speaker held up a gold coin about the size of a \$5 goldpiece, fastened to his watch chain by a small eye. It bore the stamp of the South African republic and was glancingly bright. A friend of mine, who has traveled much in Africa, brought home a dozen of these to give to his friends as souvenirs," he continued. "The coins were of a rather deep red hue originally, and just as pure gold as is practicable for continual use. My friend had occasion to go to Chicago on his return from Africa and found himself compelled to pass a fortnight there before coming back to civilization. He took the coins to a prominent Chicago jeweler with orders to affix on each an eye. 'All right, sir,' said the jeweler. 'We'll fix 'em up in good style.' A few days later my friend stopped in for the coins. They were returned to him, fixed as he had ordered them, and a little more. 'I thought they looked a bit dull and wouldn't be the worse for brightening up a bit,' explained the jeweler. 'You'll find they look more natty now.' And they did, for he had gilded every one."—Boston Gazette.

Polk, Dallas and Texas.

Dr. A. W. Carnes delivered the address of welcome at a reunion of pioneers in Hutchins, Dallas county, recently. Among other things he said: "In 1844 the battalions of the admirers and followers of one of Tennessee's most honored sons—yes, of one of the nation's most honored sons—was, 'Polk, Dallas and Texas' that was the cry of the victors of that day, but little did those who gave voice to that sentiment realize the magnitude of its import. Little did they think that that vast expanse of untilled prairies that had just wrested itself by the mighty arm of a Houston, of a Travis, of a Lamar, of a Ruak and of a Crockett from the grasp of the Astec world, in the time of their compatriots even, blossom as the rose and become the home of the arts and the sciences. Its history reads like the wonderful tales of the Arabian Nights." Under the magic touch of those pioneers cities and industries sprang into existence like the mythical castles of an Aladdin."—Dallas (Tex.) News.

Paris Women Protest.

The managers of the Theatre Francaise have become frightened at the dimensions of the fashionable hat and have posted a notice to the effect that no bonnets of any description, large or small, will be allowed in the stalls, either at matinee or evening performances. This has raised a storm of almost tearful protest from Paris women. They are willing to leave the picture hat at home, but they beg for the privilege of wearing the tiny bonnet. Every woman knows how demoralizing it is to the coiffure to have to take off hat and veil, and when this must be accomplished in a dressing room crowded with women hurrying to join impatient escorts it may be assumed that heads with chevrons decidedly mussed must be the result. One woman seeks refuge in print, objecting in strong language at leaving her beloved bonnet, an objet d'art, as she calls it, to the tender mercies of a theater dressing room caretaker. Althought it is a pretty muddle, and one from which the managers of the Francaise must suffer if they persevere in their stern dictum.

THE SECRET OF GOOD CROPS.

The modern farmer is not content to use the antiquated tools and methods of his fathers. In this age of keen competition, the farmer who wishes to prosper, needs and gets the most improved farming implements, and by reading the best agricultural literature, he keeps in touch with the spirit of progress that pervades our farming communities. It is particularly so, in regard to the kind of seed he plants and the manner of planting it. The seeds must be of highest fertility, and consequently one of the most profitable varieties of stock. The great seed man of D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich., fully appreciates this fact, as is attested by their progressive business methods and the quality of the seed which they supply farmers and gardeners through the dealers all over the country. The reliability and fertility of their seeds are proverbial, and the largest seed business in the world has been created by their sale. In evidence of this fact, the knowledge of the wants and requirements of the farmer and gardener, and the reliable encyclopaedia of planting and farming knowledge, it contains more useful and practical information than any text book that is sold for a dollar or more, yet it will be mailed free to any one sending his name and address on a postal card to the firm.

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MRS. MONROE'S DOCTRINE.

She Made a New Rule for Women of the Executive Mansion. About the time that James Monroe as President of the United States proclaimed the great doctrine which bears his name in international affairs his wife, Eliza Kortright Monroe, took a stand in social affairs which has stood the test of time quite as well as that



MRS. JAMES MONROE.

of her great husband. She absolutely refused to return any social calls. Great was the row it stirred up, and the charges of affecting rude manners and customs and of being rude and all the rest rained about Mrs. Monroe's head. But it was of no avail. She stuck it out and each "first lady of the land" has followed her example since. So great, however, was the disturbance over Mrs. Monroe's refusal to return calls that John Quincy Adams considered it necessary to draw up and formally promulgate a formula of etiquette which has since regulated the life of the Executive Mansion. After the revolution James Monroe, then only 23 years old, went to New York as a delegate in Congress from Virginia. He was a handsome young fellow with political and military success upon him in a marked degree and a distinguished ancestry. There he met the beautiful daughter of Lawrence Kortright, who was an important figure in the social life of New York of that day, and, falling in love, they were married.

The Workingman's Day. Sunday is the workingman's day—a day for well-earned rest at home. At the recent English Church Congress the Sunday question was discussed, and the strongest advocate of its religious observance was a workingman. Says the New York Churchman: "With remarkable effect, he challenged those speakers who had advocated a modified observance of the Sunday to produce the workingman who would defend the modern inroads upon the keeping of the Sunday as a day of rest. It is worthy of notice that as a rule the son of toil is in favor of the American Sunday. Even when he is not a church-goer, the steady and sober workingman finds his chief recreation in the peaceful pleasures of the home. He does not seek the riotous beer-garden, he does not frequent the Sunday concert hall, nor does he care to break in upon his Sunday rest by the noise and turmoil of a railway ride. A careful investigation of the manner in which the workingman prefers to spend his Sunday will prove that such is the case.

A REMARKABLE MEMORY. "John Smith" is a Living Criminal Directory at Sing Sing. "I never forget a face or a name; I do not think there is a man in the United States who knows by sight as many criminals and officers of the law as myself." The man who made this sweeping statement conceals his identity as much as he can under the name of John Smith. To the officials of Sing Sing prison, N. Y., he is best known as "the walking encyclopedia," or the man who never forgets. He is the criminal directory of the country. Smith is a trusty at Sing Sing, and his latest term of imprisonment dates from 1891. His duties primarily are those of the record clerk, which office he fills, but a fair knowledge of medicine has made him de facto an assistant prison physician. Every prisoner who enters Sing Sing is examined by him. To every one who leaves he says good by. "A most remarkable man," said Warden Sage, in speaking of him, "I never saw his equal."

When in response to Warden Sage's summons a short, rather stoutly built man entered his office, there was apparently nothing about the newcomer that would attract particular attention until a good look at his face was obtained. From a countenance gray with prison pallor keen eyes looked out through spectacles. The broad, high forehead showed intellect. The face, after brief scrutiny, evidenced exceeding intelligence. The voice gave proof of intelligent gentility, refinement and cultivation which a life of crime has failed to eliminate.

The same object seen from three different points of view—the past, the present and the future—often exhibits three different faces to us, like those signboards over shop doors which represent the face of a lion as we approach, of a man when we are in front and of an ass when we have passed.—Longfellow. Much attention is being paid at present to the long neglected letter "u" of our alphabet. Teachers in vocal culture give their pupils the sentence, "Did you get your Century I sent you?" to enunciate with an entire elimination of "i" and "eh" sounds.



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PAID HIM TO FORGET

IT WAS LUCKY THE PROPRIETOR TOOK HIM FOR A REPORTER.

A Quiet Little Game in New York Where They Played "Senator"—The Man Who Played For the House Gave \$25 For the Privilege of Drawing to Ace and King.

One of the tightest squeezes that I ever got out of, said the inveterate poker player, was in New York during the rise of the great moral wave that was being felt in every gambling house in the city.

I was almost a total stranger in the city, but the second night after my arrival I let the clerk of the hotel know that I wanted to find some place where there was a little game, not too steep, in progress, and after sizing me up for a time he whispered a number in my ear.

After sundry rappings and waitings I passed through a series of halls and rooms and was shown into a large gambling parlor that was apparently doing a good business in spite of the reformers.

I seated myself at a table where they were playing "senator." The game is nothing more nor less than poker with the exception that it is all jackpots, and a man can open the pot on any kind of a hand he wishes instead of having to see before him the traditional "jacks or better." This scheme makes the game a much livelier one and more attractive to men who are good at bluffing.

There were six of us playing. The cards were dealt by a man employed by the house, who dealt to every man in the exception that it is all jackpots, and a man can open the pot on any kind of a hand he wishes instead of having to see before him the traditional "jacks or better." This scheme makes the game a much livelier one and more attractive to men who are good at bluffing.

The game was comparatively new to me, and as it is a confusing one to a man who has been accustomed to sitting up the man who opened the pot as surely having some sort of a hand I lost steadily.

From several things I gathered that the man at my right was "playing for the house"—that is, he was supplied with chips free and paid to the proprietor a certain per cent of his winnings. As the game is one of bluffing and a man free from care and betting other people's money can bluff better than a man who sees his little pile steadily diminishing, the man who played for the house very generally won.

When I came into the room I had with me \$500, for I was out on a collecting tour. In one brief hour I was down to \$100, and then came my first good hand.

I had three big aces pat, and I opened the pot for a good sum. The most of the players at the table who had noticed my timid style of play at once dropped at my exhibition of strength, and I began to kick myself for giving my hand away so. The only man that staid was the one who I believed was playing for the house.

He drew three cards, and I drew one and bet \$25. The other man looked at my pile of chips and said, "How much have you on the table?"

"I answered, "Fifty dollars."

"Well, I will raise you that \$50," said he, with a laugh.

Of course I called, and he laid down a straight, ace high, with the remark that it was a pretty lucky draw to an ace and king that he had held up. I remarked that it was a wonderfully lucky draw and asked how often he paid \$25 for a chance to draw to an ace and king.

Every one could see I was suspicious of cheating when I rose from the table and remarked that I had had enough. It was enough, for I didn't have another cent with me and little at the hotel. I loitered about the different games for awhile, for it is a great source of interest to a heavy loser to see other men win and notice how easy they take it.

While standing near the outer door I took out my notebook to see what chance I had of collecting enough to cover my loss until I had time to make it good. I had hardly made a couple of figures when I saw the man who had won the pot in a hasty manner and address another man, who was presiding at the wheel.

This man was the proprietor, and he at once came over to me and in a confidential tone inquired if I was a reporter. I saw my notebook had given him the impression and answered in an assured sort of way, "Yes."

"Well," said he, "how much is it going to take to make you forget this?" I didn't realize exactly what he meant, but answered that it had taken \$500 to make me remember it. He rushed me into the hall, handed me \$1,000 and said, "Well, forget it now."

I was saved and have never been a reporter since.—Boston Globe.

"Matilda," fervently exclaimed the lovelorn youth, "I can no longer endure this suspense and uncertainty. I must know my fate this night. For months I have carried your image in my heart. You have been the—the—" "The lodestar of your existence, and the Ultima Thule of all your hopes, Mr. Clugston," suggested Matilda, observing that the young man hesitated.

"Why, how did you know what I was going to say?" he demanded, in astonishment.

"I got it from Luis Bilderback and Mary Jane Wheelhouse," replied Matilda. "It's the same thing you said to them. I can repeat the whole speech, Mr. Clugston."—Pick Me Up.

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Decline of the Folding Bed.

The folding bed, once an immensely popular institution, is losing its grip. Not one is called for now where two or three years ago a dozen were ordered. Two big factories we know of, which a very few years ago had difficulty in keeping up with orders for folding beds even by working night and day, are now making other lines of furniture, and the folding bed production in all factories is steadily declining. The accidents which frequently occurred with the folding bed doubtless had some bad influence on its popularity, but this was not the only disadvantage the multum in parva furniture had to contend against. The beds were heavy, clumsy affairs, even under the most favorable conditions. Many are hard to handle and they are also hard to keep clean. Then there is an increased call for beds of brass and iron. Such beds are practically the only kind sold in England, and they have steadily increased in popularity in this country during the last five years.—Upshelterer.

In Evening Dress.

For those who don evening dress only infrequently much danger lurks, as all know, in the removal of high necked underwear and the sudden exposure to winter temperature. In such an event a wise course to pursue is to begin the day before the festive occasion to bathe the chest, neck and shoulders profusely with alcohol and to continue this treatment throughout the following day. There is no better preventive of colds, and alcohol does not, as is the case with so many much help, leave an unpleasant odor behind. For the last 12 hours before putting on the evening clothes it is well to wear about the house a lighter weight bodice or thinner flannels to accustom oneself by degrees to the coming change.

He Will Not Drown Himself

From the Troy, N. Y., Times.

R. W. Edwards, of Laneburg, was prostrated by sunstroke during the war and it has entailed on him peculiar and serious consequences. At present writing Mr. E. is a prominent officer of Post Loyn, G. A. R., Cohoes and a past aid de camp on the staff of the commander-in-chief of Albany Co. In the interview with a reporter, he said: "I was wounded and sent to the hospital at Winchester. They sent me together with others to Washington—a ride of about 100 miles. Having no room in the box cars we were placed face up on the bottom of flat cars. The sun beat down upon our unprotected heads. When I reached Washington I was insensible and was unconscious for ten days while in the hospital. An abscess gathered in my ear and broke; it has been gathering and breaking ever since. The result of this 100 mile ride and sunstroke, was heart disease, nervous prostration, insomnia and rheumatism; a completely shattered system which gave me no rest night or day. As a last resort I took some Pink Pills and they helped me to a wonderful degree. My rheumatism is gone, my heart failure, dyspepsia, and constipation are about gone and the abscess in my ear has stopped discharging and my head feels as clear as a bell when before it felt as though it would burst and my once shattered nervous system is now nearly sound. Look at those fingers," Mr. Edwards said, "do they look as if there was any rheumatism there?" He moved his fingers rapidly and freely and strode about the room like a young boy. "A year ago these fingers were gnarled at the joints and so stiff that I could not hold a pen. My knees would swell up and I could not straighten my leg out. My joints would squeak when I moved them. That is the living truth."

"When I came to think that I was going to be crippled with rheumatism, together with the rest of my ailments, I tell you life seemed not worth living. I suffered from despondency. I could not begin to tell you," said Mr. Edwards, as he drew a long breath, "what my feeling is at present. I think if you lifted ten years right off my life and left me prime and vigorous at 47 I could feel no better. I was an old man and could only drag myself painfully about the house. Now I can walk off without any trouble. That in itself," continued Mr. Edwards, "would be sufficient to give me cause for rejoicing, but when you come to consider that I am no longer what you might call nervous and that my heart is apparently nearly healthy and that I can sleep nights you may realize why I may appear to speak in extravagant praise of Pink Pills. These pills quiet my nerves, take that awful pressure from my head and at the same time enrich my blood. There seemed to be no circulation in my lower limbs a year ago, my legs being cold and clammy at times. Now the circulation there is as full and as brisk as at any other part of my body. I used to be so light-headed and dizzy from my nervous disorder that I frequently fell while crossing the floor of my house. Spring is coming and I never felt better in my life, and I am looking forward to a busy season of work."

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