

WHAT SOME MEN SAY WHEN THEY TALK.

"How do you do? I enjoy extremely late nights at the 'Heart's Content' saloon. I couldn't begin to tell you all the games, winnings and high old times we have there. Tom Slocum lost \$34 at draw poker; Joe Hard run a high-handed bluff and hauled in a pot of \$23 on a pair of deuces; blast his cheek, I held a pair of queens myself. Sam Keen got away with \$11 at euchre; I only lost \$7.50, though.

"Sed Schooner took on such — Take a cigar, No. one, Royal Havanas; dirt cheap, too; only \$15 a box. As I was saying, Tom took on such a cargo of Conkling sling, Maderia pure and old Tom, that we had to pilot him home. He no sooner got into the house than he began to sling things at the old Tom cat. Missing him, he smashed his new meerschaum all to smithereens. That made him so mad that he slapped the twins and threw the lamp at his wife.

"I only took a few glasses of ale-nog straight, but that ain't what ails me this morning and makes me so far from 'straight,' for after I got to bed I could not get a wink of sleep. The baby had the croup, and Ora squawked with the sarache, till I ached all over. The old woman said it was brought on by the child running barefooted on the damp ground, but a fellow can't afford to buy shoes these doggoned hard times. After I had dragged myself out of bed this morning, the old gal almost drove me to something desperate, by lecturing me some thing about no meat, no wood, etc. I didn't pay much attention, for what did I want of meat, I wasn't hungry! As for wood, I felt so much like wood that I could scarcely move; and what on earth she wanted of fire I could not imagine, for I was already burning with thirst and anger at being."

"O, yes; I know what it is to be hectored and lectured all the time. Why, I have had snakes in my boots, blindstagers and the blues. A few days ago I lost heavily in stocks; last night I bucked against the 'tiger' and was swamped to the tune of \$300; and this very morning I was threatened with a suit if I did not pay Sharp & Flint the few hundred dollars I borrowed a few years ago. The old skinflints would rob a fellow if he was not mighty sharp. Why I haven't—take some fine-cut Jackson's Best. Away up price, too—known a happy day since the honeymoon. I tell my wife that it is a shame for her to be so unsympathetic. She don't know what I do endure, and"

"No, of course not, how should they know? Women never have our trials. Besides, they are selfish, unfeeling things, anyway. It is a blessing they do not know all we know and say, if they did there would be no living with them at all. As it is they know enough, and they pretend to be quite disgusted with what they call our filthy habits. And no wonder some men are so filthy and conceited as to disgust a chicken rooster.

"What would—thanks, I will take a 'chaw' of old Navy for a change—the world come to if they knew all our ways of getting pleasure. They are not quite fools if they are women. They are so apt at comparing; and comparisons are odious. Time you have lived as long as I have, you'll not have as good an opinion of them. Truth is they are a conceited, heartless, rattle-headed crowd of vile consumers, caring for nothing but dress! dress! Doing nothing but eternally scolding and criticizing, and telling us what is best for us. The very idea of their presuming to counsel us is unbearable to every man who has a mind of his own. Got a match?"

"Have you heard Ray lecture? I would not go across the street much less pay 50 cents these hard times. What good is it going to do any one to hear him spout about the 'Charms of home, domestic felicity and family harmony.' All bosh, I will assure you."

"Yes, a deal of it; but, by the way, he tells

some truth when he says that if men would have pleasant homes they must help make them so. If husbands spend all their leisure time in bar-rooms and at the clubs, away from the love and confidence of wife, away from the sanctity of daughter and cheer of innocent childhood, they must expect the tender plant of love to be chilled and frozen by criminal neglect. Such talk sounds very nice, but I don't go much on him either. Is not that a noble animal of Browns, I would give a"

"You bet she is a clipper. What a pity she caught cold in the last storm, for Brown says she is not fit to be at the races next week. Sin, too! for I was going to put up heavy on her. What will you take? I'll take whisky straight. I don't often do that, but I feel so stupid and nervous like. Here is too"

"Were you down to the shooting match? There was some terrible fine scratching done there. That Bangs is a capital shot, if he is kind to his wife. But I had put in some fine shots with my hundred and fifty dollar new patent Creedmoor, and was five scores ahead of him, when I had the infernal luck to get my eye powder burnt and after that I could not shoot worth a"

"That was too bad, I would like to have seen you come out ahead old boy. There goes that temperance lecturer. Well I suppose teetotalism will do for the weak-minded that cannot stop when they get enough, but as for me I know (hic) when to quit. He is badly fooled if he thinks of getting any of the 'boys' to take up with his foolishness. He ought to be out at work, rather than sponging his living off his betters, turning respectable men against a (hic) harmless toddy, and ruining the government by killing the revenue. Take another snort, pard. This is the genuine truck. Have a jolly good time when you can is my motto. What if a fellow does have a headache or the blues after a while, why just brace up again and be as happy as a gundrop."

"Hey, so! ole chum; you're a solid old cronie. A little stimulus is necessary, especially when one has to work so hard to keep up appearances and make a half decent living, which would be the easiest thing out if a chap could get into some fat office. Were you at the last mass meeting? It was laughable, wasn't it? Now that old Poper has got nominated I expect they will pop him right into the legislature, and he don't know half as much about politics as my wife's poodle. The bigger fool a man is the more likely he is to get shoved right into position, and"

"That is so, by jingo! Jemima! I wish I was as near a blockhead, could drink as much bad liquor, and was as consummate a coward as old Wiggle, I might stand some chance of running for sheriff."

"Yes, indeed, you would get elected, sure. Well, I must be going. I suppose you will be down to the club to-morrow night? We are going to make up a purse for the boss shooter at the next round. The lucky winner will look handsome in a champion gold belt. And if our old War Horse don't run for a third term I will disfranchise myself and not vote for anybody. Well, so long; drop around again."

Solus: "Catch me buying gold belts these dull times. Why, it is all I can do to keep myself in three-cent cigars. As for Grant, I have had enough of him and bad whisky, and if he does run I'll take my party over to the Democratic side. I do hope the old woman has got a steaming, tempting supper ready, for I feel awful gone like. It would be very tough on me now if I had to cook my own supper; it would, that's a fact."—Exit.—*Howlett Eldridge in Pacific Rural Press.*

NEW DYE.—Sulphoamidazo-benolic and sulphoamidazotoluolic acids have been made permanent osany and orange yellow dyes by the conjugation of the sulpho-acids with amidoazobenzol and amidoazotoluol, the excess of acid neutralized by dissolution in alkali and concentrated. The colors are dyed in a slightly acid bath.

SUBMARINE ENGINEERING.—Some very interesting experiments have lately been made in raising sunken vessels or other submerged objects by a plan invented by a Viennese engineer. The *Berlin Tribune* says that the agent employed to lift the sunken objects is carbonic acid gas, generated below the surface of the water. In an otherwise empty balloon a bottle of sulphuric acid is placed, embedded in a quantity of Buller's salts, and an arrangement is provided by which the bottle can be broken at pleasure. The balloon, empty, with the exception of the bottle and the salts, is taken down by a diver, and securely attached to the object to be raised. The bottle is then broken, and the sulphuric acid thus set free percolates the salts and generates carbonic acid gas, which inflates the balloon, and after a time, causes it to rise to the surface, bringing with it the object attached to it. The trials which have been made with this new apparatus have, as yet, been only on a comparatively small scale, but they are stated to have been, so far, eminently successful. A small vessel, weighing several hundred pounds weight, was sunk in 60 feet of water, a diver was sent down and attached the balloon to it, and in a very short time the machine appeared on the surface of the water, bringing the vessel with it. On another occasion five sacks filled with sand were thrown overboard in 50 feet of water, and in five minutes were similarly recovered.

NEW ANTISEPTIC SALT.—During some experiments in separating sugar from molasses, a double salt of borate of potassium and sodium was found, that proved to have valuable antiseptic properties. This salt is now manufactured on a commercial scale, and costs about 10 cents a kilogramme or five cents a pound. It is obtained by dissolving in water equal quantities of chloride of potassium, nitrate of sodium and boric acid, filtering and evaporating to dryness. The salt is said to be quite deliquescent, and must be kept in tight bottles. It is quick in action, retains its qualities for a long time and has no injurious effect upon the taste, smell or healthfulness of the substances to which it is applied. It has already found a use in making sausages, in preserving meats, in tanning and in butter-making. A small quantity of the salt added to milk will preserve it in good condition for a week. It is also used in preserving beers and wines, and is being made the subject of experiments in several other directions.

POSITION OF THE PLANETS FOR JULY.—Mercury can be seen after sunset all through the month of July. Early in the month it keeps nearly the path of the sun; later it moves south of the point of sunset. On July 20th, it may be seen east of the crescent moon. Venus, on July 8th, passes near to the planet Uranus, but moves rapidly toward the east. It will be near the crescent moon July 22d. Mars, Saturn and Jupiter can all be seen at a late hour in the evenings of July, about midnight. Jupiter will be known by its size and brilliancy, Saturn by its white light, and Mars by its ruddy glow. Uranus may be found with an ordinary glass by its nearness to Venus. On July 8th, Uranus is a little south of Venus, after that it will be found west of Venus and a little north.

PRINTING PRESS MARVEL.—It is a puzzle to the ordinary mind that an unbroken sheet of paper may be made long enough to stretch from St. Louis to Illinois Bluffs, seven miles away. But what can exceed the ingenuity that constructs a machine that with a push of a lever takes the snowy paper into its ponderous iron jaws, and with the speed of an express train, imprints upon it even the faintest hair line of the smallest type, divides it accurately and uniformly into pages, places it in a book form, glues the backs, cuts the edges, and then folding these pages as evenly and smoothly as a girl would fold her first love letter, delivers the perfect newspaper—six, seven, eight, in case second!—*Missouri Republican.*