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HOOD'S Sarsaparilla

Will do you a wonderful amount of good. Be sure to get Hood's.

Prince to Stick Type.

Like all the male members of the royal house of Germany, the crown prince is about to learn a trade, which will probably be that of a compositor.

Age.

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"I wonder if I shall lose my locks, too, when I get your age?"

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TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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Bobbs—Laughter is a cure for indigestion.

Dobbs—But a man can't laugh when he has dyspepsia.—Baltimore American.

By taking GARFIELD TEA, the danger of contracting la grip is lessened, for the system is cleansed, the blood purified and the digestion perfected by this great herb cure.

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The German naval programme, which according to the original announcement, was not to be completed until 1916, is now, it seems, to be finished by 1906. In that year Germany will have at least 40 ships, 20 large cruisers and 28 small cruisers.

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In Sweden they have a land arrangement of this kind: the former will give a tenant so many acres of ground, provided the tenant will give him so many days labor for so many years, the labor to be paid as wanted.

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Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. Price 50c

The Caspian Sea.

The Caspian sea is literally a great depression in the surface of the earth. It is 84 feet below the regular sea level. Besides this, its waters have very little salt in them, being almost fresh.

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Russell & Co., of Portland, Ore., the largest dealers in machinery on the Pacific Coast, have just issued at considerable expense a neat and very complete account book for up-to-date threshermen, etc. The books are for free distribution, and all people who want them should write immediately to Russell & Co., Portland, Ore.

Police Hard to Dismiss.

A New York police commissioner declared that it was easier to hang a man for murder there than to dismiss a policeman. "Last year," he said, "the board had to pay out $130,000 in back salaries to men who had been reinstated by the courts.

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Anti-Automobile Law.

Denver has an ordinance which prohibits operating an automobile at a speed greater than six miles an hour, and employs a mounted policeman to enforce it.

CATARRH

Catarrh has become such a common disease that a person entirely free from this disgusting complaint is seldom met with. It is customary to speak of Catarrh as nothing more serious than a bad cold, a simple inflammation of the nose and throat. It is, in fact, a complicated and very dangerous disease; if not at first, it very soon becomes so.

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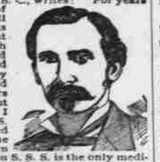

Mr. T. A. Williams, a leading dry-goods merchant of Spartanburg, S. C., writes: "For years I had a severe case of nasal Catarrh, with all the disagreeable effects which belong to that disease, and which make life painful and unendurable. I used medicines prescribed by leading physicians and suggested by numbers of friends, but without getting any better. I then began to take S. S. S. It had the desired effect, and cured me after taking eighteen bottles. In my opinion S. S. S. is the only medicine now in use that will effect a permanent cure of Catarrh."

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HER WEIGHT IN GOLD.

BIG RANSOM PAID A MEXICAN BRIGAND.

He Had Stolen the Tutor of a Rich Man's Children and the Sweetheart of His Son—A Romance of the Mountains.

From the mountains of Mexico comes a story that reads more like a romance of medieval times than a narration of occurrences in modern life. Indeed it hardly seems possible that even in Mexico such an event could occur. One hundred and twenty pounds of gold and alongside it 120 pounds of girl! The gold ransomed the girl and the son of the man who paid the ransom now is the husband of the girl.

Among the last lingering bandits of Mexico Luigi Cortinas still holds place, his abode, if it may be so called, being the mountains of Western Chihuahua, where offshoots off the Sierra Madres cut away from the main range by the Gulf of California afford him a hiding place. The rurales have not yet found him, nor is it likely they will, for Cortinas has just retired from 'business' with the proceeds of his new venture, estimated at $40,000. It is an ideal bandit story.

Senor Poyerima, grown rich by his mines, realized, when no longer young, that his children's education was defective. His friend, La France, suggested that he send for Lorena Jarrett, his niece, and make her the tutor of his children. Lorena lived in Texas. She was sent for and came quickly. She became more than a tutor to the children. The son saw in her much to admire. They became lovers. Frequently they rode out together into the mountains.

It was on one of these joyous, free rides that the shadow of Cortina fell upon them. It happened that Miss Jarrett and young Poyerima were riding along in the foot hills, drinking in the scenery and stimulated by the wine-like atmosphere of autumn, when two men stepped from the wood, and pointing their rifles at them ordered them to dismount.

Miss Lorena Jarrett.

BRIGANDS ORDERED THEM TO DISMOUNT.

Of course they complied. In fact resistance was impossible, and they offered none. The bandits tied the hands of their captives behind them and ordered them to move on. The orders were not delivered in most choice language, but there was no misunderstanding them. Their horses were ridden by their captors; and so they slowly clambered the steep, narrow trail in the hills.

At last they reached a spot that seemed to suit the views of their captors for a stopping place. The camping was brief and simple. They were ordered to sit down—on the ground. They complied.

The captors then went to playing cards, not for amusement, but to divide the spoils. The winner was to have the girl—la muchacha—and the loser must content himself with the boy. It became evident before they had played very many minutes that neither of them wanted the boy, and that whichever got him would lose no time in shooting him.

While the game was still in progress, amid much cursing as luck seemed to vibrate from one side to another and then back, a tall, typical Mexican strode into the recess and looked on. He seemed oblivious to the presence of the two captives, but very much interested in the game. But, seeing no stakes, which in Mexico are always kept in sight, he inquired what the game was for.

When the two players had replied the tall Mexican with the mustache strode over to where the two captives were crouched, and asked them who they were. The very instant young Poyerima had made known his identity he remarked:

"I am Cortina!"

His name was sufficient. Young Poyerima practically felt his doom sealed. But Cortina continued:

"I know your father well. We were muleteers together in the old days before he grew rich, and he knows me. He knows my word is perfectly good, and you need have no fear if you will follow my directions. Come with me!"

He took the young man aside and then told him his plans. They were simple and brief.

In short, Cortina remarked that he was anxious to abandon his career as a brigand, but must have money enough to live as a gentleman should. He then told young Poyerima to go to his father and tell him that he could ransom the girl on paying her weight in gold—"which," continued Cortina, "is cheap, as she is not very heavy."

There was an agreement as to a place and time for meeting, and young Poyerima rode away with his own horse, leaving Miss Jarrett to wonder what fate had in store for her.

Young Poyerima lost no time in hurrying home. He speedily acquainted his father with the facts. Ordering the pack animals to the front of the hacienda, he loaded two of them with sacks of gold, partly in bars and partly in coin, and, the son leading the way, the party set out to the hills to keep Cortina's appointment. Reaching there, they found that a scale had been made by balancing a pole over the bough of a tree, and at one end a hoop of leather thongs showed where the young woman who was to be the weight, should sit. At the other an open-mouthed sack hung ready to receive Poyerima's gold.

Miss Jarrett was brought from the woods and placed in the seat. She almost fainted with fear, for she knew nothing of the strange ceremony in which she was taking part, although the presence of the Poyerimas, father and son, reassured her. But she realized her position when the peons began pouring the gold into the sack.

Just as the pole tipped Cortina stepped forward.

"Not another peso!" he called out, grandiloquently. "I said her weight in gold, and that is enough."

Then she was given into the care of Poyerima, while Cortina, with many flourishes and bows and adios, followed his men back into the woods.

There was a wedding soon after, as might be expected. Mrs. Poyerima lives with her young husband at the marble quarry in Texas, just across the line, and tells the story only when the neighbors press her to. But the Mexicans call her "La sposa del oro"—the wife of gold.

THOSE TERRIBLE EYES.

Senator Cass Could Annihilate a Man with a Look.

Giant heads, bodies and brains were Webster and Cass. All the strength of New Hampshire granite was concentrated in those two sons. To look upon them made the ordinary man feel small. One removed to Massachusetts, the other to Michigan, and never were two states more highly honored. When these men met in the United States senate they were the cynosure of all eyes, for they were as imposing as Mount Washington, under whose shadow they were reared. Wonderful eyes they possessed, and men have been known to shiver with dread when one or the other allowed his glance to fall upon them. Cass could look through a stranger in a way to make his brain burn and his knees knock together. One searching stare seemed to destroy all mentality and fill the victim with paralytic emotions.

The other day I saw a man slap Senator Hanna on the back, cry "Hello, senator!" and receive a pleasant salute in reply. No man dared take liberties with Cass. In 1846 the proprietor of the National hotel in Washington was a man who so closely resembled the great senator from Michigan that he was often mistaken for him. An old friend, returning from a journey, entered the lobby, and, seeing him leaning against the desk, slipped up behind and hit him a terrific whack on the shoulder, saying cheerily and simultaneously, "Hello, old man; here I am, back again! How are you?" Senator Cass straightened up his six feet three, and, turning upon the assailant, his terrible blood-shotten eyes almost annihilated him with a look. Not a word was spoken. That look was ample. The stranger was so "rattled" that he could not even apologize, but slunk dejectedly out of the hotel.

Later in the day, when congress was supposed to be in session, the stranger returned to the hotel to shake hands with the proprietor and tell him all about the Cass incident. Walking bravely up he laid his hand down on his friend's shoulder, and without waiting for a greeting, surprised him with: "See here, old fellow, you got me in a deuce of a scrape this morning. Why you know I took old Cass for you; slapped him on the back, nearly taking off a shoulder, and the old fool looked at me as if he wanted to commit murder. The darned old lunatic—why doesn't he stay out of here? He knows——" Again the great senator from Michigan straightened up his six feet three, again he turned his blood-shotten eyes, again he looked and again the victim fled. Two mistakes of that kind in one day.—New York Press.

Was Too Literal by Far.

Colonel Pew tells a story of the Tenth regular Infantry that is pretty good. One night in Cuba one of the sentries was a raw recruit from the green isle and the officer of the day, on his rounds, was challenged by him.

"Who goes there?"

"Officer of the day."

Not a move on the part of the sentry and the officer of the day stepped forward and again was greeted by "Who goes there?" and he again replied in the same way. Not a move on the part of the sentry, but the officer of the day heard an ominous click.

"What are your orders, anyway?" he asked.

"Challenge three times, then fire," was the laconic and self-satisfied answer, and the officer of the day's hat was raised on his hair as he realized how near he was to being peppered by the sentry. The latter was given a few instructions before he went on sentry duty again.

In China.

First Statesman—Then we have agreed to the demands of the powers?

Second Statesman—Yes. The next question is how shall we avoid complying with them?—Puck.

There is great sympathy for an Atchison woman. It is figured that by the time her period of mourning is over, and she can entertain, all her doylies will be out of style.

Cost of Paris Police.

The cost of the police force of Paris grows steadily year by year. In 1872 it was $4,041,725 of which $2,237,300 was paid by the city and the rest by the government; in 1885, $4,961,300; in 1895, $6,448,170.

Easy.

"Ah! yes," sighed the lovelorn youth. "I'm passionately in love with Miss Van Fickel. I wonder if I will ever succeed in winning her affections?"

"Why not?" replied his cousin Helen. "I know of at least half a dozen other men who have."—Philadelphia Press.

A Strong Man's Secret.

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Six young ladies have learned the art of bell ringing in the village of Bradfield, England. They "rang in" 1901 at the church.

And Brings You Nothing but a Bill.

Friend—What is hope?

Poet—It is something that wakes you up at 4 o'clock in the morning when the postman doesn't come around till 10.—Syracuse Herald.

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Cahill—Was the strike a success?

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From the Press, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Signed, MRS. JENNIE TUTTLE.

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The Doctor's Order.

Mother (an invalid)—Johnny, don't you think I ought to punish you for being so bad?

Johnny (aged 5)—No mamma. You know the doctor said you was not to indulge in any violent exercise.

In Mourning.

Butcher—Leg o' Mutton? Yes'm.

Mrs. De Rigeur—And let it be off a black sheep, if you please. We're in mourning, you know.—Philadelphia Record.

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An Old Fort in Florida.

The oldest fort in America is at St. Augustine, Fla. It was built by the Spanish over three centuries ago. It was for a long time used as a prison.

Right Up With the Crowd.

"Oh, yes, they're getting on."

"How do you mean?"

"They're keeping up with the world—they're not living in the dead past—they call their hired girl 'the maid.'"—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Fatal Candor.

Suitor—Yes, sir, I assure you I would be glad to marry your daughter, even if she were poor as a churchmouse.

Mr. Moneybags—That settles you! I don't want a fool in my family.—Philadelphia Press.

Caused Reduction in Arrests.

The fee system for arrests in Jackson county, Missouri, was abolished a year ago. The number of arrests since that time has considerably decreased.

Change of Name.

Mrs. Greene—I suppose the Chitlings are awfully stuck up since they got that money from Mrs. Chitling's uncle?

Mrs. Gray—Not so much as one might have supposed; but I notice that when they have mincemeat on the table they call it croquettes; it used to be plain hash.—Boston Transcript.

After the Consultation.

Patient—Now, doctor, what's the matter with me, anyway?

The Head Consulting Physician—My dear, sir, do you suppose that if we knew what was the matter with you, we would have decided to hold a post-mortem?—Harper's Bazar.

Cui Bono?

"They say that Old Gotrox is barely able to write his name."

"Now, that shows the injustice of things. Here I could write my name to a check with the greatest ease; but what's the use?"—Indianapolis Press.

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Quick Exit.

"Mr. Lew told me that he was a Yale man. Do you know what class he was graduated from?"

"From the sophomore class."—Harlem Life.

It Sometimes Happens.

"Curses on him!" growled the hard-worked humorist.

"Curses on him! His wife gave him a letter to mail, and he mailed it!"

Gnashing his teeth and otherwise comporting himself with rage, the h. h. continued to hurl anathemas at the man who spoiled the joke.—Baltimore American.

He Was Emphatic.

"I am informed that your husband is a professor of language, and I called to find out what his terms are."

"Well, when he's excited, they are unfit for publication."—Richmond Dispatch.

A Hopeless Case.

"It's no use; Chumleigh never will have sense."

"Why? What has he done now?"

"Paid me $10 he owed me right in front of my tailor."

Her Definition.

"What is your definition of satire?"

"Satire," said Miss Cayenne, "is something that compels you to laugh against your will in order to let it appear that you are not angry."—Washington Star.

New Industry in Australia.

The culture of the olive has recently been introduced into South Australia and Victoria, and good crops of fruit are now being obtained, yielding an excellent oil. The industry bids fair to become an important one.

Her Pointed View.

Chappie (blase)—Don't you think society is an empty thing?

Miss Fuller—I think there are lots of empty things in society.—Smart Set.

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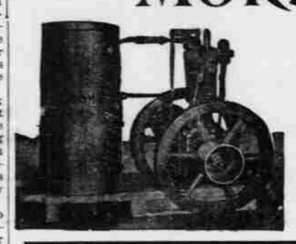

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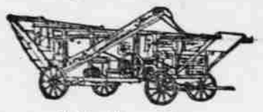

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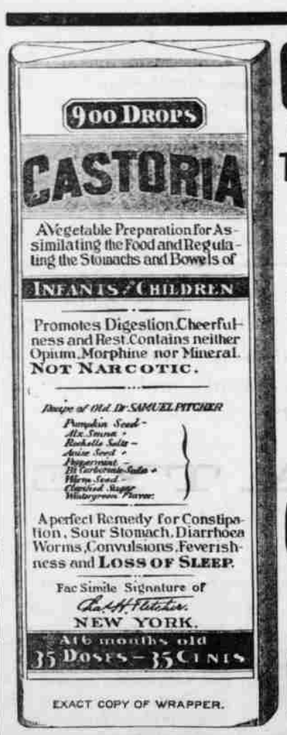

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Science AND Invention

An electric railroad between Rome and Naples is proposed, the line being 133 miles long. The idea is to furnish fast trains, with frequent service.

The late Professor Marsh, of Yale, bequeathed his house and grounds for a botanical garden. They are to be made the home of the newly created school of forestry.

Prof. C. H. Eigenmann has discovered a new type of cave salamander, an active creature about four inches long, with protruding eyes and a tail longer than its body, speckled brown and yellow, and the peculiar formation of its feet enables it to climb vertical walls of glass and even move like a fly across the ceiling.

Attention is called by the London Lancet to the fact that canned tomatoes are now being extensively colored, in order to make them look attractive and as if made from ripe fruit. Among the colors so employed are coal-tar colors and cochineal. The subject of artificial coloring and preservation of food is now receiving great attention in England.

In the new process of welding invented by Dr. Goldschmidt, of Essen, a compound called "thermit," made of aluminum and certain metallic oxides, is employed to obtain an extraordinary degree of heat. With the aid of a melting-pot, rails and pipes can be immediately welded at any place. The pot being filled with an inflammable mixture and ignited, a few spoonfuls of thermit are added, and the temperature quickly rises as high as 3,000 degrees Centigrade. An aluminum oxide is then poured on the part of the rail, or pipe, to be welded, and the work is done, "so quickly that the pot is cold and can be taken into the hand after being emptied."

According to the statement of a former resident in the Klondyke, the inhabitants of that region suffer much from snow blindness. Dark glasses seem to be of no value in the way of prophylaxis. That which afforded the most protection was wooden goggles, the patterns for which were taken from those worn by the Indians. These were whittled out of a piece of wood, fitting closely around the eyes, and with no glasses at all; but in the place of glasses were very small openings to see through, the inside being colored black. A projection like the visor of a cap extended over them, which was also colored black on the under side to shade the eyes.

The great earthquake that shook India on June 12, 1897, was remarkable for the curiously distorting effects it produced upon standing objects. Similar effects have been noticed from other earthquakes, but seldom to so striking an extent. In a report of the Geological Survey of India there is an illustration showing how this earthquake twisted a lofty monument at Chhatak. The monument was an obelisk of brick, coated with plaster, more than 60 feet tall and 12 feet square at the base. About six feet of the top was broken off and thrown to the south, and nine feet more was thrown to the east. Then a piece 20 feet in height was separated, 23 feet above the ground, and twisted in a direction opposite to the motion of the hands of a watch, but without falling.

TAKING LIFE MASKS.

It Is a Tedious Operation, Especially for the Subject.

One often observes when reading of the demise of a celebrity that a mask was taken by Mr. So-and-So, the celebrated sculptor, soon after the death, but really very few people know how this is carried out. They might have some idea that plaster of paris is put over the dead man's face, but there the idea ends.

A mask from life is taken almost precisely in the same way as after death, save that much greater care has to be used, as the subject's life hangs on very thin thread, or, to be more precise, two small quills. It requires a great deal of nerve and patience to undergo, the sensation being most disagreeable. When a mask from life is about to be secured, the subject reclines on a long table, and towels are placed around his neck and forehead to prevent the plaster going where not intended. The face is slightly greased, but not enough to fill the pores of the skin. Care has to be especially taken with the eyelashes, as otherwise, in the subsequent operations, these are likely to be pulled off, which would not be exactly pleasant. A small quill is now inserted in either nostril to allow the subject to breathe through, and cotton wool lightly pressed around the base to keep the liquid plaster from intruding. A pair of scissors is always kept handy, so as to be able to cut off the tops of the quills, should by any chance the plaster splash up and cover them. All being ready a few cheering words are spoken to the unhappy victim, and the plaster is mixed over the features. The plaster, through being mixed with warm water, quickly hardens, and in the course of about five minutes the mold is strong enough to be taken off. It has to be carefully done, as the subject is generally so very eager to get a mouthful of fresh air once again. A slight tap with the hand is given to the two side pieces, which relieves the joints made by the thread. The top or conical piece is then lifted up and pulled slightly downward, so as to withdraw the quills from the nose as they come out with the mold. The sides are then taken off. Probably some of the hair may hold the mold, but with a little coaxing, or by the insertion of the scissors, it can soon be removed. Care must be used to get the ears, but without breaking either the subject or the mold. The ears are only taken on the front sides, cotton wool being placed at the back to prevent the plaster going around. When removed the three pieces are put together and plaster placed on the exterior to hold and strengthen them.—Strand Magazine.

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