

Dragged-Down Feeling

In the loins. Nervousness, unrefreshing sleep, despondency. It is time you were doing something.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Acts with the most direct, beneficial effect on the kidneys. It contains the best and safest substances for correcting and toning these organs.

A Distinction. "Papa, were we descended from monkeys." "Not all of us, my boy. Some were ascended."

A bottle of Hamlin's Wizard Oil is a Medicine Chest in itself; it cures pain in every form.

The North Side of a Tree. The side of a tree on which most of the moss is found is the north.

A Woman's Aim. Justice—Did you throw a brick at this man? Mrs. O'Toole—No, sir. Justice—Then how was it that you hit him? Mrs. O'Toole—Because I t'rowed it at some wain else, yer honor.

Shake Into Your Shoes. Allen's Foot-Ease. A powder. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet.

More Interesting. "Were you interested in that account of the Washington man who suddenly disappeared?" "Well, I'd have been more interested in an account of a man who gradually disappeared!"

The Written Proposal. Scribbles—I wrote a story once that came near winning a \$50,000 prize. Dribbles—What side-tracked you? Scribbles—The girl's father.—Chicago News.

"The Bride Was Attired—" Wife (looking over old-fashioned magazine)—What frights we must have been in 1895. Husband—Yes, love is blind, all right. That's the year you married me.

Almost Discouraging. "We are going to have a number of beautiful libraries," said the happy man. "Yes," replied the gaunt person with the lustrous eye. "It is a terrible responsibility to put upon this generation. I don't know who is to write the books worthy of such magnificent surroundings."

Deserved Better. He—Do you mean to say the plumber has not been here yet? She—No; isn't it shameful? And we are such good customers; our plumbing is nearly always out of order!

A Bad Disease

There is a certain disease that has come down to us through many centuries and is older than history itself, yet very few outside of those who have learned from bitter experience know anything of its nature or characteristics.

Contagious Blood Poison

This strange poison does not affect all alike; some are literally eaten up with it within a short time after being inoculated, while others show but slight evidence of any taint for a long time after exposure.

OUR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT is doing a noble work in relieving suffering. Give our physicians a short history of your case and get their advice. This will cost you nothing, and what you pay will be held in strictest confidence.

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CROWS BATTLE WITH HAWK.

The Fight Ends in the Death of the Predatory Bird. Druid Hill Park, in Baltimore, near Superintendent Cassell's residence, was the scene on a recent Sunday of one of the fiercest battles ever fought between crows on the one side and a large chicken hawk on the other.

It is a well-known fact that the relations between hawks and crows have been strained perhaps since creation, hawks neglecting no opportunity to destroy young crows before they leave the nests.

Fully twelve or fifteen crows took part in this battle. The hawk was attacked in midair while hovering over a crow's nest. The onslaught made him furious, and he retaliated by swooping down on the tree in which the nest was built.

The hawk fought with bill and claws, while the crows used only their bills. The fight became so hot that the hawk was compelled to leave the tree, and, being too exhausted to fly, sank to the ground.

The hawk fought as long as he could stand on his feet, says the Baltimore Sun. Even while lying on his side or back he kept up the struggle. The crows, however, were relentless and kept on pecking away until their adversary fell dead.

TRIPPLICATE BAGGAGE CHECK.

It is a matter of common knowledge, among travelers especially, that much confusion and annoyance result from the present duplicate system of checking articles in parcel rooms, railroad stations, etc., mistakes in delivery often occurring because there is no means of identifying the owner should the article be delivered at the wrong address.



When the owner arrives at his or her destination and desires the delivery of the baggage one of the coupons may be given to the delivery man, enabling him to secure the goods, the remaining coupon being given up when the delivery is made.

Soufriere's Two Craters. The summit of Mount Soufriere, St. Vincent, 3,500 feet above sea level, is divided into two craters. The first is three miles in circumference and 500 feet deep, and is separated from what is known as the "new crater" by a very thin and narrow wall or ridge of granitic lava.

An English sailor once crossed this dike of granite, which is barely wide enough for a cat to crawl over, but no other person ever attempted the feat, either before or since.

A little girl about 3 years old was out playing when suddenly it became very cloudy. She ran into the house and startled her mamma by saying: "I'm not going to stay outdoors any more."

Any man with "good paper," and a big tent, can make money in the circus business. We have never seen a thousand-dollar dog that we would give 10 cents for.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to Repentance.



ONLY a good man can see good things in others. Search yourself before you censure another.

The farm and the garden are the best gold diggings. Care is the stumbling block in the pathway of happiness.

Purity opens the way to a world of gladness. Memory makes many payments for a good deed.

Don't ring the bell of prayer and run away; wait. Loving deeds are the best seeds; they bear in all soils.

The least man is an essential part of God's great plan.

Learn to be contented, and you will know how to be rich. Leisure hours are the best or the worst part of our lives.

The weakest saint on his knees is too strong for the devil. The merry-hearted have a fortune that thieves cannot steal.

You are of the aristocracy. But it is the aristocracy of service.

Do your best to-day and you will be able to do better to-morrow. Conscience, Revelation and Example are the street lamps of God.

Alring other people's faults never made them smell any sweeter. We must live for Christ here, if we would live with Him hereafter.

Measure your plans by a line that will reach across the next world. Love had rather serve Christ in a dungeon than satan in a palace.

Adversity gives the great man a chance to show how great he is. God alone can change us. Others can only bring out what is in us.

The constant Christ in the heart makes the consistent Christian in the world.

If there is no sunshine in your religion do not be surprised if nobody wants it.

The will of Christ ought to be more to you than the good will of your neighbors.

The happiest people in this world are those who are at rest from themselves and at work for others.

The devil is not worrying over the preacher who puts more rhetoric than Christianity into his sermons.

CARE OF THE FEET.

Suggestions Concerning Shoes, Stockings and Amateur Chiropody.

We may congratulate ourselves that more and more, as time goes on, custom and fashion move together in the direction of the proper care of the feet. In shoes the extremely narrow-pointed toe is for the moment tabooed as vulgar.

Many insults are offered to those faithful, hard-working servants, the feet, besides confinement in narrow, cramped and ill-fitting shoes. We talk learnedly of the necessity for ventilation, and then we shut the feet into tight, impervious leather and expect them to bear up the weight of our bodies all day long without a grumble and without a breath of air.

Almost as necessary as the proper clothing of the feet is the proper toilet. At least morning and night they should be bathed and then manipulated to keep them smooth and supple. Stockings should be changed frequently, because the feet, owing to their constant confinement and the hard work they are called upon to do, are always perspiring.

Very hot water, unless ordered for medicinal purposes, should not be used, as it has a tendency to soften the feet and make them tender. A little alcohol well rubbed in after the bath is good, especially for those who are much exposed to bad weather.

Finally, there should be no amateur corn-cutting. Badly cut corns are apt to spread, to say nothing of the dangers of blood poisoning, gangrene, and other dreadful accidents that occasionally follow clumsy, ignorant surgery on the feet.—Youth's Companion.

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought. "Dey ain't no use talkin'," said Charcoal Eph, as he sprinkled ashes on the sidewalk. "dis worl' am full o' ups an' downs. Be keerful o' dat patch o' ice, Mistah Jackson!"—Baltimore News.

School Fund of Texas. Texas has a permanent school fund amounting to nearly \$8,000,000.

Some people, after casting a crust of bread upon the waters, think they should get a bowl of milk toast in return.

THOUSANDS DIE EACH YEAR IN AGONY.



HOW THOUSANDS ENDURE TERRIBLE AGONIES.

Last year, in India, tigers killed 899 people, wolves 338, leopards 327. One thousand four hundred and two more met their deaths by the teeth, horns, or claws of other animals; or 2,966 in all. Taking this average for the rest of Asia, the death rate on that continent from animals alone may be put at 4,500 a year, of which number tigers are responsible for 1,500, wolves for 600, leopards for about 450.

Lions account for some 600 lives yearly in Africa, other animals for 800, while the toll to jaguars in South America, panthers in North, wolves and other dangerous beasts all over the world may be calculated on a population basis at a further 1,800.

But this total of 7,700 is only the beginning of lives lost to the forest kings. Cobras and other coiling death

dealers killed 24,621 human beings in India last year, and that despite the fact that rewards were paid for the death of 108,000 reptiles. Snakes, principally cobras, account for a full 35,000 of Asia's yearly death roll. Africa, the home of the vipers and hideous puff adder, adds 6,000 to this list.

South America comes next. The bush master, and many swamp snakes, besides the giant anaconda, claim their share of lives. Not less than 2,500 South Americans die yearly from snake bites, while rattlesnake, moccasin, and fer de lance account for another 1,500 in the northern half of the continent. Add a further 2,000 for the great Polynesian Islands, Australia and Europe, the total yearly loss of life by snakes amounts to 47,000. Wild beasts and snakes between them killed 5,470,000 persons during the nineteenth century.

STIRRING UP THE WEST.

One Man's Socialistic Ideas Are Being Put Into Effect.

A man of middle age, with not a little ability and a brain full of ideas, is causing something of a stir in the western country. He has set the mercantile captains to thinking—in fact, they are worrying about the effect which his scheming and doing are going to have on the various lines of business.

The fellow's name is Vrooman—Walter Vrooman.

He is a Missourian by birth, and comes of a family which has always been original in its thinking. His father was a Free Thinker, and the rest of the family all have socialistic ideas. In his youth Walter was known as an agitator. They called him "The Boy Anarchist." When Martin Irons started a great railroad strike in 1885, Vrooman joined him as an organizer of Knights of Labor lodges. Several times he was arrested and at Parsons, Kan., he started a riot. Next he became a Congregational preacher, and was pastor of a church in Kansas City, Kan. All this was before he was 20.

His early teachings, his associations, his experiences all directed his mind along socialistic lines. He became the chum of Edward Bellamy. Then he went to England, and at Oxford established Ruskin Hall. It has the support of the federated labor unions, and 3,000 students are taking advantage of its university extension system. It teaches communistic principles. It is the basis of a co-operative movement in England and is working out Vrooman's ideas.

This, in brief, is a description of the man who is just now one of the conspicuous figures of the West. He is not a philanthropist, but believes that his own interests, as well as those of other people, are best served by a combination of effort and an equal division of financial results. He has money, and it is invested in the co-operative movement. He says that his investment after this fashion gives him more enjoyment than he could get in squandering it in the usual excesses of the rich.

Now, what is this man doing? At Trenton, Mo., he has founded Ruskin College. It is a school which has self-help as its fundamental principle. It gives a collegiate training, but exacts from its students labor rather than tuition fee. Every student works. Adjoining the college is a farm of 2,000 acres, on which he established a dairy.

The farm was put under cultivation and timber land was cleared. From the trees cut down the students saved lumber, which was used in the erection of a factory and other buildings. Ax handles were manufactured. From some of the farm products canned goods were turned out. This still continues. The students of Ruskin do all the work. They are paid 10 cents an hour for their labor, and most of them are thus enabled to earn \$3 per week, which covers their expenses for board, lodging and tuition. So well did Ruskin College succeed that Vrooman broadened his ideas.

The Western Co-operative Association was formed. It purchased a dry goods store, stocks of drugs, hardware, notions and a laundry in Trenton. Four grocery stores were subsequently added. The raising of chickens and the

manufacture of drugs and proprietary medicines followed. Trenton is now in the grasp of a co-operative trust. There is even a co-operative theatrical company, with Walter Jefferson, one of Joe Jefferson's sons, as manager. Members of the association can attend performances free. At Gallatin, Mo., there is a grocery store. Negotiations are in progress for several stores at St. Joseph. At Independence the association owns five stores and also 100 acres of land. In addition there is a complete dairy, which will supply Independence and Kansas City with milk. There is also a grocery store at Westport. In all the association controls twenty-five stores.

In the purchase of these establishments probably half a million dollars have been invested, of which Mr. Vrooman furnished something like \$200,000. Every member of the association finds employment. In a stockholder and shares in the profits. In many instances the former owner holds a responsible position in the store. Storekeepers are beginning to see the possibilities in the enterprise, and are offering their large stocks of goods, in some instances as much as \$50,000 worth, for shares in the association.

Just outside of Kansas City, the association is about to build a model village. It has acquired 400 acres, and is negotiating for 600 more. Here it will erect new factories. It will also establish what it claims will be a children's paradise. The children will do shop work. They will learn to cook and to sew, will weave fabrics and study the arts and trades. Their instructions will be varied with wholesome amusements.

With his campaign of industrial and mercantile reform well under way in Kansas and Missouri, Mr. Vrooman will go East. New York is to be invaded. The methods in use in the West will be explained at meetings to be held in Carnegie Hall. The city is to be flooded with literature. Mr. Vrooman says from 200 to 300 persons of great wealth, living in the metropolis, are interested in his plans and will make investments. He thinks that before long New York will have 400 co-operative stores.

Household Mechanism.

A curious piece of mechanical luxury has been set up in Sir James Blyth's home in Portland place, by means of which the dining-room can noiselessly double its size. One saunters down to drink a cup of coffee, and finds a spacious and well-proportioned room, papered in warm crimson and hung with handsome pictures. There is a door of communication with the adjoining room, on either side of which hangs a large picture in a heavy gold frame. The floor is polished, and a thick carpet comes within a yard of the wall all round.

The coffee is excellent, but one doubts its potency when, on turning round, one is confronted by the partitioning wall, doors, pictures, and all half-way through the floor! Silently it sinks below, and no flaw in the polished and even floor is perceptible. Only the crimson walls are twice as long, and there are bordered carpets. It is the most perfect triumph of mechanical skill.

Kindly Tact.

"And you broke off the engagement?" "Yes—not brutally, you know, but I managed it." "How?" "I told her what my salary is!"

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