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BLUE MEN.

Neither Dr. Ponza nor Gen. Pleasonton was the first person who made use of the alleged medicinal properties of the color blue. Dr. Ponza discovered that blue glass exercised a most beneficial influence upon insane patients, and thereupon Gen Pleasonton tried it, and was so delighted with its effect that he published a pamphlet upon the subject.

It is a narrow conception of the usefulness of blue which requires us to use it in the shape of blue glass. Blue glass is good, so is blue paint, blue cloth, and blue curtains. This truth has already been dimly perceived by one or two of Gen. Pleasonton's disciples, but it was left for a returned missionary to prove that blue in any form always retains its wonderful tonic properties.

It would not be difficult to show that blue clothing has also a stimulating effect upon the wearer. Daniel Webster always wore a blue coat, and it is needless to remark that he was simply full of intellect. Andrew Johnson was also addicted to blue coats, whence doubtless he derived that wonderful strength of mind that irreverent persons mistook for obstinacy.

We need not, then, waste our time by dressing in blue or by sitting under blue glasses. Tattooing is what we really need. A blue band two inches wide, pricked upon the forehead would doubtless prove a sovereign prophylactic against headaches, while those who have the courage to have their heads shaved and their scalps tattooed with Antwerp blue will develop brain power at a rate which will astonish their warmest admirers.

But after all why should we prick blue paint into our surfaces when we can dye ourselves permanently blue by simply swallowing excessive doses of nitrate of silver? The process is perfectly painless, and it has the advantage of coloring not only the cuticle but the entire tissue of the body, as any one can readily ascertain by first dyeing himself deep blue and then sinking experimental shafts in different parts of his person.

PARODY ON THE POLITICAL CONTEST.

Raddy and Dimmy were playing a game of marbles in earnest. You see at the start that neither of them was a very good boy. But they were the biggest boys in the school, and one or the other of them always claimed the right of ruling over the other boys.

It happened that Raddy had been unusually lucky. Four times in succession he had won the game, and for sixteen long weeks Dimmy and his friends had been deprived of even a peep out of the window in school hours.

So he picked Raddy's pocket of his marble-bag, and ran away behind a tree to chip all the marbles, especially a fine chinee alloy, so that they shouldn't roll true. Raddy pretended not to know what was going on, but he did know all the time.

When the game began the whole school gathered to see the contest. As soon as it was over each jumped up, crying, "I've won," and each immediately answered the other, "You haven't."

"You dashed to fight," said Raddy. "I don't do it, but I won't." "Why not?" "Because I can keep my place without fighting."

"Well, to say whether those three marbles and that alloy ought to be yours or mine." "All right; they're mine, and he'll say so. He was looking on all the time. But I'll leave it to him."

The Big Horn Gold Fields.

The Big Horn mountain country has long offered a gigantic field for mental speculation, and its history is not unconnected with gray old tradition. It has been regarded as the very soul and centre of the Indian country, and has presented dangers to the hardy pioneer that have long held in check the ardor of his curiosity to explore the forbidden mysteries of its serried peaks and ridges and rocky canons.

The mystery which has so long shrouded the Big Horn country must soon be penetrated. Since the ratification of the recent Sioux treaty, which opens up this part of Wyoming Territory for the use of civilization, the Big Horn country will be thoroughly explored.

That Stuffed Cat.—The other day when a Detroit boy of fourteen bought a stuffed cat at auction the crowd derided him and had a great deal of fun at his expense.

What an item?—We remarked that we were on the lookout for such articles, and he proceeded: "Wa-al, I tho't so, and I've got the dumbest item you ever hear'n' tell on."

COULDN'T STOP TO CONQUER.—Yesterday a young woman was promenading up Erie street. There wasn't much that was remarkable about her and she was homely.

PUTUCKY AMERICAN COLONISTS.—Mr. Moore, of the American Colony of San Xavier, has again given the Indians a touch of the "grit" in his character. The savages stole fifty cows from his son; he immediately assembled eleven men and a recently rescued captive as a guide.

MUSTARD PLASTER.—Take a tablespoonful of molasses, more or less as desired; stir thick with mustard, and having spread it on a cloth, apply it directly to the skin; it will not blister even if kept on for an hour.

What shall I do to collect this bill of Watkins? a butcher asked his lawyer. The man of law reached forth his hand for a retainer and said briefly, "Suet."

Twenty-two Years in Prison.

Here is a little story says the Hartford Courant: Twenty-two years ago a young man in New Haven was engaged to marry a young woman there. For some reason she transferred her promise to marry, if not her affections, to another person. The first suitor, who was a respectable mechanic, disappointed of the match, and declared that his rival was a disreputable person, who would lead his affianced a wretched life, and that while he could surrender her himself, he would rather see her die than marry that man.

The Shock that Killed a Wife.—Bishop William Smoot has long been looked upon as a liberal Mormon, because he has kept himself free from the polygamous abomination, and has also condemned Brigham Young's systematic robbing of the poor people.

A TRAMP'S LOVE FOR LABOR.—The aversion of the lordly tramp to any form of manual labor receives fresh proof almost daily. An ordinary able-bodied tramp will work harder, suffer greater privations and expend more brain force in an effort to beat somebody out of a nickel, than would be required of him to earn an honest living for a week.

SOAKING ROOTS IN WHISKY.—Men who love rum will resort to almost any expedient to obtain it under adverse circumstances. The town of Deadham is under prohibition law, apothecaries alone being permitted to sell alcoholic stimulants.

FOUR CHILDREN AT A BIRTH.—Monday of last week, at Monterey, the wife of Thomas W. Ingram died. She was taken sick on Monday morning and remained so for eight hours.

Two women and a man are under arrest in Philadelphia. They comprise the Charity Relief Association. They hired a house, put out a sign, collected money from benevolent persons and pocketed the proceeds.

It is foolishness for a man to try to make game of a boarding-house chicken by looking at it, under the impression that a steady gaze of the human eye will make any animal quail.

The heavy man of Altoona, Pa., is Eli Green, who weighs 406 pounds. For a number of years he has not slept in a bed. Up to some six years ago he was employed as a locomotive engineer on the mountain division, Pennsylvania Railroad, but owing to his obesity and tendency to fall asleep while running his engine it became necessary to discharge him.

Hasty Meals.

Americans are proverbial for hasty eating. The student swallows his food unmasticated, and hastens back to his books. The merchant bolts his meals to save time for business. The glutton eats as fast as ever he can to keep pace with his neighbors and get his full share.

Eight ounces of food, well masticated, will afford more nourishment to the body than a pound hastily bolted. One of the best ways to avoid eating fast is to eat hard, dry, food, which requires much mastication before it can be swallowed.

Orders have been issued on the New York Central Railroad to give three-card monte men a grand jump into the first ditch. A New York barber gives a man a shave, a cigar, a box of tooth-picks and a shine for 12 cents, and moreover, asks him to call again.

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The Boston people are raving over Phoebe Couzzin's eyebrows. The most extravagant expressions are two Phobel to express their admiration. What is the difference between proxy line and a truant school boy caught rabbit hunting? One is gun cotton and the other is caught gunning.

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The Order of Caucasians, a workingmen's association, anti-Chinese in principle, is spreading rapidly throughout California. It is a secret order, with a membership of over 15,000 at present.

So severe has been the cold during the present season that the eucalyptus trees, planted upon the shores of Louisiana bayous to counteract the malarious atmosphere, have been seriously injured.

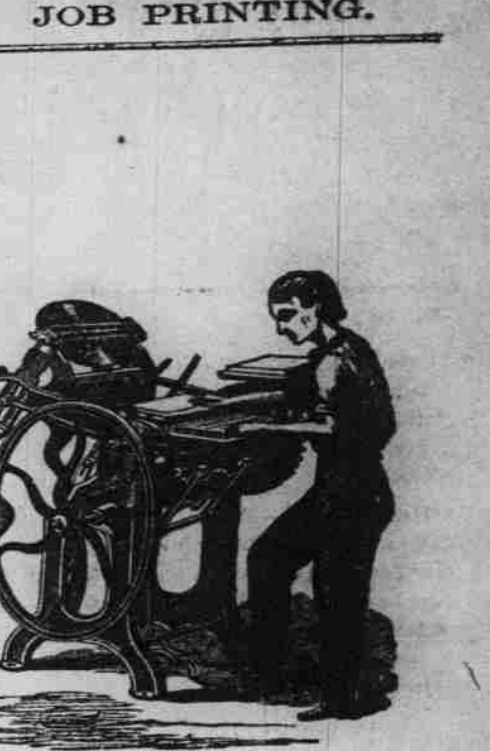
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Salvini, the actor, married in a very romantic fashion. He had been commissioned to take a packet to a poor sewer-girl in London. He saw and loved. She became his wife, and, as the mistress of his splendid mansion, is now treated with the distinction due a Princess.

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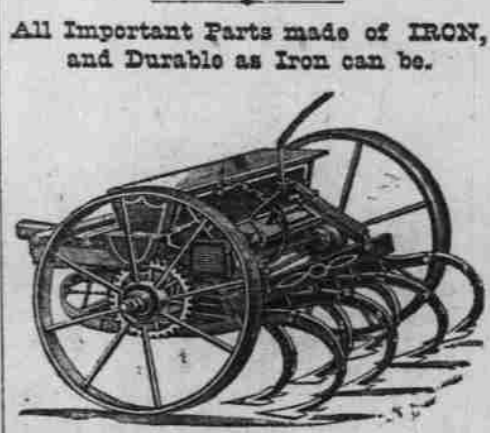
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