

PITH AND POINT.

Pastor ought to come to this country and tackle the picnic ice-cream. Philadelphia Times.
Lady (to servant whom she is about to engage)—These are my conditions; they suit you? Servant—If'm, Ill be. I always take ladies on trial.—N. Y. Herald.
Hast thou a grievance? It is a bad thing to carry around. Sell your grievance for a song, but do not sing the song.—Little Book (Ark.) Gazette.
Now that erasated pants and rough-legged paper are fashionable, the only thing needful to complete the editor's appearance is a erase for frayed cuffs.—Washington Free Press.
Sunday-school Teacher—Johnny, do you understand the parable of the shepherd and his sheep? Johnny—Yes, Teacher.—If you little children are the sheep, what am I, Johnny?—A big sheep, sir.—Chicago Mail.
A modern writer says "man is romantic to a woman." In a great many cases, judging from the number of hard-worked and worn-out wives, man is more of a trazed to a woman, the romance is all before marriage.
Patent—So glad you have come, doctor. I am in such pain! Doctor—Well, where's the trouble? Patient—I feel so dreadfully from my corns doctor—Corn, eh? about (m-d that ve doctor—So slow me your tongue.—N. Y. Telegram.
At the Dundry: "Is it true Smith going to call Brown out?" "I believe it is." "Why, what is the trouble?" "He insulted him in the deadliest way; invited him to dinner, and off he'd in his brass bra in a Kniekerbocker for the wife."—Boston Times.
I see, Lucinda, they are going to give a new music pagoda at Manhattan each. We must go down next week. "I don't think I care to, Henry; I can't go pagodas. If they were going to give wallazes, why, I wouldn't mind. Pagodas are too classical."—Tit-Bits.
Country editor (to assistant)—In your editorial on the murder case, Mr. Smith, you do not make use of the expression, "forget the links in the chain of evidence." Assistant—"No, sir; I forgot it. Shall I stop the press and work it in?" Country editor—"Certainly."—N. Y. Sun.
She (after a private theatrical entertainment)—"How cleverly the parts of Rome and Juliet were played, Mr. Smith." He—"Very; almost equal to professional work." She—"Did you know that the gentleman and lady who played the parts are husband and wife?" "You astonish me! Husband and wife? Why, it was wonderful acting!"—Life.
A young lady reading in a newspaper the other day of a girl having been seduced by a sudden kiss, called the attention of her uncle, who was in the room, to that singular occurrence, and upon the old gentleman gently demanded what the fool had gone crazy on. "What did she go crazy for?" "She returned the ingenious maiden. Why, for more, I suppose."—N. Y. Ledger.
In Cambridge, England, the other day, a curious brass box was dug up. Its name and purpose was a mystery until being opened, there was found inside three buttons, a piece of tin and a scrap of paper. Then they knew it was an ancient contribution box.—Chicago Daily Mail.
FORTUNATE CHILDREN.
Seemingly Trifling Gift Proves a Source of Wealth.
The singular manner in which wealth comes suddenly and unexpectedly to some people, and the equally singular circumstances by which others lose the much sought for key in their hands, and unknowingly pass it to some one else, are events of every-day life, and yet in some cases the facts form an interesting chapter of incidents well worth narrating. A case of this kind occurred in Oakland during the present month, in which a widow named Morris and her two little children were the parties interested. On the afternoon of last New Year's day August M. Robinson of St. Louis, Mo., and a brother of Mrs. Morris, while on a visit to San Francisco on business, called himself of the opportunity to take a New Year's call on his sister across the bay. While there a neighbor came in for a few minutes, and in the course of conversation remarked that he had been quite lucky during the last month of the old year in drawing \$100 in the Louisiana Lottery. Shortly after the neighbor's departure the subject of the lottery was again referred to in the conversation between Mrs. Morris and her brother. The latter remarked that he bought tickets regularly every month, but had drawn out two small prizes, one of \$50 and one of \$20. At this moment Mrs. Morris's two little children came running into the room, and Mr. Robinson suggested to his sister that he had a number of coupons in his pocket, and that he would give her one piece for each of her children. The tickets were received, and but little thought of them for some time. About the date of the drawing on the 11th inst., Mrs. Morris made a note of the two numbers 11,960 and 39,644, and watched for the first published intelligence. On the next day after the drawing a few of the numbers winning large prizes were published, and in an interview with a reporter a few days ago the lady said: "Why, you cannot imagine my surprise when I read one of those two numbers at the head of the list. I had to read it over and over again before I could believe my own eyes. But it turned out to be the truth, and I forwarded the ticket to New Orleans for collection. It was 91,960, and it won \$15,000. The money was promptly paid, and I received it a few days ago. It is to be invested for the benefit of my two little ones, and by the time they reach maturity it will amount to a handsome sum, to start them on life's voyage."—San Francisco (Cal.) Call, Jan. 30.

MARVELOUS CHANGES.

What the Future Will be to Those Who Refuse to Believe.
Is this country unconsciously undergoing a wonderful change, is the change to take place before we are aware of the fact, and when it has taken place will we wonder why we did not see it before it was too late?
Those that see the changes early avail themselves early, and thereby receive benefit.
The shrewd iron man sees the iron interest transferred from Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania to Birmingham, Alabama, and in his far-sightedness sees the furnaces in Pennsylvania torn down and deserted for this new and prolific field. It is claimed by the iron men of Alabama that the low price at which iron can be produced there will revolutionize the iron interests of the world.
We have seen the grain-growing centers of this country shifted to the West. We have seen the pork-packing industry flit from Cincinnati to Chicago, and from thence to Kansas City and Omaha. Southern cotton mills undersell New England and American markets, and challenge the world.
We have seen and are seeing all this take place before our eyes, and know that other changes are taking place equally as prominent, and we wonder as we behold them. Ten years ago the insurance companies only required an analysis of the fluids when they were taking insurance for very large amounts. To-day no first-class company will insure any amount unless they have a rigid analysis of the fluids passed, and if any traces of disorders are apparent, the application is rejected. In their reports they show that the death of sixty of every 100 people in this country, is due either directly or indirectly to such disorders. The Brompton Hospital for Consumptives, London, England, reports that sixty of every 100 victims of consumption also have serious disorders of the kidneys.
Among scientists for the treatment of this dread malady the question is being discussed:
"Is not this disorder the real cause of consumption?"
Ten years ago the microscope was something seldom found in a physician's office; now every physician of standing has one and seldom visits his patients without calling for a sample of fluids for examination.
Why is all this? Is it possible that we of the present generation are to die of diseases caused by kidney disorders? or shall we master the cause by Warner's safe cure, the only recognized specific, and thus remove the effects? It is established beyond a doubt that a very large percentage of deaths in this country are traceable to diseased kidneys. For years the proprietors of Warner's safe cure have been insisting that there is no sound health when the kidneys are diseased, and they enthusiastically press their specific for this terrible disorder upon public attention. We are continually hearing its praises sounded.
This means wonders!
Cannot the proprietors of this great remedy, who have been warning us of the danger, tell us now to avoid a disease that at first is so unimportant, and is so fatal in its termination? Are we to hope against hope, and wait without our reward?
The most significant of all changes, however, that we of to-day can note is this radical change of view to which the public has been educated: It was formerly thought that the kidneys were of very small importance; to-day, we believe, it is generally admitted that there can be no such thing as sound health in any organ if they are in the least degree deranged.
The following are given as the religious statistics of Virginia: Methodist Episcopal South: churches, 1,240; financial members, 529; local preachers, 329; members, 112,000. This does not include colored Methodists, but they are few in the State. Baptists (white and colored): churches, 1,447; ordained ministers, 797; baptisms during the year, 8,825; total membership, 215,000. Presbyterians: ministers, 207; churches, 330; members, 23,458. Episcopalians: clergy, 153; communicants, 15,743. Evangelical Lutheran: churches, 179; communicants, 14,900; Disciples: churches, 179; membership, 12,500. Catholics: churches, 3; parishes, 29; priests, 27; Catholic population, 18,240.
—Caleb Scott, of Cathey's Creek, Tenn., died several months ago, and his wife told the members of the household that soon after the beginning of the war he placed money for safe-keeping in an old wheat house on the premises. The lady being old and infirm, little attention was paid her, but finally the family concluded to make the search to quiet her, and to their astonishment, they found buried in a barrel of ashes in the old wheat house \$175 in gold and \$45 in silver in a cow horn, and \$90 in a cloth. They are now looking for a tea-kettle which Mrs. Scott says is hidden filled with money somewhere around the place.—Louisville Courier Journal.
The family of Hon. W. B. Hoke, Judge of the Jefferson County, Ky., Court, used St. Jacobs Oil with signal success.
Disease often lurks in a dirty dishcloth, a greasy sink, an unclean teakettle and a poorly ventilated oven.
Mr. F. Rentscher, San Francisco, Cal., contracted a severe cold, and became so hoarse he could not speak. He tried a number of remedies without benefit, and even the efforts of two physicians failed to give the slightest relief. He was induced to try Red Star Cough Cure, one bottle of which entirely cured him.

THE EUCALYPTUS.

Some of the Remarkable Properties of a Beautiful Australian Tree.
Some years ago, when a mail steamship line was established between San Francisco and the Australian Islands, enterprising persons sought to transfer some of the wild products of the latter region to California soil. One thing attracted the attention of the admirers of nature, and that was the eucalyptus tree, which formed 99 per cent. of the forest vegetation of Australia. This tree grows very rapidly in that country, with a straight stem reaching commonly 250 feet in height, and having a circumference of several feet at the base. It was believed that as this tree produced a great mass of leaves, it could be utilized for shade as well as ornamentation, if the soil of the Pacific States should be found suitable to its growth. The experiment was tried, and slips of the Australian forest giant transferred to California, where they soon took root and thrived in the prolific soil of the Golden State. The tree was found to furnish honey to bees and in this way alone the foreigner was soon ascertained to be a valuable addition to the honey-giving products of that now extensive honey-producing State. It was ascertained that the eucalyptus globulus, or blue gum, could be further utilized as a remedy for marsh and other fevers. So valuable, indeed, is it that it will destroy and feed upon the animalcules of marshy regions and help to eradicate mosquitoes by destroying the food on which they exist. Its value by being efficacious in such fevers has given to the tree among many persons, especially the Spanish-Americans, the name of the "fever tree," and it is, therefore, somewhat revered by the natives of the Spanish-American countries along the Pacific coast. The tree produces an essential oil which is valuable, and a resin like the resin of cinchona. An extract made from the tree yields a substance capable of neutralizing strong acids and forming crystalline salts. The leaves, dried and powdered, have been found useful as a medicine for certain maladies, and the bark and wood have been utilized for the same purpose. But the discovery of the most remarkable use to which this tree can be put was the result of an accident a couple of years ago. The eucalyptus tree had flourished on California soil, and had been employed as an ornament and shade tree in many of the cities and settlements along the Pacific coast. It will be remembered that for a long time past engineers all over the country suffered from scale forming in their boilers and from corrosion. About a couple of years ago Mr. George Downie, the proprietor of a flouring mill at Salinas City, Cal., was in the habit of filtering water in an oil heater, in order to free it, as far as possible, from the mineral qualities that formed scale in his boiler. Chemical compounds supposed to prevent the formation of scale had been used without effect, and Mr. Downie resorted to the filtering of water as a partial preventative. His process was to run the water through the heater and let it drain through straw. One day he happened to be out of straw, but as the leaves from one of the eucalyptus trees which stood near the mill were handy, he employed them instead. To Mr. Downie's surprise, the formation of scale in the boiler stopped and that which was already there began to be removed. He thought it well to continue his experience with the eucalyptus leaves, and on proving the result, informed others what he had discovered. In a very short time the leaves of the eucalyptus tree fell into general use among the engineers on the Pacific Coast for removing scale from all boilers and for preventing corrosion.—American Analyst.
FUNCTION OF CITIES.
Great Municipalities as Representatives of National Life and Characteristics.
Great cities are essential to the development of any important or influential national life. They gather into themselves the resources of the nation, and so organize its stores of wealth, its enterprise and the results of its genius and culture, as to render each efficient in promoting the common good. They are the centers of power. Without the facilities which through them are afforded for commerce and manufactures, without their aggregations of capital, their business systems and institutions, and their fostering care of art, science and literature, it would seem impossible that there could be any civilization or progress.
These great municipalities are the exponents of the national advancement in mineral wealth, in commercial importance and influence, and in all forms of intellectual and moral culture. In times past they have been the agencies through which civil and intellectual freedom have been conserved, even if they may not be credited with having been the nursery in which liberty was cradled. They constitute the medium through which we must study many of the most important and interesting phases of history, and are the sources of all the greatest enterprises of the world.
So thoroughly do cities become representative of national life and characteristics, that it is frequently said that London is England, Rome is Italy and Paris is France. In a less comprehensive but nevertheless very important sense, it might properly be said that New York represents America, Boston stands for New England and Chicago for the great West. A thorough acquaintance with either of these great cities is equivalent to knowing well the people by whom they are surrounded.—F. P. Crandon, in Popular Science Monthly.

IF WE KNEW.

But we don't know. We sometimes criticize our neighbor's short-comings when we do not know the disadvantages under which he suffers. If he has lost an arm, or if he is so lame that he has to walk on crutches, we can see his infirmity and pity him accordingly. If he is subject to some nervous disorder, which does not affect his gait nor make any great difference in his outward appearance, he has very little sympathy from any one. He may have some tremendous weight of mental worry oppressing him, but he gets no pity from those who know nothing about it and cannot appreciate the hidden troubles under which he labors. Thousands of men have made failures of their lives from carrying burdens of worry and vexation which distracted their nerves, demoralized their brains, and wrecked them beyond remedy. It would be well for all such to remember that Compound Oxygen cures nervous depression, insomnia, neuralgia, and all the things which make life a burden. Hundreds of cases are on record in which this gentle and powerful agent has worked wonders. Drs. STARKY & FALEN, of 15 D Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., send a treatise giving the reports free to all applicants. Orders for the Compound Oxygen Home Treatment will be filed by H. A. Mathews, 615 Powell Street, San Francisco.
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