

Captain Caleb Cronkman, an old and highly respected resident of the twenty second ward, New York City, owned until lately a gigantic ostrich, that was as familiarly known in the region as himself. The great bird disappeared recently, and this is the story of its latter days, as related by Captain Cronkman to an inquisitive Sun reporter: "one morning in June," said the captain, I was aroused by a crackling sound at my door, and I discovered in the hall a gigantic ostrich which had just bitten off my door knob, and was at that time devouring it. With the aid of some of the gentlemen in the house I secured the bird and turned him into the back yard. The next morning an advertisement appeared, offering a reward for the ostrich, which had escaped from a menagerie. I was so charmed with the bird's unique endeavor to satisfy his appetite that I bought him and got him cheap by turning over the reward in part payment. I occupied the rear room on the second floor, with a window opening on the roof of the extension. I put up a fence around the roof, and thus made a nice pen for the ostrich, and for some days I gave a glazier con-stant employment in restoring the window glass that the ostrich had eaten out. Finally I settled this bothering by planking up the window, and thereafter the only trouble the ostrich gave was when he took advantage of the carelessness of some gentleman who had left the bath-room window open. On such occasions the ostrich would slip down into the dining-room and eat a few plates and tumblers; but as a rule, he got enough from the fragments of broken crockery and glassware which the house afforded, with now and then a junk bottle salad, or a dish of crooked nails as a delicacy. But one day about three weeks ago, he crept down into the dining-room, and remained there undisturbed for a longer time than usual, and before he was discovered he had cleared one table of crockery, glassware, knives and forks, spoons, caster, and finished up in swallowing the tablecloth.

Notwithstanding the great quantity and nourishing quality of the food taken, he seemed to pine away from that meal forward, and about two weeks ago I had him taken over to my Hoboken farm that a change of air and scene might be beneficial. Still he grew worse, and finally, about a week ago, I bought out a hardware store on Union Hill and turned the bird into it, hoping that the sight of all the hardware on the shelves, with the privilege of eating whatever pleased his fancy, might brace him up. But, in spite of all these efforts, he faded and died. We run him through a stone-crusher and found in him about two barrels of iron, some glass, and, last of all, that tablecloth, which was the real cause of his death. The wonderful machinery which could crush a stone jug like an eggshell was overcome by that paltry tablecloth, which had got so twisted and wedged among the cogs and gears that the apparatus could work no longer, and doubtless life was a burden to the ostrich until he died.—New York Sun.

The fashionable mask is the Lulu.
Coiffures tend to compactness, and are worn lower in the back.
Ceremonious dinner toilets demand flou sleeves and lace ruffles.
The fashionable parlor work for ladies is embroidery on mummy cloth.
"Costeline" is one of the new Spring fabrics. It is almost transparent.
Very small figures, checks and stripes on white grounds, are the feature in the new calicoes and percales.
A Washington bride wore a wreath of carnations, instead of orange blossoms, at her wedding the other day.
The striped basket woven gauzes that were imported two years ago, and which would not sell, are now in favor.
The new green for Summer wear is the dusky tint of water paints, and accords with certain shades of bronze and olive.
Black and gold is the prevalent combination in Paris. A fresh novelty is black velvet and gold of several shades.
A double cape of heavy silk chenille, with tinsel thread twisted in the same, is the latest novelty for the neck in place of a scarf.
The new berthas worn with low necked dresses are precisely like those that were seen thirty years ago and are abominably ugly.
Snake bracelets, winding several times around the arm, and having jeweled eyes, are among the late novelty in jewelry and ornaments.
The hat of the passing moment is the equestrienne, in rough gray felt, banded with three narrow ribbons placed at intervals around the crowns.
Jewelry for the hair and imitation jewelled ornaments for this purpose are seen in great quantities and variety in jewelry and fancy stores.
Birds of paradise, butterflies and insects of all sorts in the form of gold filigree and Impergan feather ornaments are worn in the hair for fall dress.
All morning toilets for the street should be short and very dark or black.
The materials may be vivonne, camelmere, camel's hair and all woolen goods but the trimmings may be silk.
The fancy of the moment in short costumes is a skirt and jacket of sea brown cloth, the wrap also of the same in English coat shape, trimmed with collar, revers, cuffs and pocket straps of fur seal.
Too Old for Them.
The other day a man with a satchel sallied into a ferry dock saloon where fifteen or twenty old salts were lying about their adventures on the high sea and after warming his hands at the stove he said to the barkeeper:
"Sir, I am the agent of a French warehouse, and I should like to sell you a few barrels of a brand now over 100 years old."
The saloonist thought he wouldn't invest, and the man took a pint bottle

Rev. Dr. Mears, President of Hamilton College, recently delivered an address on the subject of drink as a cause for hard times, from which we are indebted to the Rural Home for the following extracts:

What is the secret of a large part of the depression and distress which the civilized world is suffering? War, indeed, and enormous standing armies, especially in the Old World, are in a large part to blame, and the consequences of civil war in our own country are doubtless still felt, and enter largely into the present suffering. But how can a people extricate themselves from such embarrassments when it is actually spending six hundred millions a year for what is at least a needless indulgence, and a source of incalculable waste and loss? You must actually double those figures to get at the cost in money alone of the liquor traffic, to say nothing of the destruction of physical, mental and moral force, which cannot be put into figures but which is far more deleterious.

I suppose that we can stand this immense drain for a time, we have stood it, and in prosperous times the nation is actually so prosperous that it seems as if it could stand anything. The cost of the liquor, to-day, is an average tax of nearly two hundred dollars per annum upon every family. Such a tax for no advantage whatever, but rather a positive nuisance and to breed other nuisances and to bring heavier taxes, if we were seen in this light, would be felt to be such an outrage that it would kindle universal discontent and rebellion. We talk about economy, and at the nations' capital some extraordinary performance, as well as some extraordinary effort have been witnessed by an observing country. There is no measure of economy which would be more effective than the universal suppression of the liquor traffic. The saving to the country in two years would equal the nation's debt as it now stands.

We have an immense amount of discussion, some of it ominous and threatening, some of it doubtless redolent of the fumes of strong drink, upon the relations of labor and capital. If labor would deny itself indulgence in strong drink it would find itself by and by transformed into capital. Capital has nothing but the fruits of labor well handled; labor expended upon strong drink soon becomes beggary, the drinking workman soon becomes the worst of less tramp. If the loud and profane ranters who are stirring up the passions of the laboring classes and endeavoring to array them against the more prosperous portion of the community would turn their eloquence against the drink shops, they would teach their too willing listeners where the true source of much of their misery is to be found.

Yes, it is true that capital is the enemy of labor; it is the capital invested in the liquor business. It is true the mass race of blasted bondholders who must be overthrown; it is the race who hold bonds the beer drinking and white drinking workmen and who

The Speaker of the House has to keep a sort of hollow log to which he can retreat from the busy throng of struggling legislators before him. An important place the Speaker's room is. Possibly not half of those familiar with the Capitol know where he is. Not the Speaker's room down in the guide-books—a big, tile-floored, well windowed reception room just back of the chamber in which the House sits. That room is currently known as the Speaker's room, but the Speaker never sees anyone there whom he wants to see. It is too open and accessible by half. The conference in which the Speaker has at which anything is done are not held in this marble-walled saloon. It is a little closet in a dark entry below the hall. It is hard by a private staircase. The glazed door is screened by green baize. There is not the sign of name or note on the door, and it is one of the few doors unmarked in the Capitol. The corridor has no light, and on a cloudy day is quite dark. Once inside, you see a room partly covered with a carpet partly ragged. The window—there is only one—is screened in some cheap way. There is room for a straggling table, one lounge and three chairs. There is room for nothing else. If you know him, you have got in without a card. If you do not know him you have not got in at all. And in such a room you find the third officer of the government hard at work. It is significant of the paludicity of public life, when it is unfeigned by class rank, that it is in some such cool hole that he can get time to work. Unless he hides himself from many people have a right to see him that his whole time runs to waste. It is in this little hole in the wall that three Speakers—Colfax, Blaine and Randall—have done the real work of legislation. Speaking guardedly, I fancy more of the business of governing is done in this room than in any other one room in Washington.—Washington Corr. Utica Herald.

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Good humor is rightly reckoned a most valuable aid to a happy home life. An equally good and useful faculty is a sense of humor or the capacity to have a little fun along with the humdrum cares and works of life. We all know how it brightens up things generally to have a lively, witty companion, who sees the ridiculous points of things and who can turn an annoyance into an occasion for laughter. It does a great deal better to laugh over some domestic mishaps than to cry or scold over them. Many homes and lives are dull because they are allowed to become too deeply impressed with a sense of the cares and responsibilities of life to recognize its bright and especially its mischievous side. Into such a household, good but dull, the advent of a witty, humorous friend is like sunshine on a cloudy day. While it is always oppressive to bear persons constantly striving to be witty or to do things, it is comfortable seeing what a brighter, more fun is, to make an effort to have some at home. It is well to turn off an impatient question sometimes, and to regard it from a humorous point of view instead of becoming irritated about it. "Wife, what is the reason I can never find a clean shirt?" exclaimed a good but rather impatient husband, after rummaging all through the wrong drawer. His wife looked at him steadily for a moment, half inclined to be provoked, then with a comical look she said, "I never could guess conundrums; I give it up." Then he laughed, and they both laughed, and she went and got his shirt, and he felt ashamed of himself and kissed her, and then she felt happy, and so what might have been an occasion for hard words and unkind feelings became just the contrary, all through the little vein of humor that cropped out to the surface. Some children have a peculiar faculty for giving a humorous turn to things when they are reprovod. It does just as well oftentimes to laugh things off. Laughter is better than tears. Let us have a little more of it at home.

Christine Nilsson, according to a woman correspondent at London, wears a coat of diagonal cloth, with cutaway tails. It buttons across the breast, and underneath is seen the waistcoat to match, with the usual vest pockets, across which the watchchain is slung. Standing shirt collar, plain starched linenshirt front, necktie with a horseshoe pin stuck in it. These complete the superior portion of the costume. The rest is almost very near altogether quite too dreadful! "She wears no pet"—is whatever, but backskin br—ch—es; and over these is a plain untrimmed skirt of plaid or gray goods, so tight drawn backwards that her l-w-r-l-jmbs are almost as clearly defined as a man's are in tr—s—n. A tweed hat or a beaver is the headgear. For evening dress: the all-black broad cloth, with white tie, is assumed, for morning and travelling, a rough pet jacket and skirt of coarse texture.

It is a conviction upon the minds of all intelligent men, lucid as the noonday light, that Mexico must have railroads, she is lost. The Mexican people have not the capital nor the experience to build them; consequently, she must look abroad for this great factor of her future prosperity and salvation. It is useless to disguise the fact that neither capital nor railroad builders can be reduced to come from Europe. No person or company in any of the nations of the continent has made an offer to this effect. Therefore, it is to the United States that Mexico has to look. The capital and the railroad builders for her railroads must come from the United States.

Hard times must be overcome by men by hard work, hard study in the leisure hours, hard thinking and calculating, hard economy. There is no room for whining, crying, complaining. It brings no relief. "Heaven helps those who help themselves." If one is in a mire, he must get on to hard ground as soon as possible. Spend more than you earn. If it delays, make it give you great trouble, make some arrangements with your creditors that be satisfactory all around, or throw the sponge and begin again. If you have no chance to get out of debt, this is the best way. A load of debt is the heaviest load a man can carry. It kills men and body. It makes a brave man a coward. It stifles all aspirations, all high hopes. It makes a man a failure.

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