

THE RUM SWEAT.

My aunt is a matter-of-fact woman. Her motto is, "Be sure you are right and then go ahead."

The "rum sweat," in the opinion of my aunt, is a most potent remedy, and one which she often uses.

Uncle had been complaining of biliousness, lameness and soreness for several days.

"Somethin's got to be done for that man," said my aunt, and after prodding him here and there, to see how sore he was, she decided that a "rum sweat" was just what he wanted.

My uncle declared he was so sore he could not sit on one of the old hard-bottomed chairs, so one of the new cane-seated ones was brought in and a saucer of spirits placed under it.

"Now then," said my aunt, drawing the quilt about him, "you must sit still there, and don't be a-fidgetin' about. If you keep a-jerk'n' and a-snapp'n' around, you might just as well have no sweat at all."

"It seems to me it's awful hot," feebly remarked my uncle.

"I want you to keep your mouth shut and keep out the air. You just sit still, as I tell you. You're always fussin' and growlin' when I do anything for you."

"I tell you I can't stand it. It's hot," groaned my uncle, with signs of great emotion.

"You've got to stand it. Of course it's hot. What d'ye s'pose a rum sweat is, anyway?"

"Oh, dear!"

"Think you're goin' to sweat and keep cool?"

"Oh, my!"

"When I give anybody a sweat, they've got to take it."

"Oh, Lord!"

"Needn't think I'm a-goin' to fuss around to give you a sweat and then you not take it."

"O-o-o-h!"

"Now, you just stop this foolishness, for I ain't a-goin' to have it! If you don't sit still, I'll tie you to this chair and stop your wigglin'!"

As she was about to fasten the quilt securely around the chair, she caught a glimpse of the interior of the sweat-box and saw that it was all ablaze.

"You're a-fire! you're a-fire!" she shrieked.

With a tremendous bound, the patient sprang from the chair and ricocheted around the room, while he made frantic attempts to shake the fire from the tail of his shirt.

My uncle's appearance in his brief but brilliant course around the room was probably never equaled by any meteoric display.

As soon as my aunt had recovered her presence of mind, she nearly succeeded in extinguishing my uncle as well as the fire.

"There, you old fool! Why didn't you tell me you was a-fire? Jump up and run around here this way with your pores all open! I wouldn't wonder if you'd got your death o' cold!"

And then the utter ludicrousness of the accident overpowered her, and she laughed till she cried.

HAL.

HOW TO BRING UP A BOY.

"If I had a boy to bring up, I wouldn't bring him up too softly," began Brother Gardner, as Samuel Shin quit poking the fire.

"If I had a boy, I'd rub him agin de world. I'd put responsibility on his shoulders. If he got sugar, he'd ain't it. If he got time for loafin', it would be only arter his work was done."

One can see numbers of convicts, at the almost any hour of the day, strolling around in idleness, or enjoying themselves in groups, smoking and chatting pleasantly.

"It's the little bits uv things that fret and worry us," said Josh Billings; "we can dodge an elephant, but we can't a fly."

PROMISES TO MARRY.

A suit for breach of promise of marriage has been brought to trial in Canada that involves some points of general interest. John Faulkner, a bachelor, owning property to the amount of forty or fifty thousand dollars, promised to marry Mrs. Jane Tillson, a widow, whose husband had been one of his tenants; and a written memorandum of the agreement was drawn up and a day set for the ceremony.

Finally, he seems to have struck upon the idea of treating her in such a rude and insulting manner in the presence of other persons that it would be impossible for her to submit to it without degradation.

Breach of promise law, as frequently laid down in the courts, is peculiar in this respect. In other contracts, if there is a refusal to perform, and suit for damages for the breach is commenced, an offer to carry out the agreement is then too late; but a different rule has been enunciated in respect to contracts of marriage.

The plaintiff's counsel argued that the defendant, by his intolerable conduct, had made it impossible for her to accept his offer at that stage, and that this distinguished the case from others; but Judge Cameron doubted the soundness of the distinction.

It has often been said that breach of promise suits ought not to be favored; and recent action of the House of Commons shows that such is the sentiment entertained by a large proportion of Englishmen.

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CALIFORNIA'S PENITENTIARY.

The Golden State's prison is quite a comfortable place, and a prospect of incarceration in it has no terrors to hardened rascals.

From all we can learn in regard to the institution at San Quentin, it only needs neatly laid out grounds for croquet, lawn tennis, and other outdoor games, with convenient rooms and tables in the yard for pedro and draw poker, to make the institution a most pleasant resort for thieves and murderers when weary of their crimes.

The San Jose Mercury adds: One can see numbers of convicts, at the almost any hour of the day, strolling around in idleness, or enjoying themselves in groups, smoking and chatting pleasantly.

SPECULATION.

The Extent to Which it is Carried and the Drain its Excitement Brings upon the System.

A Few Words of Warning and Timely Suggestions to American Business Men.

When Cyrus W. Field returned from his tour around the world, he was perfectly amazed at the extent to which stock speculations had run, and the thousand and one "wild cat" schemes which were largely patronized by the too credulous public, even when there was not the remotest probability that they would ever come to a successful completion.

The supreme effort of our people should be to cultivate moderation. Two things have united to make the struggle for existence in this country the most exacting and exciting found in the world: 1st. The ease with which successful men appear to amass fortunes. 2d. The impression their success makes on those who immigrate hither.

The exhaustion which follows the inordinate pursuit of wealth, we are told by the very best of authorities, proceeds from impaired digestive organs. The brain has drawn upon them for all they were worth so long that they suddenly give way and the whole system falls into a miserable collapse.

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