

**"Spring Unlocks
The Flowers**
To Paint the Laughing Soil.
And not even Nature would
allow the flowers to grow
and blossom to perfection
without good soil. Now
Nature and people are much
alike; the former must have
sunshine, latter must have
pure blood in order to have
perfect health.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures blood troubles
of all sorts. It is to the human system
what sunshine is to nature—the destroyer
of disease germs. *It never disappoints.*

Poor Blood.—The doctor said there
were not seven drops of good blood in my
body. Hood's Sarsaparilla built me up
and made me strong and well. —SUSIE E.
BROWN, 16 Astor Hill, Lynn, Mass.

Dyspepsia, etc.—A complication of
troubles, dyspepsia, chronic catarrh and
inflammation of the stomach, rheumatism,
etc., made me miserable. Had no appetite
until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, which
acted like magic. I am thoroughly cured.
—N. B. SEELEY, 1874 W. 14th Ave., Denver,
Colo.

Rheumatism.—My husband was
obliged to give up work on account of rheu-
matism. No remedy helped until he used
Hood's Sarsaparilla, which permanently
cured him. It cured my daughter of cat-
arrh. I give it to the children with good
results. —Mrs. J. S. McMath, Stamford, Ct.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating and
only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A Good Calculator.

When Sir Thomas Moore was im-
prisoned in the Tower of London for
refusing to sully his conscience, his
wife railed at him for his folly in re-
maining in a filthy prison when he
might be merry at home with his
family and in favor also with the king
and council.

He replied: "Why, good Alice, is
not this prison as near heaven as my
own home?"

In answer to her sneer of contempt
he asked: "How long, think you,
might one live to enjoy this house of
ours?"

"Perhaps some 20 years," was her
answer.

"Were not he a bad calculator, then,
who even for a hundred or a thousand
years would risk the loss of an eter-
nity?"

In the spring cleanse your system by using
Dr. Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

Thought He Deserved a Rest.

A tramp with his arm in a sling,
called on Gilhooly for a copper, al-
leging that his arm had been injured in a
recent railway accident.

"But yesterday you had the other
arm in a sling," replied Gilhooly.

"Well, supposin' I had. Don't you
suppose a feller's arm gets tired of
being tied up all day? Besides, I've got
convulsion of the brain, and can't re-
member half the time which arm was
broken." —Stray Stories.

To Make Tracing Paper.

Over a gentle heat warm together an
ounce of Canada balsam and a quarter
of a pint of spirits of turpentine. When
cold, brush the preparation smoothly
over one side of a sheet of fine tissue
paper. When dried in this prepara-
tion leaves the paper very transparent,
and, as it is not greasy, the tracing
paper may be used without fear even
on delicate fabrics. —Cincinnati Com-
mercial Tribune.

She Knew She Was Fat.

An elderly man rose to give his seat
to a plump-looking girl on a South side
car.

"Oh, no; thank you," she returned,
as she caught onto a strap. "I would
not think of taking a seat from an
older—er—I mean, I'd just as lief
stand up," she finished, lamely.

"Now that's all right," the old gen-
tleman retorted, in a very loud and
hearty tone of voice. "But you'd bet-
ter sit down. I know you fat girls
usually have tender feet!" —Chicago
Journal.

Trach ma, or "granular lids," is
widely spread among the 8,000,000 in-
habitants of Hungary, no fewer than
four in 1,000 being afflicted with the
disease. It spreads by contagion, and
neglect of it makes a patient liable to
fine and imprisonment.

Pekin is a city of dust, like most
Chinese towns. Nevertheless, the
only stores that have glass windows are
those of the watchmakers.

By a new system introduced in the
Boston Union depot one man is said
to be able to switch 750 trains daily.

Messengers in Livery.

Some of the messenger companies in
New York city have extended their
service to supply their patrons with
boys in livery as door openers and for
general "button" service. These boys,
livery and all, may be had by the hour
and have proved a distinct convenience
to housekeepers.

Abolish the Death Penalty.

At Albany the law-makers are wrangling
over the abolition of the death penalty.
The man who succeeds will prove as great
a benefactor to the breaker of man's laws
as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has to the
breaker of nature's laws. If you've neg-
lected your stomach until indigestion and
constipation are upon you, try Hostetter's
Stomach Bitters.

A well-known professor asserts that
the smallest intervals of sound can be
better distinguished with one ear than
with both.

I never used so quick a cure as Piso's
Cure for Consumption. —J. B. Palmer,
Box 1171, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25, 1895.

The king of Italy is a confirmed veg-
etarian.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soot-
ing Syrup the best remedy to use for their
children during the teething period.

A caterpillar can eat six hundred
times its weight of food in a month.

A Household Necessity.

Every home should have handy for use a lit-
tle box of Cascarets Candy Cathartic, as a per-
fect guardian of the family health. All drug-
gists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

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C., and street car men of Cincinnati
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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.
All druggists refund money if it fails to
cure. 25c.

The oil fever has reached Vigo
county, Indiana, and farm property is
being sought after.

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Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE TRIAL
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Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Italy's budget for the year is now
expected to be a surplus instead of a
deficit in the revenues.

There was a young man from Lenore,
Who boldly went off to the war;
The "beef" made him sick,
He recovered quite quick
By the prompt use of old Jesse Moore.

A fossil dinosaur that must have
been 130 feet in length has been found
near Laramie, Col. The remains were
found by Prof. W. H. Reed in the Jura-
ssic strata near Laramie.

Use Dr. Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier now.

Absent-Minded.

Once upon a time a very lovely lady,
who lives in 1 street—or at least I
think it's 1 street—advertised for a
butler. Divers and sundry persons ap-
plied for the place, and among them
one man pleased her very much indeed.
He had been butler, he said, for Gen.
Such-a-One, and Mrs. Gen. Such-a-
One, he was quite sure, would recom-
mend him. Accordingly, madam sat
down to write a note to Mrs. Gen.
Such-a-One, asking about him. Now,
madam, as all her acquaintances know,
is the most absent-minded woman the
shadow of the monument ever fell on.
She wrote the note, but in it there was
no mention of Higgins, the butler. In-
stead the note read:

"Dear Madam: Will you kindly tell
me what the habits and characteristics
of Gen. Such-a-One are, and how long
he has lived with you?"

Mrs. General's reply drove all the
cobwebs from the absent-minded
woman's brain.

"Madam," it ran, "as to Gen. Such-
a-One's habits and characteristics, they
are matters of which public record will
inform you. As to how long he has
lived with me, it is none of your busi-
ness."

And the last four words were em-
phatically underlined. —Washington
Post.

Flour Adulteration in Italy.

In the Alta Italia a well-known
Bretschian firm received a visit the
other day from the sanitary officer of
Milan and was found to have on the
premises, for supply to the baking frater-
nity large quantities of flour adul-
terated with "coalina"—that is, the
double silicate of alum and potash, a
substance employed in porcelain manu-
factories and very pernicious to health.
Following up his search the officer dis-
covered in several baking-houses of
Brescia another quantity of "flour"
furnished by the same firm and con-
taining from 0.85 to 4.0 per cent of
sulphate of barium, a powder not ac-
tually poisonous like the "coalina,"
but very heavy and hurtful to the con-
sumer's stomach. Convicted of this
serious contravention of the sanitary
law, the head of the firm in question
was put under arrest.

In Paraguay, a gentleman is en-
joined by the laws of good society to
kiss every lady to whom he is intro-
duced.

About the House.

A measure of order, simplicity and
fitness must be obtained in the arrange-
ment of furnishings, or they will lose
their original beauty and give the
effect of a medley of furniture, draper-
ies and pictures.

A room that lacks the element of
comfort is never inviting, however ex-
pensive its appointments may be.

In furnishing a bedroom we are deal-
ing with the lungs of the house, and
whatever else we do we must not ob-
struct the free entrance of fresh air.
The knack of adapting and converting
what one has into what she desires is
one of the most valuable gifts or ac-
quirements that the homemaker with
good taste and a shallow purse can
have. —Chicago Times-Herald.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to
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that science has been able to cure in all its
stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure
is the only positive cure known to the medical
fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional
disease, requires a constitutional treatment.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting
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of the system, thereby destroying the founda-
tion of the disease, and giving the patient
complete relief from the constitutional and
assisting nature in doing its work. The prop-
rietary have so much faith in its curative
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stores. By mail for 25c in stamps. Trial
package FREE. Address Allen S. Olm-
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for admittance to the Middle Temple,
in London, for a study of law.

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A Child's Idea.

"Your papa is suffering severely
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her small daughter, "so you must keep
very still."

"Oh, dear, will he have ear-esp-
elas?" asked the child, who had in
some way derived the impression that
erysipelas was in some way connected
with earache. —Pittsburg Chronicle-
Telegraph.

How They Sprung.

Mrs. O'Brien—Have you anny ancis-
tors, Mrs. Kelley.

Mrs. Kelly—And phat's "ancistors,"
Mrs. O'Brien.

Mrs. O'Brien—Why, people youv'e
shprung from.

Mrs. Kelly (impressively)—Listen
to me, Mrs. O'Brien: I come from the
royal shtock av Donahues thot sphring
from nobody—they sphring at thim.—
Puck.

What He Got.

Tom—She let me kiss the hair on
her forehead.

Dick—In other words, she gave you
a bang on the mouth.—N. Y. World.



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sion of Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple,
which she receives as a widow of a sol-
dier in the Mexican war, has been in-
creased from \$8 to \$30 a month, a
rather small income for one who once
presided over the social functions of
the White House.

Mrs. Semple is a daughter of Presi-
dent Tyler, and on the death of her
mother acted for a time as the mis-
tress of the White House. She is a
woman of rare qualities of mind, a
pretty wit and keen sense of humor,
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tion of its kind, and its occupants, all
of whom come from the aristocratic
class in the South, are treated more as
boarders than as dependents, but, no
matter how pleasant the environment,
it is still sad that a woman who at one
period of her life occupied the position
of the first lady in the land should
spend her last days an object of char-
ity.

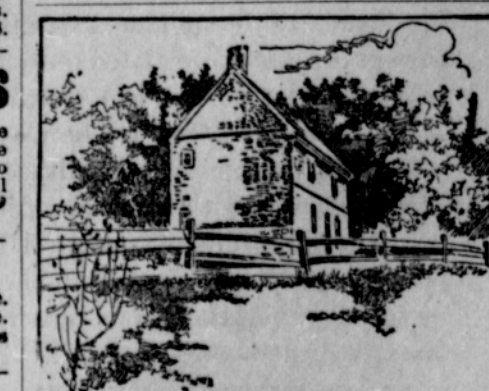
When Mrs. Semple presided in the
White House the demands upon her
were heavy. Three days in the week
were devoted to the reception of vis-
itors, and three more devoted to the
returning of calls. Mrs. Semple had
the honor of christening the first iron ship
which was propelled by steam in the
American navy, the Allegheny. When
her fortune was swept away she estab-
lished an electric institute in Baltimore
and presided over it eleven years, when
ill-health compelled her to accept the
hospitality of the Louise Home. Dur-
ing the war she aided in the establish-
ment of hospitals for the sick and
wounded in the South, and her jewelry
was donated to the fund for the pur-
chase of food and clothing for the
Southern army.

A HISTORIC HOUSE.

Old Building on the Banks of the
Brandywine to Be Restored.

Philadelphia chapter, Daughters of
the American Revolution, of which
Mrs. Charles Carter Harrison is regent,
has taken steps toward the restoration
and preservation of a historic old build-
ing on the banks of the Brandywine,
and has asked the co-operation of Ches-
ter County Chapter, of which Mrs. Lo-
gan is regent. This old building was
the headquarters of Gen. Fraser dur-
ing the battle of Brandywine, and be-
neath its roof Washington, La Fayette
and other distinguished generals of
the Continental army held conference.

The house is situated on a small knob
within a few hundred feet of De-
borah's rock, a famous resort for Indi-
ans in the earlier days of this country.
It was built in 1724 by Abiah Taylor,
who had settled along the Brandywine
as early as 1702, and the walls are yet
in a good state of preservation. The



A HISTORIC HOUSE.

bricks with which it is built are set
endwise, and the window frames,
which are all quite small, are made of
lead.

The descendants of revolutionary sol-
diers in Chester County are taking an
interest in the matter, and, with the
aid of Philadelphia Chapter, it is hoped
that this old landmark may be placed
in such condition as to insure its pres-
ervation for many years to come.

Dogskin Clothes.

In Northern China many of the na-
tives are dressed in dogskin. There
are many establishments where dogs
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skins. They are killed when eight
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When a man and a woman marry,
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