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Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 4228 Regent Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '95.

Queer Hitching Posts.

Icelanders have a peculiar plan to prevent their horses from straying. Supposing two people were riding together, and wished to stop somewhere to make a call. On dismounting, they would tie each horse's head to the other's tail. In this state the horses could neither move backward nor forward; at the most, they could go round in a circle.—N. Y. Sun.



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FORMING A PARTNERSHIP.

ON a summer morning a young man turned down a Yarmouth row. He was a handsome young fellow, somewhat shabbily dressed, and as he walked he carelessly took stock of his surroundings.

Near the bottom of the row a window was open, and by a geranium that bloomed in a pot, the first and only flower he had seen, a girl was leaning lightly on her elbow.

In the opposite doorway a woman, with a red face and brandishing a broom in her hand, was barring the entrance against a herculean man in an oily frock.

"I ax ag'in, John Wade," shouted he of the oily, "if you're a-going to sea?"

"An' I tell you ag'in, skipper," replied a dogged voice from the interior. "I ain't a-goin' to sea."

"Then," cried the giant, wildly, "what am I to do? Here's the vessel ready to sail, an' you a-sulkin'. But as sure as my name is Bill Thompson I'll police ye."

The girl at the window, who seemed used to such scenes, smiled. Looking up at her, and seeing for the first time that she was in deep mourning, the young man smiled also.

"Am I of any use?" he said to the wearer of the oily. "I want a job."

"If you're ready an' willin', my lad," he said, "you're of use. But if you ain't, you ain't. D'y'e want a berth?"

"I want everything," answered the young man in a low tone. "I'm homeless and penniless. But I'm a landsman."

"That ain't a bit o' consequence. What d'y'e say? Will ye go? 'Tis for eight weeks."

"I don't care if it's for eight years. There's nothing to stop me here."

"Come on, then," cried the delighted fisherman. "But, stop—what's your name, my lad?"

"John Smith," was the answer; and his hesitation escaped the skipper.

"Well, Smith, for fear of accidents some one had better take your money. Who'll ye leave it with?"

The young man again looked up at the window, at the sweet, pure face above him. The gaze of the rough sea giant beside him followed his glance.

"Oh, I see," he exclaimed; "you're goin' to take it, miss. Well, you know where to go. Old Tom Price is the owner, an' the name of the vessel is the Saucy Lass. Come on, Smith, no more hanky'n'. Your sweetheart 'ull take your money." And he seized the newly shipped by the arm.

"No, no," she cried, in confusion. "I do not know the gentleman. I—I—"

But already Smith, with the hand of the skipper on his arm, had been hurried out of earshot, and before she could reach the door the two had vanished down the row.

Eight weeks later a young man, bronzed and hearty, stood on Yarmouth quay. It was John Smith. His sea rig had given place to a decent suit of clothes, and he seemed pondering which way to go.

At last he wandered away to the seashore. Finding a spot where pale blue violets lay low among the sea grass, he flung himself down and pulled out an envelope. It contained a post-office order wrapped in a sheet of note paper, and on this was written "Katharine Perry." The amount was the sum due to him on his pay card.

He had been to the house, but found her gone. Yet here was his money left by her in this form.

On his homeward path he stopped to buy a morning paper. It was the rule at Yarmouth to allow news time to mature before it was distributed, and Smith was handed the Standard with a short bark. Quite undisturbed he began to look it over. Suddenly he caught his breath; his gaze was riveted on an advertisement that read thus:

"George Neal is earnestly requested to communicate with Messrs. Furness & Wapp, solicitors, Lincoln's Inn Fields, where he will hear something to his advantage. Any person knowing of the whereabouts of the said G. N. and communicating the same to the above firm will be suitably rewarded."

Before noon that day John Smith had shaken the dust of Yarmouth from his feet and was on his way to London. As he burst into the office a carefully dressed old gentleman wearing a pair of gold-rimmed glasses stepped forward to greet him. This he did by nearly shaking his arm off.

"Why, my dear George," he cried, "how glad I am to see you! We have been advertising for you all over the country. How is it you haven't seen our advertisement before?"

In a few words the young man told

his tale. The old solicitor listened with much interest, then his face grew grave.

"So you have not heard the news, my boy," he said. "Your uncle is dead."

"Dead!" repeated George Neal, sadly, "and we parted in anger merely because I refused to follow the profession he had chosen for me."

"If we thought oftener of the king of terrors there would be fewer quarrels," said the lawyer kindly, "but he, too, was very sorry, George, though when you hear the rest you may think he took an odd way of showing it. I was called in to draw up a fresh will. Subject to one condition, he made his property over to you."

"And that condition?"

"Excuse me a moment," said Mr. Furness looking at his watch. "I expect a lady here presently; let us step into my private room."

"And that condition?" said George Neal, firmly.

"Now, my dear boy," said the lawyer, "don't fire up. You have had your way, let the dead man have his. In some little misearable seaport on the east coast your uncle had what nearly every successful man has nowadays—a poor relation. It came to his knowledge that this poor relation had died and left a daughter. This was quite enough for your uncle, and he made it a requisite condition that you marry her. The lady's name is—"

"Stop!" With his face expressing all the bitterness he felt the young man rose.

Footsteps had been coming nearer every moment, and involuntarily Neal's face turned to the door. The clerk came first, then the lawyer, with old-fashioned courtesy, came forward to intercept the visitor.

"Miss Kate Perry," he said, "and this, my dear young lady, is George Neal." All the blood that was in Neal's body rushed to his face. He stood grasping at the back of his chair, unable to utter a word. Then the little hand that the lawyer held started, trembling so violently that it attracted Mr. Furness' attention, and he hastily led her to a chair. "It is possible," he said, "that my introduction comes a trifle late. Am I wrong in this surmise?"

"I—I," stammered Kate, "Mr. Smith," then she stopped, blushing deeply.

At last George Neal's tongue was untied and he hastened to the rescue.

"I have met this young lady before," he said, "under very singular circumstances; we now meet under circumstances stranger still. An explanation is due to her, and if you will give a little time to explain—"

"Certainly, certainly," said Mr. Furness, rubbing his hands. "Take all the time you require. I am quite content to let Cupid take my place as mediator," and with a beaming face he bowed himself out.

When it seemed to the despairing clerk that the best part of the day had gone Mr. Furness went back to his strangely met visitors.

"May I hope," he said, gently, "that the explanation has not been a tiresome one?"

"No," said George, with a glowing face. "To me it hasn't. I have offered my dear Kate the property without incumbrance. But she has refused to accept it on any such terms. What are we to do?"

"My advice," said the old lawyer, "is to go into partnership. And if the wishes of a dry bit of legal parchment, who had a love dream once, can follow you far, they will repeat good luck and much happiness."

Old-Time Surgery.

A grim souvenir of an old-time war was on view in a cutler's window in the east end of London recently. It is an ebony-handled saw, which, according to the inscription on a brass plate attached to the instrument, was used by a surgeon of the British army to amputate the limbs of wounded soldiers at Blenheim, Malplaquet and Ramillies.

No Holiday.

Berlin is to have a network of underground railways. It is expected that two years will suffice, as in the case of Budapest, for completing it.

Land.

Of the 77,671,000 acres of land and water in the United Kingdom about 47,800,000 are under crops and grass.

It is a good sign when a young girl eats potatoes, bread and meat, instead of candy, pickles, and that sort of thing.

A Comparison.

In the village of Send, Surrey, in a sick benefit society, which is divided into two sections, one for teetotallers and the other for moderate drinkers, the last balance-sheet was a typical one. It showed that the teetotallers had received no sick pay during the preceding 12 months, and that the subscriptions of each were returned to the extent of £1 4s. 9d., whilst only 18s. was available for each of the moderate drinkers, whose section has received £15 1s. 8d. in sick pay.

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A Civil War Battle.

One Confederate regiment at Gettysburg lost 720 killed and wounded out of 800 men. There has been some sharp fighting in South Africa, but nothing to recall the battles of the American civil war.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Cuba's Population.

The new census gives Cuba's population as 1,572,840, which is 50,000 less than in 1897. Puerto Rico has 957,679, a gain of 150,000 since 1897.

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