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A CURE FOR TROUBLE.

It will never pay to frown When you're blue; Fortune still may have a crown Made for you; Don't expect to win men's pity Or to gain the strength you need.

EDISON'S NEW CAR.

Thomas A. Edison has perfected his storage battery electric street car and if accounts of the same are to be relied upon it will not be long until the gasoline motor cars such as the one now running between Pendleton and Umatilla will have to go upon the shelf, being replaced by a better car.

According to a story in the May issue of Technical World magazine, Edison began upon his storage battery car two years ago, just after he had perfected a storage battery for use on drays and delivery wagons in New York City.

The storage battery car is capable of running one hundred and fifty miles without recharging at a cost of one cent a mile, and of climbing any ordinary grade, says the Technical World. "It saves twenty-five per cent on the cost of line construction, for there are no overhead wires, no poles, no transmission cables and no track bonding. There is also a material saving in the cost of power plant, too; for on a trolley line the power plant must be large enough to move the maximum amount of traffic, which continues for only a short time; the rest of the day there is a large surplus of power that is not used. The power station for charging storage batteries can be run at its most economical gait every hour in the twenty-four.

"The greatest saving is in the cost of operation. The Edison patent storage battery car weighs only from one-half to two-thirds as much as the ordinary trolley car of the same capacity, yet the Edison car is the stronger. As it costs one hundred dollars per ton per year to run the average street car on the average street railroad it may be seen that this saving is of some consequence." The Edison car should be especially valuable for interurban service. This because the storage battery cars would do away with the necessity of trolley equipment which is an especially strong item of expense on interurban roads.

THE LAND OF LIFE.

Is the climate of the arid and semi-arid west peculiarly adapted to the development of men of physical and mental vigor? There are many reasons for believing this to be the case. It is a fact often remarked upon that children reared in eastern Oregon are larger and stronger than those reared in the humid Willamette valley.

May Pacific Monthly takes the view that the climate of the arid country is good for both physical and mental development. He has the following to say along this line:

"And this stimulant influence of fine weather and climate upon the mind and body, like a dose of medicine, is immediate. A clear, breezy, sunny day in spring or fall, especially after a rain has reduced the atmospheric humidity, brings every New Englander out of doors to forget his troubles; children shout at their play, and even the dogs bark and scamper. Such brilliant, bracing days are the rule and not the rare exception in the favored West.

"Hence, reasoning from the foregoing we would naturally expect to find the character of the typical American of the arid West what in fact popular opinion really recognizes it to be—cheerful rather than gloomy; optimistic rather than that dubious frame of mind which hopes for the best and expects the worst; forceful and courageous, rather than shrinking; initiative and self-reliant rather than dependent on precedent and custom; progressive rather than conservative; frank rather than secretive and suspicious; generous rather than the opposite; charitable rather than critical; impulsive rather than cautious; broad-minded rather than narrow and bigoted; impatient of senseless convention, hypocrisy and sham; a friend to value and a foe to fear, playing the great game to win, but playing it fairly."

This is the country in which to live. It is the land of sunshine and of life.

From appearances about two thirds of the population of this place will get counted. The other one third will be passed up by the enumerators because they could not be listed the first time the enumerators called. As a result Pendleton will not make the showing its population really justifies.

More paved and macadamized streets, permanent cross walks, more concrete walks with more parking and more street grading would help make this a better place in which to live. A new theatre would also help the situation.

It is said that Taft proposes to send a squadron of 21 battleships and four armored cruisers around the world in 1912. That is a good way to find out whether or not our ships are seaworthy.

In the increasing business Pendleton is securing from its outside territory there is great opportunity for progressive merchants.

There is not much chance for the "hookworm" while the "baseball bug" is busy.

Possibly the Washington-Oregon company has been waiting for Edison to develop his storage battery car.

"All roads lead to Pendleton."

PHILOSOPHY.

(Washington Post.) Many questions are unasked because of fear of the answer. Bad pennies turn up heads just as often as good ones. The man who takes victory as a matter of course makes the most excuses in defeat. A poor imitation of good manners is better than none at all. Most women would rather wear an unbecoming new dress than a becoming old one. Man's most inconspicuous part is as a poor father-in-law. Men sleep soundest when there are unusual noises in the house. People are laughed at most who take it the worst. Prosperity soon gets to thing it has been so always.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

(New York Press.) Female figures are made, not born. It isn't safe to make love, even to an engaged girl, for she can break it off. A man starts out expecting to get rich, and ends up thinking he is lucky to keep out of the poorhouse. The longer a man can stay away from his family the more he can lie about how he misses them. The more money a man will spend on flowers for his wife the less he will want to spend on necessities for her.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

(Chicago News.) A female diplomat is a woman who can say mean things in a pleasant way. Never put off till tomorrow the thing some other chap will do for you today. If the fool and his money were inseparable, there would be no get-rich-quick schemes. It's difficult to arouse a man's enthusiasm by showing him a photograph of himself when a baby. Of course women are a trifle vain, but did you ever see a man pass up an opportunity to look in a mirror? "Dawson is one of the most devoted fathers I ever knew." "How so?" "He's proud of his children. Why, say, he often lies awake half the night trying to think up clever things that he can credit them with saying."

NEW YORK'S FIGHT.

"No Uncared-for Tuberculosis in New York State in 1910!"

This is the watchword in the campaign for the prevention of tuberculosis in the state of New York. "No tuberculosis in 1920" is the hope. How the people of the Empire state have rallied for the fight against this disease in almost every city, village and hamlet in that commonwealth in the short space of two years is a story that will doubtless be of interest to the citizens of every other state in the union, for the crusade against consumption is not confined to the limits of any state or of any nation. In the words of Prof. William H. Welch, of Johns Hopkins University, the leader of scientific medicine in America, "The people have recognized their true foe in tuberculosis and are stirring to the combat throughout the civilized world." This is because enlightened men and women throughout the civilized world are beginning to appreciate the full significance of Pasteur's words, "It is within the power of man to cause all germ diseases to disappear from the earth."

The striking thing about tuberculosis is that while scientists have known for a quarter of a century how to cope with it—and indeed a few of our larger cities have been successfully coping with it for the past twenty years—nevertheless the "civilized world" has only just begun to stir itself to a systematic combat. Already, however, in the way of education, great strides have been made. He would be held an ignorant person who should learn now for the first time that tuberculosis is a communicable, and therefore a preventable, disease, and that in most cases, if properly treated in the early stages, it is curable. At least, it is reasonably certain that there are comparatively few people in New York state today who could not "back the book" and recite for you these essential facts about tuberculosis:

Tuberculosis (or consumption) causes more deaths than any other single disease.

In the civilized world there are not less than a million deaths each year—or two a minute—which are due to this disease; in the United States this scourge claims no less than 200,000 of our citizens annually, and in the Empire state we sacrifice to it an average of 16,000 lives each year, or one every thirty minutes.

One third of all who die between the ages of fifteen and forty-five, just at the time when they are repaying to society their debt for nurture and education, die of tuberculosis.—From "No Tuberculosis in New York State in 1920" by John A. Kingsbury, in the American Review of Reviews for April.

ORIGIN OF PIGTAIL.

The report that the Chinese department of state affairs contemplates issuing an order directing officials, soldiers and police to give up the queue and to wear their hair short recalls that the queue was introduced into China by the Manchus nearly three centuries ago, says the Japan Mail. It is said to have been originally suggested to the Manchus by their sense of gratitude to the horse, that animal having played a great part in the Tartar conquests. In short, the "pigtail" was a method of establishing a relationship between human beings and horses.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Most people never forget to pose except when they are home with the family. About the time a man has gone broke on an automobile he has learned a little about running one. A man can easily get an idea he wants to do something for the world if a good salary goes with it. You can tell a woman who has a natural complexion by the way those who haven't hate her for it. A girl likes to have a man give her flowers; but she likes a thousand times more to have him beg for one back to carry in his watch case. Now, and later, people can see that the "hard" winter was a good one.

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TOO OFFICIOUS.

"The boss" who disdains to accept an occasional hint from a subordinate is bound some time to have his egotism come a cropper," remarked Wait McDougall, according to "Lippincott's." "I once had a controlling interest," he went on, "in an up-state amusement park. "Bright and early one morning I arrived at the park, where I found a man, idly watching. "Come with me, sir!" said I sternly to the workman. "He followed without a word. "Mr. Jones, pay this man off," I abruptly ordered the manager, when we arrived at the local office.

"But, Mr. McDougall—"

"That will do," I replied with increasing indignation. "Give him a day's wages at once!" "When the fellow was paid and had vanished with amazing celerity, I demanded: "Now, sir, perhaps you can give me some reason for hiring such worthless vagabonds." "Why, Mr. McDougall," he was finally able to explain, "that fellow was never in our employ; he was merely a spectator!" It really isn't any more difficult for a rich man to be honest than for a poor man; it only seems so to the rich man.

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