TWO NOTED MINSTRELS

Who Have Won Fortunes, and What They Say about Stage Life.

"Billy" Emerson has recently made a phenomenal success in Australia, and is rich.

Emerson was born at Belfast in 1846. He began his career with Joe Sweeney's minstrels in Washington in 1857. Later on he jumped into prominence in connection with Newcomb's minstrels, with whom he visited Germany. He visited Australia in 1874, and on his return to America joined Haverley's minstrels in San Francisco at $500 a week and expenses. With this troupe, he played before her majesty the queen, the Prince of Wales, and royalty generally. After this trip he leased the Standard Theater, San Francisco, where for three years he did the largest business ever known to minstrelsy. In April last he went to Australia again, where he has "beaten the record."

"Billy" is a very handsome fellow, an excellent singer, dances gracefully, and is a true humorist.

"Yes, sir, I have traveled all over the world, have met all sorts of people, come in contact with all sorts of customs, and had all sorts of experiences. One must have a constitution like a locomotive to stand it."

"Yes, I know I seem to bear it like a major, and I do, but I tell you candidly, that with the perpetual change of diet, water, and climate, if I had not maintained my vigor with regular use of Warner's Safe Cure I should have gone under long ago."

George H. Primrose, whose name is known in every amusement circle in America, is even more emphatic, if possible, than "Billy" Emerson, in commendation of the same article to sporting and traveling men generally, among whom it is a great favorite.

Emerson has grown rich on the boards and so has Primrose, because they have not squandered the public's "favors."—[*Stage Whispers.*

YOUNGER SISTERS.

The Terrors Which Surround the Engaged Young Man.

A young lady in Ohio was engaged to be married to a young man, and the wedding day was set in the near future. One day the young lady was unable to attend a certain picnic with her affianced, and sent her youngest sister as a substitute. Both the young man and the substitute failed to return from the picnic, and later it was learned that they had gone to Pittsburgh and were married. Aside from the selection of Pittsburgh as a place to go to, society recognizes that the conduct of the young man was in the highest degree reprehensible and deserving of severest censure; but we feel sure that a fair consideration of such a case can not fail to adduce many points of extenuation that will be appreciated, by all young men, at least. The younger sister was the prime cause of the whole affair, and this is but another instance of the importance of this member of the family as a factor in our social problem not to be overlooked. Every mother of more than one girl recognizes this importance, and so does every young man. Every young man knows how hard it is to get hold of a younger sister while the elder is still unmarried, "in society" and "in the field." Not only is the former subordinated entirely to the latter; not only is she frequently kept in short skirts until maturing development absolutely demands that they be lengthened; not only is her debut in society deferred and postponed year after year to give her elder sister a full chance; but more serious than all this, to the young man that would be hers, is the fact she is kept wholly out of his way and he can only get at her via the elder sister. All society recognizes but one Miss A; the others are all the little Miss A's, quite inconsequential and not to be thought of save as the child or "my little sister who is in school." Yet the younger sister often has her share of the family beauty and attractiveness, and the fact that she is made unapproachable only adds to the charm and fascination of her being. Every well-regulated young man will begin his courting with the parents or guardians; if it is the elder sister he is after the path is usually broad and smooth once they are won to his cause. But if he goes a step lower he has another conquest to make, no less a one than the elder sister—unless, perchance, some other young man comes along and removes her for cause. The difficulties to be encountered were there are half a dozen sisters and the young man is after the youngest may be readily appreciated. It is not surprising that frequently the first thing the young man knows he finds himself blocked half way down the steps of sisters by an engagement into which he has fallen while endeavoring to get enough into the good graces to be allowed to pass down. Such an accident may be taken philosophically or the young man may get desperate, as did the Ohio young man, and abandon all right and scorn the verdict of society in his desperation to gain his perfectly legitimate end. The report of the Ohio case states that the girl who fled to Pittsburgh was a younger sister, and there is no knowing how many times the young man would have had to have jeopardized himself and his happiness had he pursued a course that, while undoubtedly proper, is extremely severe. Inasmuch as the elder sister herself suggested the arrangement for the picnic, it is not unreasonable to suppose, and reflects great credit on her, that she fully understood the situation, and, with womanly tact, found a way to help the young lover out without subjecting him to run the gauntlet of the between sisters. At any rate such a young man will have the full sympathy of all other young men far and wide, who can condone his fault, great as it may appear on the surface and serious a breach as it undoubtedly is, as they can appreciate the extremity of his sad situation. —*Providence Journal.*

—Exchange of courtesies between two Arizona editors—From the Gila *Jowler:* "The lickspittle greaser who edits the *Ripsnorter* lost his head last week in trying to answer us." From the *Ripsnorter:* "The reformed bum whose office boy edits the *Howler* for him can't lose his head, for he has none."

—The Philadelphia *Call* says: The wealth of our language is shown by the fact that "hang it up" and "chalk it down" mean precisely the same thing. And it might have added that the thing "hung up" or "chalked down" can be "drunk up" or "drunk down" as it suits the customer.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

BILL NYE.

He Writes a Letter to Queen Victoria and Invites Her to Visit America.

To Queen Victoria Regina Dei Gracia and Aetna Mother-in-Law:

DEAR MADAM—Your most gracious Majesty will no doubt be surprised to hear from me after my long silence. One reason that I have not written for some time is that I had hoped to see you ere this, and not because I had grown cold. I desire to congratulate you at this time upon your great success as a mother-in-law and your very exemplary career socially. As a queen you have given universal satisfaction and your family have married well.

But I desired more especially to write you in relation to another matter. We are struggling here in America to establish an author's international copyright arrangement, whereby the authors of all civilized nations may be protected in the rights to the profits of their literary labor, and the movement so far has met with generous encouragement. As an author we desire your aid and indorsement. Could you assist us?

We are giving this season a series of authors' readings in New York to aid in prosecuting the work, and we would like to know whether we could not depend upon you to take a part in these readings, rendering selections from your late work.

I assure your most gracious Majesty that you would meet some of our best literary people while here, and nopains would be spared to make your visit a pleasant one, aside from the reading itself. We would advertise your appearance extensively and get out a first-class audience on the occasion of your debut here.

An effort would be made to provide passes for yourself, and reduced rates, I think, could be secured for yourself and suite at the hotels. Of course you could do as you thought best about bringing suite, however. Some of us travel with our suites and some do not. I generally leave my suite at home, myself.

You would not need to make any special change as to costume for the occasion. We try to make it informal so far as possible, and though some of us wear full dress we do not make that obligatory on those who take a part in the exercises. If you decide to wear your every-day reigning clothes it will not excite comment on the part of our literati. We do not judge an author or authoress by his or her clothes.

You will readily see that this will afford you an opportunity to appear before some of the best people of New York, and at the same time you will aid in a deserving enterprise.

It will also promote the sale of your book.

Perhaps you have all the royalty you want as de from what you may receive from the sale of your works, but every author feels a pardonable pride in getting his books in every household.

I would assure your most gracious Majesty that your reception here as an authoress will in no way suffer because you are an unnaturalized foreigner. Any alien who feels a fraternal interest in the international advancement of thought and the universal encouragement of the good, the true and the beautiful in literature, will be welcome on these shores.

This is a broad land, and we aim to be a broad and cosmopolitan people. Literature and free willing genius are not hemmed in by State or National lines. They sprout up and blossom under tropical skies no less than beneath the frigid aurora borealis of the frozen north. We hail true merit just as heartily and as unpraoriously on a throne as we would anywhere else. In fact, it is more deserving, if possible, for one who has never tried it little knows how difficult it is to sit on a hard throne all day and write well. We are to recognize struggling genius wherever it may crop out. It is no small matter for an almost unknown monarch to reign all day and then write an article for the press or a chapter for a serial story, only, perhaps, to have it returned by the publishers. All these things are drawbacks to a literary life, which we here in America know little of.

I hope your most gracious Majesty will decide to come, and that you will pardon this long letter. It will do you good to get out this way for a few weeks, and I earnestly hope that you will decide to lock up the house and come prepared to make quite a visit. We have some real good authors here now in America and we are not ashamed to show them to any one. They are not only smart, but they are well-behaved and know how to appear in company. We generally read selections from our own works, and can have a brass band to play between the selections if thought best. For myself, I prefer to have a full brass band accompany me while I read. The audience approves this plan.

We have been having some very hot weather here for the past week but it is now cooler. Farmers are getting in the crops in good shape but wheat is still low in price, and cranberries are souring on the vines. All of our canned red raspberries worked last week, and we had to can them over again.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail or prepaid cablegram, I beg leave to remain your most gracious and indulgent Majesty's humble and obedient servant. BILL NYE.—*Boston Globe.*

Friendly Consideration.

"Please, mister, gimme a dime to buy some bread," whined a tramp to a man in the street.

"What do you want with it?" was the gruff reply.

"I want to eat it."

"Why don't you go to work and earn it? It only costs a man ninety dollars a year to feed himself in this country, and you should surely be able to raise that much. I'm a friend of yours, and want to give you the best advice."

"How much did you say?"

"Only ninety dollars a year."

"Well, mister, s'pose you gimme a lift on that. Make it forty-five, an' I'll hustle around for the next six months an' try to raise the balance. I don't want to be too hard on a friend, you know, fer I've allers been willin' to do my share."

His suggestion was not adopted.—*Merchant Traveler.*

—Frances E. Townesley was ordained by a council of Baptist churches in Nebraska. This is the first instance, in modern times at least, of the formal setting apart of a woman to the office and work of the evangelical ministry. The Methodist Church, though it permits women to speak in its pulpits, has declined to ordain them. There have been a few women preachers like Miss Anna Oliver and "Bible readers" like Miss Smiley, but none of them have obtained ordination. This Nebraska case is distinctly a new thing.

RIGHT AT OUR DOOR!

What Kentucklans have to say on a Subject that is now on Everybody's Lips.

[Lexington, Kentucky, *Press*]

For several years past one of those remarkable products which genius and modern inventive skill brought to the notice of the world, has claimed undivided attention. It has also, with its marvelous popularity, reached the confidence of the people of this section. A member of the editorial staff of this paper met with Mr. John T. Bruce, of this city, well-known as being connected with the United States Revenue Collector's office, who said:

"For about seven years I suffered terribly with rheumatism in my right ankle, which most of the time was swollen to two or three times its natural size, and was so painful at times that I could not put my foot to the ground. I tried nearly everything without obtaining relief and about six weeks ago I concluded to try St. Jacobs Oil. I made an application at 10 o'clock in the morning and two other applications shortly afterwards, and at three o'clock the pain was gone entirely and never returned. The swelling also disappeared in a day or two and has not returned. Those three applications are all I have ever made, and I believe they have cured me permanently, but I keep St. Jacobs Oil in my room all the time to be ready in case of emergency, and wouldn't be without it for any consideration."

Few horsemen are better or more favorably known throughout the United States, than Messrs. Treacy & Wilson, of this city. Their immense stables are known as "Horsemen's Headquarters," and they are among the successful breeders of trotting and and thoroughbred stock of the Blue Grass regions. These gentlemen say: "We have found St. Jacobs Oil very useful for both man and horse. The article has our full endorsement. We are willing our recommendations of it should be given the widest publicity."

In the further pursuit of information to verify the universal praise of this great remedy, which seems to be on everybody's lips, Hon. W. B. Hoke, Judge of Jefferson County Court, said: "My family have used St. Jacobs Oil with signal success. It gave entire satisfaction. We always have a bottle in the house."

In like manner, men of like eminence freely gave their testimony and Hon. James Harlan, Ex-Vice Chancellor of Louisville, and brother of Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, and one of the great legal minds of Kentucky, is a believer in the virtues of St. Jacobs Oil and speaks enthusiastically of it. "Every family should have it," he says, "and it should be on every mantel-piece. I use it and know full well whereof I speak in pronouncing it a most extraordinary cure for all that is claimed by its proprietors."

What is good for man is good for beast, is further strongly exemplified by the statement of Mr. R. S. Withers, son of General William T. Withers, of Fairlawn stock farm, of this city, the renowned breeder of gentlemen's roadsters and fast trotters, and whose name and fame extend all over the world. Mr. Withers says: "I have such confidence in St. Jacobs Oil, the great pain-cure, that I use it on everything—myself, my horses, my men and everybody. For all kinds of aches and pains I believe in its sovereignty as a cure."

The writer found among men of all classes, from the highest to the lowest, some testimony to its efficacy from personal experience, and the popular Receiver of the Chancery Court of Louisville, Hon. P. Booker Reed, says: "While riding from Frankfort to Louisville last winter during the heat of the great senatorial fight, I had to resort to an engine to visit Louisville in a hurry, and as a consequence caught the next thing to pneumonia. An application of St. Jacobs Oil and I was soon well. It is certainly an excellent remedy."

The leading papers of the country are full of praise of this wonderful specific, among which the Louisville *Courier-Journal* has devoted wide space to special cures by St. Jacobs Oil, and to descriptions of its exhibition at the Southern Exposition, recently held there. At this exposition it was awarded a magnificent gold medal, the first and only gold medal awarded to a proprietary medicine in this country. It has received like honors at the great International Expositions abroad and the local Fairs in the different States.

The expressions of the general sentiment of the people were so unanimously in favor of the excellence of this wonderful pain-cure, that it is made the subject of a report to this paper in the interests of humanity.

—To stop, or rather prevent, crystallization of honey, it is said that the juice of half a lemon, squeezed in and stirred up, is enough to save a barrel full.—*Albany Journal.*

—A story is told of an aged clergyman, who met a man loudly declaiming against foreign missions. "Why," said the objector, "doesn't the church look after the heathen at home?" "We do," said the clergyman quietly, and gave the man a tract.—*N. Y. Post.*

—The Free Church of Scotland has determined to found a permanent church in Geneva, the city sacred to the memory of John Calvin and the sphere of the labors of John Knox. The services are to accommodate the English speaking people. A number of Americans reside in this city.

—"Young women get more culture and young men more special facility in college. The broader education must always be literary—must deal chiefly with concepts and their expression, and women pursue the literary education while men more and more specialize with reference to some bread-winning craft." So says Dr D. H. Wheeler.

—The whole educational question appears to be resolved into this formulation: Plain simple instruction in the elementary principles. No cramming. No fancy studies. Short lessons, well prepared. If any genius be developed, seeking higher methods and wider culture, he will, with the weapons provided, make his way. But it is folly to overdo instruction with the average mind, which, like some Virginia land, described by John Randolph, is "poor by nature and ruined by cultivation."—*Augusta (Ga) Constitutionalist.*

GLOUCESTER.

How Fish Are Packed in the Atlantic Seaport.

"I want you to go through one of the fish curing and packing establishments," said a citizen of Gloucester to a reporter a few days since. "I doubt if you have any idea of the work that is done in one of them. Great changes have been made in the business. Years ago curing fish was synonymous with dirt and offensive smells. All that has been done away with, and the curing and packing of fish is done with as much regard to cleanliness as is the grinding of wheat and packing of flour."

"Where shall we go?" asked the journalist.

"Anywhere, into any of them; in all of them the processes are clean and wholesome." Being near the establishment of Messrs. John Pew & Son, the representative asked the proprietors to show him about, which they kindly did. The establishment covers two or three acres. The first thing which attracts one's attention is a huge reservoir which is filled from an artesian well by power furnished by a windmill. "We are obliged to have an abundance of pure water," said Mr. Pew, "because thorough washing is of the utmost importance in this business. At the wharves of the company were two ships unloading salt. "That ship," pointing to one of them, "is one of the last of the famous fleet built by McKay." The salt used is of the cleanest and best quality, great care being taken to get the best and to remove from it all impurities. A cargo of mackerel was just in, and a crew of men in one building were at work repacking them. Where they are caught they are put into barrels with little salt and regardless of size. In the curing establishment they are all taken out, classified, re alted and packed into barrels, half-barrels and kits. Large houses were filled with hogsheads of cod and other fish in pickle. These fish are not sold in that form, but cargoes are usually kept in that condition as the most convenient and safest prior to drying. The fish are dried on frames, those on this firm covering half or two-thirds of an acre, and one dare not say how many thousand pounds of fish can be cured at one time thereon. The packing of dry fish is comparatively a new industry. In days of yore the dry fish was thrown down in most any place in the retail store where it would not dry up or lose anything in weight. All this has been changed by the introduction of packing and boxing. It is also a great saving. Heretofore it was difficult to sell the small fish; now that the skin and the bones are removed the small ones are just as good as the larger. On the second floor of one building were over thirty men, women and boys engaged in cutting, curing and packing dry fish. It was a model workroom, light, with the cool breeze from the ocean coming in at the windows. From a pile of the fish men with strong hands took the fish and removed the bones in less time than it takes one to tell it. Others seize it and pull out the skin. Another gang cut them into pieces about two and one-half by six inches. This is done on large tables divided into squares through which the knives are run. Girls next put the pieces into packages weighing two pounds or more. These packages are next passed along to men who put them into presses and reduce them to the smallest space possible. Then girls take them and put twine about them. The bunches are then carefully salted and put into boxes, which in turn are nailed up and carried out. The Gloucester houses pack fish for special customers to all parts of the country, putting their brand on the packages. The wood for the boxes is pine, of small dimensions, and comes largely from New Hampshire, all prepared to be nailed together. The boxes are printed at the curing establishment on a job press run by gas power. The Pews print fifty or sixty different brands. Other grades of fish are skinned, boned and cut in two or three pieces and shipped in larger boxes, according as ordered. What becomes of the refuse? The skins of the fish are made into glue in Gloucester. It is the only glue that will stick wood to iron. The bones go to the fertilizer factory and are disposed of there. Nothing is lost and certainly nothing is left about the premises. The Gloucester men are as careful about their packing and curing as are the packers of fruit. It is their interest to be so. There were two or three fishermen at the wharves, either unloading or ready to go to the Banks. They were neat-looking vessels, and all of their arrangements for the business showed the constant care and expenditure which is demanded to make the business moderately remunerative. "There are no fortunes made in this business," said one gentleman. "There is not a rich fisherman in Gloucester." It is a very comfortable looking town, nevertheless, and the sound of the hammer and the click of the trowel indicate that it is growing. It is the headquarters of the ocean fishing industry.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

—California has a State Board of Education which has elected a "literary proof-reader and editor-in-chief" at a salary of $200 per month.

—Boston expects to entertain over 4,000 guests at the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions October 13-16.

—Princeton Theological Seminary recently celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary. One-fourth of the graduating class of thirty-five have given themselves to foreign missionary work. Only two students, it is said, from Congregational seminaries have decided to become foreign missionaries.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—A Presbyterian Church has been organized in Portland, Me. During the last century there were many in that territory, several of the towns having Scotch-Irish settlers. But these churches became extinct or were changed into Congregational bodies, and the recently organized body is the only one of its kind in the State.—*Troy Times.*

—The Baptist Union in Germany last year had 161 churches, with 33,483 members; a net gain of 1,190 over the previous year. There were 3,546 baptized. The churches raised for all purposes about $96,000, and their property is valued at about $332 302. They lost 321 members by emigration, and the exclusion of 864 shows a good standard of Christian character.

A HOTEL MAN'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Mr. R. E. Beckel, proprietor of the Beckel House, Harrisburg, Ohio, writes that Red Star Cough Cure removed a severe cold from which he was suffering. St. Jacobs Oil is equally as effective in removing pains from whatever cause, whether rheumatic or otherwise.

AMONG THE BANK NOTES.

The American Bank Note Company is the largest as well as the oldest corporation in this country devoted to the work of designing and engraving bank notes, coupon bonds and all that extensive class of fine art commercial literature. It dates back as far as to 1795. It printed the work for Government securities as long ago as 1809. One of the oldest engraving firms outside of this great concern was that of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Smillie, whose name is familiar to all who handled the bonds and notes of thirty or forty years ago. Mr. Smillie, of this firm, who achieved national reputation as an artist, is now spending the years of a ripe old age at Poughkeepsie, New York. His son, William M. Smillie, Esq., is one of the Vice-Presidents of the American Bank Note Company, having charge of the detail of the artistic work in that great institution.

A well-known New York editor recently visited Mr. Smillie in his office in the new building of the American Bank Note Company. This building, by the way, is the most beautiful and ample in the world for the purpose of commercial art work. It is under the shadow of the spire of Trinity Church. Its offices are spacious and elegant, and its work-rooms are equipped with a wonderful perfection in everything pertaining to the designing and production of the immense quantity of fine engraving and choice printing sent out from there.

"So your father is now seventy-eight years old, is he, Mr. Smillie?"

"Yes, and for a man of his age he has had a wonderful experience. Last winter he had an attack of pleurisy. We brought him from Poughkeepsie to this city in order to place him under the care of his old physician. He remained here two or three months, most of the time in very low condition. There was great adhesion of the pleurea and he could use only about half of one lung. He returned to his home and grew so much weaker that we all thought he would die. The pleura was tapped and three quarts of water taken from it. He suffered so that we determined to send to my brother's at Montrose, Pa., thinking that change of air might do him some good. The change was made last July. While at Montrose he suffered much with intense pain in the chest and suffocation. We gave him the best medical care that could be obtained. But it was of little avail. He wanted to go home to die.

"In this condition he was brought to New York, wrapped in shawls and blankets, for his feet were swollen and he could not get his boots on. I found him thus at the St. Cloud Hotel early in September.

"When my father's case had reached this point I said to him and my mother and sisters: 'Now you have all had your way as to medical treatment; suppose you let me have mine. I am a believer in Compound Oxygen. I want to try it on father.' They agreed to it, although they said his case was hopeless. We got a nurse from Bellevue Hospital. She said she knew nothing of Compound Oxygen, but would give it a fair trial.

"I went to my old friend, Dr. Turner, in charge of the New York office of Compound Oxygen, 118 Fifth avenue. I told him my father's feet were badly swollen; that his breathing apparatus was all out of order; that his stomach was in bad condition from twenty years of dyspepsia, and that he was very low. The doctor said: 'I hope we can help him; we will try.'

"So I took a 'Home Treatment.' Father was so weak he could hardly inhale it at all. He could take the Oxygen in short whiffs. The nurse gave it to him ten or twelve times the first day. That night he slept, and it was the first good sleep he had taken for weeks. It was on a Tuesday that he began the Oxygen Treatment. By Saturday he was so much better that he wanted to leave the hotel and go to his home in Poughkeepsie. We lifted him along as gently as we could, and in a few hours he was sitting on his portico overlooking the Park and Hudson River and enjoying one of the most beautiful sunsets ever seen. Said he: 'The Lord has made this sunset especially for me. Now let me go to bed. I want to sleep.' He slept nearly all night and with almost entire freedom from pain.

"A week ago I spent a day with him. I arrived about lunch time and they gave my lunch in his room. When he saw it set out on a small table he said: 'That's most appetizing. Why don't they give me my lunch that way? I'm tired of eating sick folks' dishes. I want some cold lamb and food like other folks.' Then he said that in order to eat solid food he must have his teeth fixed. He sent for a dentist who took out three lower teeth and made him a new set. Why, if those teeth had been taken out before he began taking the Compound Oxygen it would simply have kill d him. Now he stood it bravely, and what is more he is getting along handsomely with his new set and eating pretty much what other people eat. His improvement has been marvelous. Formerly he could sleep only by resting his head forward on a chair placed for the purpose. Now he can lay his head back on his easy chair and sleep comfortably. Before he took the Oxygen he had not been in a bed for six weeks. Now he goes to bed every night and obtains refreshing slumber. He walks about his room and is sometimes taken out for a short drive. He takes Oxygen several minutes at a time morning and night."

"Mr. Smillie, has your father's improvement been steady and regular, or has he had interruptions?"

"There has been occasional days of depression, and two or three times we have almost feared that he was going to lose all he had gained. But each of these depressing periods had been less than the previous one. I shall not be surprised if such periods return occasionally. It is natural in a man of his age that they should. But see the improvement. His breathing was obstructed; his stomach pain was great; his sleep was misery, and his skin was hard and dry. Now he breathes naturally; his stomach is free from distress; his sleep is refreshing, and his skin is like that of an infant. Let me remark that the use of Oxygenaqua which accompanies the Compound Oxygen proved very advantageous for the relief of his stomach and bowels.

"Do you regard your father as an entirely well man?"

"As well as a man of seventy-eight can be who has passed through the experience he has. To renew the youth and heal all the infirmities of a man of his age would be an impossibility. But you see what Compound Oxygen has done for him. It has evidently prolonged his life. And it has performed wonders in easing him of pains which made life a burden.

"And now as to your own experience, Mr. Smillie? You must have had good reason for calling in your Compound Oxygen to such an extent as to recommend it for your father?"

"Four or five years ago I was badly overworked. I had been giving too close attention to business and found myself breaking down. I procured a 'Home Treatment' and diligently followed directions. It brought me up. Since then I have never been without it, and I never will be. My wife has been suffering with nervous prostration and she is now taking Compound Oxygen with excellent results.

"I have a friend who, three summers ago, was suffering with a dreadful cough. That man can't live long, said some of his friends who heard him cough. I persuaded him to go with me to the Compound Oxygen office. A few inhalations of Oxygen produced a marked effect on him. He had been almost sleepless at night. He soon began to enjoy restful sleep. All summer he kept on improving. In the fall his cough was gone. He is now as lively and hearty as any of us."

Is not this Compound Oxygen a wonderful thing? The doctors try to find out what it is made of. Mr. Smillie's physician asked for a vial from the "blue bottle" in order to analyze it. He reported that he couldn't tell what it was, but he was satisfied that it had done wonders for Mr. Smillie. Its whole history is the history of accomplishments of wonders, which in many instances were more than its most sanguine believers had dared to hope for it. A little book which will be mailed free by Drs. STARKEY & PALEN, 15.9 Arch street, Philadelphia, tells much that is of value and interest concerning Compound Oxygen. Make free to write for it.

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