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As for the clergy, they're a pretty poor lot," said a grumbling layman. "Yes," returned the bishop, "some of them are poor indeed. But consider the stock from which they come! You see we have to make them out of laymen."

Take Garfield Tea for constipation. It has this to recommend it; it is made from health-giving herbs and it surely cures.

Poor William. She (petulantly)—I don't see why you should hesitate to get married on \$9,000 a year. Papa says my gowns never cost more than that.

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He has built what he calls a Queen Ann villa, but it strikes me as being a tawdry imitation, merely.

Work on Longfellow Memorial. The fund for a statue for Longfellow park, in Cambridge, has reached \$816.44, and work will be begun on the memorial early in the spring.

The Irony of Fate. There is the "irony of fate" in the fact that Rear Admiral Cervera got his promotion to be vice admiral in advance of either Sampson or Schley, whose ships destroyed his fleet.

When the Hair Falls Out. accompanied by mucous patches in the mouth, eruptions on the skin, sore throat, copper colored spots, aching muscles and bones, the disease is making its rapid headway, and far worse symptoms will follow unless the blood is promptly and effectually cleansed of this violent destructive poison.

My Condition Could Have Been No Worse. did me no good; I was getting worse all the time; my hair came out, ulcers appeared in my throat and mouth, my body was almost covered with copper colored spots and offensive sores. I suffered severely from rheumatic pains in my shoulders and arms. My condition could have been no worse; only those afflicted as I was can understand my suffering. I had about lost all hope of ever being well again when I decided to try S. S. S.

Chinese Era. The "Chinese era" begins B. C. 2097, with the accession of the Emperor Yao, who first devised a calendar for the Chinese dividing the year into 365 days with an extra day every fourth year.

Dangerous Business. Tourist—Why don't you offer a reward for the desperadoes who robbed the bank here last week? Sheriff—Why, if they thought there was any money in the county treasury, they would come back and rob that too.

Then He Swore Off. He (producing cigarette case)—Do you object to cigarettes? She—Not at all. I don't blame the cigarettes—I only object to people who smoke them.

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ANECDOTE OF LORD WOLSELEY. How He Helped to Clear Up a Post-office in the Sudan.

Any one who has known what it is to wait day after day in some out of the world, nook for letters which were all the time safely reposing in some neglected corner of a sleepy postoffice can appreciate the story that is told of Lord Wolseley by Mr. Nourse, who was with her Majesty's forces through the Sudan campaign.

At Kort Nourse went into the post-office to look for some letters. The postmaster was a native and not much used to handwriting. He made a superficial examination of a big pile of letters and papers, and said there was nothing for the applicant. Nourse asked to see the pile of letters, and while he was looking them over a man with nothing to designate his rank came into the office. He took in the situation at a glance.

"Let's clear this thing out," he said. They jumped on the counter and proceeded to "clear it out" by first bundling out the postmaster. Then they began a careful examination of the postoffice, and found it congested with mail for the army. They searched every nook and cranny, throwing the letters for each regiment into a different pile and heaping up all the newspapers in the center of the room. Then they went through each pile and separated it into companies. Before night every letter was in camp and distributed, and the next day the papers were out.

Nourse did not know the name of his companion in the benevolent deed, and when he asked the answer was, "They call me Charlie."

Some time after Nourse found it necessary to see the commandant, and, sitting near the tent to which he had been directed, he saw his companion of the postoffice.

"Hello, Charlie!" he said. "I'm looking for the commandant. Where shall I find him?"

"Well," said Charlie, "you won't have to look far. I'm the commandant. Come inside and have a bite to eat and drink."

It was Lord Wolseley.—Youth's Companion.

Germany has \$300,000,000 invested in electrical works. Philadelphia makes 90 per cent of our ingrain carpet.

A cat about half-grown can devour twenty mice a day, or 7,800 a year. An owl was shot 400 miles out to sea by the captain of the British steamship Ethelreda. No other case is on record of a land bird having flown so far from shore.

Since the national park at Yosemite, Cal., has been established and hunters are forbidden to shoot game, the bears have become so tame that they run along the roads in front of the cars, and come quite close to the valley hotels.

Fighting a well established newspaper is a costly undertaking. Typographical union No. 6 has unconditionally declared off a strike against the New York Sun which has been seventeen months ago and has cost the printers \$125,000.

In an effort to drive the English sparrows off the telephone and telephone wires in Cincinnati a current of electricity strong enough to kill a man was turned upon the wires, but the birds did not move and seemed not to be injured in the least.

Only two of the thirteen bills introduced into the Kansas Legislature at the request of organized labor have become laws—ones, providing for the establishment of the net result was, acquiescent throughout the State, and the other requiring seats for women employed in factories and stores.

No less than 140,000 homes are held free of debt by southern negroes. These have been estimated at an aggregate value of \$140,000,000. The holdings of personality by the race are probably worth more than the reality.

The New York State factory inspector says in his report to the legislature that there has been vast improvement in tenement and dwelling house workshops, but that much remains to be done. He pointedly refers to the fact that "men who hold their heads high in the business world and presumably some also in the religious world indirectly traffic in the very lifeblood of their fellow men."

The United States labor commissioner sets forth some very interesting facts. Aided by machinery, he says, 4,500,000 men turn out a product which would require the labor of 40,000,000 men if produced by hand. In America the advantage derived from machinery is about twice as great as in Europe, so that the actual production of the United States is equal in productive power to 150,000,000 Europeans. With labor-saving machinery one generation of men can do the work of four or five generations of hand workers.

A Little Sermon on Habit. This is what a minister has to say about habit, etymologically: "Habit" is hard to remove. If you take away the first letter, "a bit" is left. If you take off another letter, you still have a "bit" left. Why, if you take off another the whole of "it" remains. If you remove another it is not "it" totally used up. All of it goes to show that if you wish to get rid of a bad habit you must shake it off altogether.

The Heaviest Railroad Train. A locomotive of the Pennsylvania Railway recently drew a train about three-quarters of a mile long, made up of 180 loaded coal cars, from Altoona to Harrisburg, 182 miles, in 10 hours. The weight of the train behind the tender was 5,212 tons, the locomotive weighing 104 tons. This is said to have been the heaviest train ever moved a long distance by a single locomotive.

Don't wait until your friends are dead to give them flowers.

Scientific Penetration. "Professor, how did you come to propose to me in the face of my continued indifference?"

"I proceeded on the general proposition that whatever a woman seems to be she isn't."

Another Leap to Fame. "My cousin Percy, the poet, like Byron, awoke the other morning to find himself famous."

"How did it happen?" "A man who had committed suicide had, when they found him, one of Percy's pieces in his pocket. Nearly every paper in town mentioned it."

ALL MET WITH MISFORTUNE. Superstition Relative to the Number Thirteen Singularly Verified.

"I would not sit down to dinner in a party of thirteen," said a broker who is credited with plenty of "horse sense," "for the simple reason that I don't intend to give coincidence a chance to play into the hands of superstition. Moreover, I have had one very disagreeable experience along that line. In the early spring of 1880 I was one of a bachelor party gotten up to give the usual send-off to a friend about to commit matrimony. There were fifteen of us in the crowd, but at the last moment two were called away. That reduced us to the fatal number, which nobody noticed until we were seated at the table. I made a general effort was made to scare up another guest, but no one could be found. So we laughed the matter off and went on with the fun, but there was a palpable undercurrent of depression and several of the boys acquired lachrymose jags—which, next to the English comic newspapers, are saddest things in the world."

"If you are not familiar with the terms I will explain that a lachrymose jag is the stage of inebrity at which a man tells you the story of his life and weeps on your shoulders at intervals of six months in the narrative. However, I get to the point, two of the fellows present died in 1880, and the way the circumstance demoralized nearly all the others was simply amazing. In several of them it effected a total change in disposition. The death of distant relatives, petty misadventures in business, occasional attacks of sickness and a hundred and one other incidents of everyday life were all charged up to the blight of thirteen, and finally, about a year and a half later, I became so tired of hearing that sort of stories that I took the pains to collect statistics on another stag party given within a few days of ours. An even dozen had been present in the work, and the result was: Two deaths, three business failures, one lost a leg and one lost an eye in accidents, one embezzler skipped out, one divorce and two men gone to the dogs through drink. This was not a party of thirteen, but average chaps about town, and their conduct was not put on and to further croaking over their supper. All the same, I don't yearn for a repetition of the experience. Life's too short for all werry not strictly necessary."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Stamp Novelty. Stamp collectors have a novelty in the shape of Cape Colony stamps issued in that portion of the colony that has been annexed to the South African republic, for a time at least. These are the regular issue of British stamps, across the face of which have been stamped the letters "S. A. R." and the value of the stamp in Boer coinage. Dealers have not yet been able to secure the specimens, in any number at least, and there is a fancy value attached to the bits of printed paper that makes their actual worth to collectors an unknown quantity until some one ascertains how many of them have been issued.—New York Times.

BLOOD WAS THIN. PATIENT TREATED FOR HEART DISEASE AND CONSUMPTION. But the Diagnosis Was Wrong—When the Blood Was Enriched the Symptoms Disappeared.

From Presbyterian Journal, Phila., Pa. After years of patient and intense suffering, Miss Gertrude Gilbert, of 3201 De la Salle street, Philadelphia, Pa., has recovered her lost health, and is today a rosy and blooming specimen of young womanhood. To a reporter she gave the following account of her case:

"I had been sick for a long time, when a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Previous to this three doctors had treated me. They diagnosed my trouble as heart disease, together with consumption, and prescribed accordingly. All this medical treatment did not benefit me in the least. I was in a terrible condition. There was scarcely any blood left in my body. My chief trouble was weakness, and after laborious efforts to get up stairs I almost went into a faint and on several occasions thought I was going to die.

"So little blood had I that my ears were almost transparent, and my complexion was as white as a sheet. I can scarcely describe my sensations, but after repeated treatment by my physicians I became thoroughly discouraged.

"It was at this time that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were recommended to me, and I procured a box. Before I had finished it I began to feel the benefit to my health. This gave me encouragement, and I began a systematic course according to directions. At the end of the seventh or eighth box, in addition to having a sufficient quantity and a better quality of blood in my veins I was relieved of that shortness of breath and quick heart action which had been my chief trouble. My appetite returned, and I was enabled to do my daily duties with a cheerfulness never before experienced. I always, as a preventive, keep a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in my room. They are all they are represented to be, and to them, and to them alone, do I owe my restoration to health.

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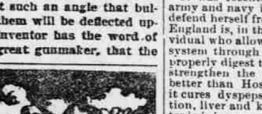
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steel plates need not weigh more than five or six pounds to the square foot, so that the weight on each bicycle will not be more than that of an ordinary man. It is intended that the movable shields shall be pushed ahead of the attacking column by the pressure of strong men, detailed for the purpose. They may also be used to protect the wounded, to form squares, and to protect men who are cutting wires. They can be removed from the wheels and transported by wagon, and, when properly arranged about the sides, they would transform a transport wagon into an armored car.

Traveling in Colonial Days. After the period of walking and canoeing had its day in colonial times, nearly all land travel, for a century was on horseback, just as it was in England at that date. In 1672, there were only six stage coaches in the whole of Great Britain, and a man wrote a pamphlet protesting that they encouraged too much travel. Boston then had one private coach, and children usually rode seated on a pillion behind a man. One way of progress which would help four persons ride part of their journey was what was called the "ride-and-tie" system. Two of the four persons who were traveling started on their route on foot; two, mounted on the saddle and pillion, rode about a mile, dismounted, tied the horse, and walked on. When the two who had started on foot reached the waiting horse they mounted, rode on past the other couple for a mile, dismounted, tied and walked on; and so on.

Not to be Divulged. Kash—What was the cashier fired for? De Sales—For giving away one of the trade secrets, I believe. Kash—You don't say? De Sales—Yes; he told one of the customers that the boss was an old black head, and the boss overheard him.

England's Army and Navy. It was recently stated that England's army and navy is inadequate to properly defend herself from a sudden onslaught. England is, in this instance, like the individual who allows disease to creep into his system through a stomach too weak to properly digest the food taken into it. To strengthen the stomach there is nothing better than Hostetter's Stomach Bitter. It cures dyspepsia, constipation, indigestion, liver and kidney trouble, and as a tonic is incomparable.

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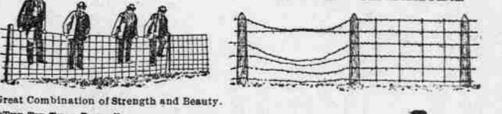
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