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Mrs. Gumpps—I suppose not.

Mr. Gumpps—No; he's got to get over the habit of hanging around the house.—New York Weekly.

A Feast of Good Things in St. Nicholas for 1903.

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GOOD Short Stories

When Alfred Tennyson appeared in the Oxford Theater to receive his D. C. L. degree, it is said that his disheveled hair and generally negligent state provoked the undergraduates into greeting him with the inquiry: "Did your mother call you early, call you early, Alfred, dear?"

A visitor asked the late James Tissot one day whether the picture he was at work on was intended to illustrate the time of Christ. The artist replied in the affirmative. "Then," said the visitor, "permit me to call your attention to an error. Aloes, such as you have in your picture, did not exist in the Mediterranean region till after the conquest of Mexico by Spain." Tissot promptly took his brush and altered the picture.

Some Goettingen students who had a keen admiration for Klopstock, the "German Milton," once found one of his stanzas unintelligible, and begged him to explain its exact meaning to them. The poet read the stanza—then carefully re-read it—then read it again, while all looked on with bated breath. At last he spoke: "I cannot recollect what I meant when I wrote it, but I do remember that it was one of the finest things I ever wrote, and you cannot do better than devote your lives to the discovery of its meaning."

So many members of the staff of the Mafeking Mail were recently incapacitated at one time that the editors felt obliged to apologize for the paucity of news in a certain issue. "We are sorry," they said, "but we could not help it. One of the staff had rheumatics and partial paralysis of the shoulder, another has had a few days' colic, and yet another could not come to work because his child was dangerously ill. One left without notice and paid two pounds for an interview with the resident magistrate in consequence, and another seized the opportunity to break into teetotalism, while more terrible still, one of our best went and got married."

It is said that one of the great enemies of the overland telegraph line in Central Australia is the common green frog. In order to save the insulators from being broken by the lightning they are provided with wire "droppers" leading round them at a little distance to conduct on to the iron pole in case of need. The frogs climb the poles and find the insulators cool and pleasant to their bodies, and fancy that the "dropper"is put there to furnish them with a back seat. After a nap they yawn and stretch out a leg until it touches the pole—result, sudden death to the frog, and as the body continues to conduct the current to earth we have a paragraph in the papers to the effect that "in consequence of an interruption to the lines probably caused by a cyclonic disturbance in the interior, we are unable to present our readers with the usual cables from England!"

FROST DISTURBS RAILROADS.

On Nearly All Russian Lines It Is an Element of Expense.

In a recent issue of the "Oregon fur die Fortschritte des Eisenbahnwesens" L. von Lubimoff, chief engineer of the Trans-Siberian Railway, describes an interesting phenomenon of frost action which has been observed on the line of that railway in Siberia. This phenomenon, the distortion of wooden trestle bridges by the action of frost, is closely connected with the extensive frost disturbances of the roadbed in general which are encountered in both European and Asiatic Russia; but while the latter effect has been known for some time, the action on bridge structures has been noted and studied only during the last few years, says the Engineering News.

The disturbance of the roadbed by frost is a very serious matter, states Mr. von Lubimoff; on 95 per cent of all Russian railway lines it constitutes one of the most important problems of maintenance of way. The disturbance occurs mainly in low-lying, wet ground; the soil in such places is generally found to be clay overlying or with intervening layers of water-bearing sand or gravel. The action in prolonged cold weather seems to be about as follows: The earth gradually freezes downward, and as the moister stratas are reached the contained water causes them to freeze in thin sheets or laminations. As the frozen layer increases in thickness it tends to separate from the strata below and to form bumps or hillocks. A succeeding rise of temperature produces an open and porous structure in the frozen layer, and any water entering from either above or below fills the interstices. When the temperature again falls this water freezes and by its expansion further raises the swelling.

In time this process produces noticeable roughness of the roadbed, which may be so extensive as to make traffic at any considerable speed positively dangerous. Mere resurfacing is only a temporary expedient. The only effective means to deal with portions of the railway line that are thus affected has been found to be (1) to drain the surrounding soil thoroughly by deep drainage ditches, so that the ground water level in the neighborhood of the roadbed is lowered well below any possibility of frost extending down to it, or (2) to increase the depth of filling sufficiently to protect the natural ground below it from the action of frost. The filling must be of open texture and well drained, so that it will not itself give trouble in the same way. Both methods of protection are, where possible, used simultaneously.

The distortion of bridges is a more difficult matter to cope with, though, of course, the aggregate of damage and interference with traffic is very much less. It may be stated that the piles are in each case driven well down into the subsoil below frost level, but the rising of the surface layers, as explained above, lifts the piles up with it by friction.

Departed Glory.

How sad I used to be in those old days away back there
Before I knew the world was full of hudden snares and care;
I thought it was a task to hold the skein as mother wound
The crimson yarn while here and there a stubborn snarl was found;
I thought my lot a dismal one, as sitting there at night
I heard the humming spinning wheel and watched the firelight
Dance out across the floor and back as fairy dancers might.

Ah, how I used to long to see the world I'd read about,
To pack my little carpet sack and boldly sally out!
Reluctantly I used to bow my head upon the chair
When father found that it was time to say the evening prayer,
And thinking that my lot was hard—ah, how absurd it seems—
I went up to my little bed beneath the whitewashed beams
And, far away from worldly cares, had proud, ambitious dreams.

Oh, there is much that I have learned about the world since then,
And much I've seen that serves to wake the wonderment of men;
The world is far more splendid than I dreamed that it could be
As lying 'neath the rough-hewn beams fair visions came to me—
But one great glory of the world has passed away fore'er,
I ne'er again may hold the skein as mother winds, back there,
Or, when the fire's low, kneel down while father offers prayer.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

CARE FOR YOUR RUGS.

Many of Them Are Spoiled by Frequent Beatings.

The manager of a Chicago carpet department, whose knowledge brings him an annual income of $10,000, advised the following treatment for valuable rugs: Lay them wrong side up on the grass, beat with a furniture beater, reverse, and sweep carefully, a soft brush being the preference, or a good carpet sweeper. A little airing outside of the sun's rays is good occasionally, when they may be carried in the house. The average American housewife wears out her rugs by continually sweeping and beating. The plan of putting them upon a line every two or three weeks, or even once a month, and there having them whipped, is not to be commended if the rugs are of any value. When a rug is to be thoroughly cleaned, it should be sent where the work is properly done or else washed at home. A machine is now in use which loosens the dust and removes it by means of a strong current of air. This is effective and not hard on the rug. When the surface becomes soiled it can be washed with no fear of injuring the colors, since the majority of oriental rugs are washed repeatedly before reaching this country and the dyes used are thereby mellowed and enriched. The best method of washing a large rug is to stretch and tack it upon a clean floor, then scour it well with soap and suds. After the scouring it must be thoroughly rinsed, to remove all trace of the animal matter in the soap, after which it should not be removed until it is perfectly dried. Then it will not shrink and will lie perfectly flat upon the floor. A small rug may be tacked upon the side of the house or barn, scoured as if on a floor and then rinsed with the hose.—Good Housekeeping.

Chicago a Great Inland Port.

That Chicago is a great shipping center almost everyone knows. But that it now ranks fourth among the ports of the world is not so well known. The latest figures relating to the matter of shipping are:

London, 16,529,095 tons; New York, 16,445,320; Hamburg, 14,198,817; Chicago, 14,186,100; Antwerp, 13,573,472; Liverpool, 11,818,000, and Marseilles, 9,629,114.

Chicago leads all United States ports except New York in tonnage, and the constant extension of lake traffic has added not only to the commerce of Chicago, but likewise very largely to the commerce of Cleveland, now a very important port of entry; Detroit, Buffalo, Milwaukee, Duluth and Toledo.

The chief articles of commerce on the lakes are wheat, flour, coal, iron and lumber.

Lion a Fly Catcher.

The keeper of the carnivora house at the Philadelphia zoo led the group of visitors to the outdoor quarters of the lions. "Look at that fellow over there," he said. "It's interesting to watch him catching flies."

The lion lay beside a little puddle that the rain of the night before had made. He dipped his paw into the sticky mud and then extended the member and lay very quiet. The paw served as a fly trap. Flies lighted on it and stuck fast; buzz all they would they could not get away. And the lion, says the Philadelphia Record, after a dozen or two were collected, calmly crushed them and prepared his paw again.

"He does that every day," the keeper said.

"Love My Dog."

An amusing story comes from Paris of the device adopted by a prominent clubman of wealth and position to form the acquaintance of a lady well known for her beauty in social and theatrical circles, says the London Globe. The lady was lunching in a fashionable restaurant in the Bois de Boulogne, accompanied by her equally well-known poodle. The dog was running about from table to table, picking up pieces and collecting morsels from other diners, and presently, when it returned to its mistress, she was astonished to see written on its back in red chalk: "Tell your mistress that she is simply adorable, and I love her exceedingly." The gentleman signed his name. After this a formal introduction was no longer necessary.

The Milkman's Explanation.

"My dear," said the young husband, "did you ever speak to the milkman about there being no cream on the milk?" "Yes, I told him about it this morning and he has explained it satisfactorily and I think it quite a credit to him, too." "What did he say?" "He said that he always filled the bottles so full that there is no room on the top for the cream."—Kansas City Star.

Case of Mistaken Identity.

"Sir, your son has been throwing stones at me."

"Did he hit you?"

"No."

"Then it wasn't my boy!"—Das Kleine Witzblatt.

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Mr. Frontseat—The Bible says so, my child.

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Literary Note.

Willie—Pa, a magazine is just a place filled with powder and guns and things, ain't it?

Pa—No, my son; it's usually filled with advertisements of powder and guns and things.—Philadelphia Press.

Fresh Corn.

Would you like to know, in the middle of the winter, what fresh corn is like? If you would, get a can of Monopole Corn, and, if it were not for the season, you would probably not know the difference. Monopole Corn is canned where it is grown, only the best and tenderest ears being used. It retains the natural freshness and flavor of the vegetable, and you won't find it half so good if you ask for any other brand. Your grocer doubtless handles Monopole groceries and can furnish you with them. If he will not, write us direct and we will advise you of one who will. Wadhams & Kerr Bros., packers, Portland, Ore.

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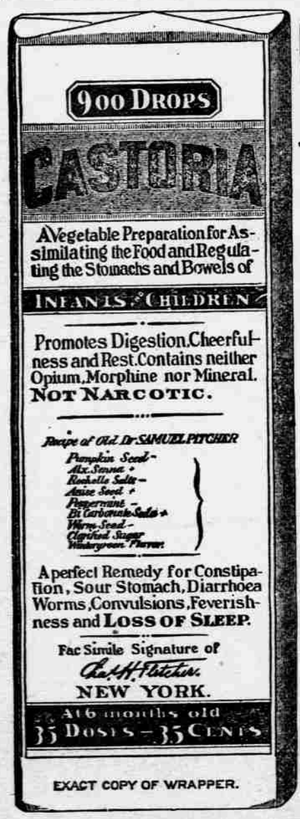

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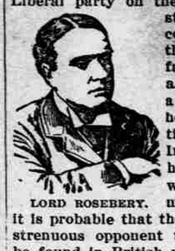
THERE IS A GRIM PATHOS IN THE LIFE

Of Lord Roseberry, of England, Who, Although Rich, Brilliant, Courted and Powerful, Almost Flees from the Society of Man.

After a rest of several years Lord Rosebery, who became the chief of the Liberal party on the death of Gladstone, is again becoming active in the political affairs of Great Britain. Long ago he abandoned the home-rule question as affecting Ireland, to which he and his party were once committed, and now it is probable that there is not a more strenuous opponent to that policy to be found in British public life.



LORD ROSEBERY.

Rosebery's renewed activity in public life and his high station make a study of his character interesting and much light upon this subject is given by the London Mail in a recent article.

Lord Rosebery, says the Mail, is one of the wealthiest and quite the most brilliant of the British aristocracy. He is a scholar of erudition, an author of distinction and the finest orator of his day. He stands out from amid a wealth of mediocrity in solitary and grand distinction.

But, underlying all this scintillating surface, there is a grim and terrible pathos in his life—the pathos of utter solitude. Unseen by the crowd of admirers who worship and envy him in his proud supremacy, unrecognized even by those who write and speak of him as of a well-known friend, there is an almost tragic loneliness in his position—not merely in his political status, but in his domestic life. He is probably at the present moment the most closely observed of all public men, the best known to the general run of his countrymen. His circle of acquaintances is probably larger than that of any other person not of royal rank. His friends are legion. Yet it would be scarcely overstepping the truth to say that he has not a single intimate—that there is not a living creature with whom he can ever entirely throw off that reserve that hides his inner self as a garment. He is, even in the midst of the applauding multitude, at a reception, or at his own dinner table, always alone. It is only natural that this loneliness of disposition should beget a love of solitude.

It is not far to seek for the cause of this pathetic seclusion. Lord Rosebery's life, with all its glories, with all its achievements, has been a sad one. From his earliest days Fortune squandered her richest gifts on him with a lavish hand. Born of a mother as beautiful, as fascinating as she was intellectually brilliant—a former maid of honor and bridesmaid to Britain's late sovereign—heritor of a proud title and of great wealth, blessed with mental gifts and aptitudes surpassing those of any man since Disraeli, and possessed of a sound if not robust constitution, the world lay at his feet when as little more than a boy he fell in love with the wealthiest heiress of his time—Miss Hannah Rothschild, heiress to the wealthiest and most powerful branch of that distinguished family. His meeting with her was as romantic as anything ever conceived by any novelist. His carriage collided with hers, and by extraordinary agility, combined with no less extraordinary presence of mind, he sprang out and caught her as she fell after having been thrown upward by the force of the impact. Then he carried her, stunned, to a neighboring house.

He devoted to her all the ardor and passion of a great nature, and, despite the most relentless opposition on the part of her father, he finally succeeded in winning her. The love that had stood the stress of a trying courtship lasted unimpaired during the whole of his married life. His wife was something more than a wife to him. She was his maker. She threw herself heart and soul into his work and into his sport. It was she that had made him a politician; it was she that set him out on that brilliant career which she never lived to see him consummate.

The effect on such a man of the tragically early death of such a helpmeet can be understood. It accounts for all his love of solitude, his preference for quietly tending his roses at the Durdans, or wandering up and down the terraces at Mentmore, to the gayety of a social life.

Lord Rosebery is one of the most restless men in the United Kingdom. He is troubled with insomnia and he is constantly traveling from seat to seat in vain efforts to rid himself of his enemy.

St. Peter's Cathedral,

The largest cathedral in the world is St. Peter's, at Rome, on the site where it is said St. Peter was interred. The total length of the interior is 612½ English feet, transept 446½ feet, diameter of cupola 193 feet, height of dome from pavement to the top of cross, 448 feet. It was begun in 1450 A. D., dedicated in 1626, but not finished until 1880. Forty-three Popes lived and died during the process of building. The cost is set down at $70,000,000.

White stockings are fashionable, but they should be clean.

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