THE POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER.

DALLAS, SATURDAY, SEPT. 2, 1882.

THE FOOLISH MARINERS.

They set us afloat in a willow boat
Upon a Northern sea,
And we drifted on thro' dusk and dawn
As merry as men could be.
The air was white to left and right,
And white was the air before,
But behind our bark the air was dark
And we heard the kraken roar.

The whale and seal kept at our keel
Till we reached the Wrangell Land,
Then both fell dead with a cold in the head
For the lack of a leech at hand,
We broke the law of the Esquimaux,
And many a kiss we threw
To the merry maids and North Sea jades,
As the climate colder grew.

As we passed the lair of the Polar bear
We called aloud to him,
And he came to the door and sniffed and swore
And stroked his eyebrows grim,
Then buttoned his coat about his throat
And galloped along in our train,
So far and fast that he froze at last,
And never got home again.

We shook our fist at the fog and mist,
All under the Arctic zone,
And sailed away, from day to day,
So jolly and cold and lone;
So jolly and cold, so free and bold,
And wondrous sights were we,
A-sailing away from day to day,
Upon the Northern Sea.

And round about and in and out,
Wherever the breeze uplew,
With shout and song we swept along,
An hundred summers through:
Yet day by day we all turned grey,
And skinny and grim and wild,
But the captain he, and the mate and me,
We sat and smiled and smiled.

I smiled at the mate and the captain straight,
He smiled at the mate and me,
And to lessen the weight we killed and ate,
The rest of the crew you see;
Then the capt. in he grew fond of me,
And I grew fond of the mate,
And all together we killed each other,
And ate and ate and ate.

Now hearken here, my comrades dear,
If ever you put to sea,
Remember the mate and the captain's fate
And the end that came to me;
Bad luck to the day we sailed away
In search of the Northern Pole.
My skeleton lies under Arctic skies,
And the good Lord hath my soul.
—J. N. Matthews, in Inter Ocean.

TOMBSTONE EPITAPHS.

"Tell me, gray-headed old sexton," I said,
"Where in this field are the wicked folks laid?
I have wandered the quiet old churchyard through,
And pondered on the epitaphs old and new,
But on monument, obelisk, pillar or stone,
I read of no evil that men have done."

The old sexton stood by a grave newly made,
With his chin on his hand, and his hand on the spade;
And I knew by the gleam in his eloquent eye
That his heart was instructing his lips to reply.

"Who is to judge when the soul takes flight?
Who is to judge twixt the wrong and the right?
Which of us mortals shall dare to say
That our neighbor was wicked who died to-day?

The longer we live and the farther we speed,
The better we learn that humanity's need
Is charity's spirit, that prompts us to find
Rather virtue than vice in the hearts of our kind.

Therefore, good deeds we inscribe on these stones;
The evil men do, let it lie with their bones.
I have labored as sexton these many a year,
But I never have buried a bad man here."

ARITHMETIC.

Add glass to glass, and what do you see,
But jollity, noise and revelry.
Add to these a reckless air,
And there are but few steps to despair.
Add to despair thoughts of the past,
And hope of reform will not last.
There does not remain a gleam of light
To the degraded soul with hopes once bright.

SUBTRACTION.

Take from your income, day by day,
A dime or two for drinks to pay;
Take from your business an hour or so,
When to the dram shop you do go;
Take from your home the help and care,
The love your wife and child should share—
When drink shall have robbed you of self-respect,
Soon will follow your intellect.

MULTIPLICATION.

If you multiply the good remaining,
With prayer and faith the while abstaining,
Seek not alone thyself to please,
Let quiet reign and love increase.
Multiply active energy with will,
The hand that's ready will help you still.
And if you trust Him he will defend,
And guide you safely to the end.

What is home without an oil can?
What is home without a poker?
What is home without a woman,
And a man to hug and choke her?
What is home without a garden,
And a faithful wife to make it?
And a darling whom the parents
Both can often take and shake it?
—Boston Star.

They were sitting in the shadow of the honeysuckles, through which the sinking sun was peeping at them with a face as red as if it had just emerged from a brick-kiln. "And you will take me to Europe on our wedding day, darling?" she said, toying fondly with one of his suspender buttons that had broken loose and fallen into her lap. A very serious look stole over his countenance, and for some moments he was silent. Finally he choked back a rising sigh and said: "No, deary, we will stick to the dry land. I never could hold a basin under a woman's chin for ten days and love her afterward."

Two Highlanders found themselves unable to get into the harbor in their boat, the waves driving it out to sea so persistently that Donald, after obstinately battling with the elements, cried out to Duncan in a dialect we will not attempt fully to represent, "Go doon on your knees, mon, and offer a bit o' prayer." But before Duncan was on his knees the boat's keel grated on the beach, whereupon Donald shouted, "Stop praying, we've come ashore by our own exertions, and I'll no be beholden to anybody."

A debtor who was sued by his creditor acknowledged that he had borrowed the money, but declared that the plaintiff knew at the time that it was a Kathleen Mavourneen loan. "A Kathleen Mavourneen loan," repeated the court with a puzzled look. "That's it, judge; one of the 'it may be for years and it may be forever' sort."

DIPHTHERIA AND ITS CAUSE.

Scientific men tell of organisms so small that the highest powers of the microscope are requisite to determine anything about them, and whose powers of multiplication are so rapid that they would fill the earth in a brief time, if not checked by natural means.

Whether these mites came from previously existing mites or from dead matter is not important. These bacteria, for such we call them, force themselves upon our notice—because it is asserted that they are the active agents in producing among men such diseases as measles, whooping-cough, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and the like; in lower animals producing carbon, chicken cholera, sheep rot, and other similar diseases. These organisms are of vegetable nature, and approach more nearly to the fungi than to any other group; and will probably prove to be specific in character; that is, each kind produces a special disease.

Professor H. C. Wood gave a history of them and of their relations to diphtheria.

He inoculated rabbits with diphtheric membrane. These animals died, but few, if any of them, of diptheria; most succumbed to lung disease. This consumption, however, was proved to not be a direct result of diphtheric poison. So that experiment settles no main issue.

Next he inserted the diphtheric membrane in the opened windpipe of the animals. This produced sore throat and membrane, which was nearly like that of diphtheria. Here, however, were found an abundance of globular, transparent bodies, which, when magnified several thousand times, are no larger than pin-heads. These bodies are bacteria, specially known as micrococci. Further it was shown that micrococci may also be present in ordinary sore-throat.

Last spring a fearful epidemic of diphtheria prevailed in Ludington, Michigan, which is said to have destroyed nearly one-third of the children attacked in the place, and most of them were so taken. From material obtained there it wa found that the blood of these diphtheric patients was full of micrococci, often forming masses when the individuals were compacted by growth. They were found in the white blood corpuscles, and also discovered blocking up and distending the blood vessels of the kidney. The more there are of these in the blood evidently the worse is the attack.

Inoculating animals (rabbits) with diphtheric poison from Ludington, it resulted in a genuine attack of diphtheria, which proves fatal in a few days. The disease was simply that of Ludington, except that it was produced in the lower animals. Post-mortem examination of the rabbits showed that even the bone marrow was full of micrococci. So with material obtained from the diphteric rabbits he inoculated others, and so through several sets of rabbits, producing death in each instance from diphtheria. Further experiments proved that these micrococci were either the direct cause of diphtheria, or that they carried the poison which was. In either alternative we can look upon them as offending parties.

Now, as in ordinary sore-throat, in mild diphtheria, and in the malignant form, these micrococci show no constant differences of structure under high powers of the microscope, to what is the different grades of the disease they produce due? Simply to the reproductive capacity of the micrococci. Thus, those taken from mild forms of diphtheria would only reproduce up to the fifth generation; these from Ludington speedily ran through ten generations.

Experiments have shown that there are certain conditions under which these organisms lose their reproductive capacity to a great degree, and hence with it their power of harm. Hence the great problems in the healing are: What will destroy this out of the body, and so prevent the disease from arising; or what will kill them or lessen their power of reproduction in the body when the disease is contracted, and at the same time not injure the patient?

Signs of great hope may appear in this connection. It would hardly be putting the case too strongly to assert that there is a fair probability that by a process of inoculation, comparable to that against smallpox, medical men will be able to hold this and other like diseases in check, and that this triumph may be witnessed before the century goes out. If so, it will be the foundation on which the future historian will erect the noblest monument of our times.—Journal of Health.

HOW HAZING WAS STOPPED.

Many have wondered why there has not been any hazing at Harvard recently. We are informed that hazing has been broken up in that college, and forever, by this means: Just after Sullivan whipped Ryan he was called to Harvard, and the faculty explained a plan to him and he fell into it readily. He was to attire himself as a Quaker young man, apply for admission as a freshman, and let nature take its course. On the first day of April Mr. Sullivan appeared at the college, under the name of Abija Watson, and was assigned to a room, and placed on the roll of freshmen. His appearance was commented upon, and as he passed through the college grounds with his peculiar garb, young fellows shouted "shoot the hat," "get on to his nibs," and other college literature. It was all Mr. Sullivan could do to restrain himself from whipping a couple of dozen of the boys then and there, but he decided to wait until the proper time, when he should be able to get enough for a mess. That evening he was approached by a young man who pretended to be his friend, and invited to accompany him to a room where some boys were going to open a few bottles of wine. So they went to a room where about seventy smart young fellows were congregated with all the appliances for hazing. Sullivan says there were seventy, but the faculty only found sixty-five smart Alecks when the door was opened, but Sullivan thinks a few may have jumped out of the window and taken to the woods. It seems when they got the Quaker into the room they locked the door, and the ringleader told the peaceful man to pull off his coat, vest, and shirt. He objected, but finally took them off. Some of the fellows, who have since got out of the hospital, say they noticed when he removed his shirt, that he was put up like a hired man, and they thought it queer that a Quaker should have an arm as big as a canvas ham. They then told him to prepare to meet his God, and got out the iron to brand him on his back. He told them that he knew he was in their power, and was willing to submit to anything that was right; but he asked them as a favor not to bear on hard, as he was of a nervous temperament, and might faint. Then they decided not to brand him until later, but to throw him in a blanket first. So they got the blanket and tipped Sullivan over in it, and about twenty or thirty of the smartest hazers took hold of the sides, and tossed him up. When he came down he knocked four fellows senseless with his fist, kicked four more across the room, and then got on his feet and began to knock them right and left. He knocked down about twenty, stopped to spit on his hands, and said: "Is it hazing ye want? Well, yez can have plenty," and he went at them, and in about fifteen minutes he corded up the whole gang, and hazing was broken up in Harvard college. As he threw his coat and shirt across his arm, and walked out of the room, and met the faculty in the hall, he said: "I row wather in their faces, an' they'll be all right in from tin minutes to half-an-hour," and he shook hands with the faculty, received his five hundred dollars and left for New York.—Peck's Sun.

The honors and emoluments showered upon Bill Nye, the humorist of the Laramie Boomerang, should serve as an incentive to every "printer's devil" to go West and develop into a humorist. In addition to his duties as managing editor of the Boomerang, he is a duly elected justice of the peace, United States Commissioner, manages several mines, and the other day the President appointed him postmaster of Laramie city. "Whom the gods love die young" is not exemplified in his case, for he wears a wig and is raising a large family, being a hale and hearty veteran.—Minneapolis Tribune.

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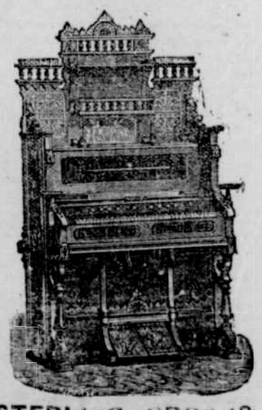

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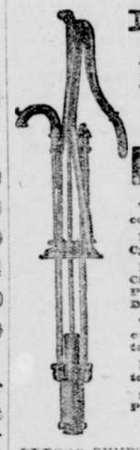

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