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A GRATEFUL LETTER TO DR. HARTMAN

Like a Gun.

"I want to get an alarm clock," said the customer.

"Here's one of silver plate for $10," said the clerk.

"Too high."

"Well, here's one made of nickel for $5."

"Too high yet."

"Here's one made of gun metal for $2."

"Gun metal? That sounds all right. I want it for my 12-year-old boy, and if it sounds anything like a gun when it goes off in the morning I guess it's what I want."—Yonkers Statesman.

After a Fashion.

"I presume," said his old friend, "now that you have a young man as an assistant pastor, you divide the parish work with him."

"Yes," answered the elderly preacher, scratching his chin reflectively. "I suppose you could call it that. He does the marrying, and I do the burying."

Innovation in England.

Patrice—I see the vicar of Thames Ditton, England, makes the announcement that he will reserve special seats for those in boating costume in the parish church on Sunday morning in the southwest gallery.

Patrick—Hope he won't forget to provide for those in bathing costume who happen in, and that he will put 'em where their costumes won't get wet.—Yonkers Statesman.

Balked.

"Doctor," asked the caller with the badly inflamed eye, "what will it cost to take this grain of sand out of my eye?"

"I shall probably have to charge you $5 for the operation," said the eminent oculist.

"I can carry it cheaper than that," rejoined the other, turning on his heel and walking out.

Thus, owing to the greed of both parties, another prospective deal in real estate came to naught.—Chicago Tribune.

Salvation and Railroad Rates.

A writer in Harper's Weekly quotes an amusing story attributed to Dr. Rice of Springfield, apropos of the recent meeting of railroad men and their lawyers to find out what the new rate law really means. Dr. Rice, it seems, used to tell of a young Methodist who went forth from Wilbraham Academy to preach his trial sermon.

"What was your text?" he was asked when he came back.

"How shall ye escape if ye neglect so great a salvation?"

"A good text—how did you handle it?"

"First, I showed 'em how great this salvation is, then I showed 'em how to escape if they neglected it."

Overconfidence.

"Ruggles, can you do a little figuring for me? I want to win a bet. Is your fountain pen in working order?"

"Yes."

"You needn't do it, Ruggles. I've lost."

One Kind.

Teacher—Miss Badger, what do you understand by "the privileged classes?"

Coed—The botany classes. They can go out in the woods once in a while.

Undoubtedly.

Marks—They say that crape on the door is unlucky. Do you believe it?

Barks—It certainly is—if you are the subject of the decoration.

These Degenerate Days.

Watts—By the way, what is "tetanus" derived from?

O'Proudly—Immature patriotism, mostly.—Chicago Tribune.

THE WORLD'S RICHEST WOMAN.

Mrs. Sage is now 76 years old, and although she is still a very active woman, and for the last three years has practically directed her husband's financial affairs, it is not to be expected that she will attempt to increase the immense fortune he left her. The impression given by the will of Russell Sage is that he devised everything to his widow so that she might distribute it in philanthropic channels. Russell Sage knew nothing of generous giving. There might be some such thing as charity, but it was nothing to him. He had to work and scheme and save to make his money. If anybody wanted riches he could do likewise. He was not going to give away what he had

MRS. RUSSELL SAGE.

earned, and he made it a rule to get value for every cent expended.

She has investigated many institutions, but is said to have no favorite charity. She has many appeals made to her for money, and listens to them all. Many of the projects of Miss Helen Gould, to whom Mrs. Sage is said to be a second mother, have received generous support from her large store.

Mrs. Sage has held aloof from high society. She is a kindly woman with an aversion to show and notoriety, and has found her enjoyment in her home and in personally contributing to the support and comfort of unfortunates.

LANDLADY TO A POET.

An aged Irishwoman, praising to a friend one of the people's poets of her country, an improviser in the ancient Gaelic tongue, declared proudly that he was a man who could "step out of his own back door and make a poem about the four quarters of the earth; and you would stand still in the snow to listen if you were barefoot, for the sound of the words in your ears, and the call of them to your heart."

There was, assuredly, a touch of the poetry of her race in the woman's description—a touch which is lacking in the portrait of a poet that recently entertained some visitors to a mountain farm, where, a good many years ago, a distinguished American poet had spent several weeks. Yet the Yankee landlady's attempt had several points in common with the old Irishwoman's.

"Poets are queer," she announced, philosophically, "and fussy about their meals—land, it's awful! But I can put up with a mite of unreasonableness concerning fried things in a person whose intellects are commandin'.

"When a man can walk out on my front piazzy, sniff the wind, take a look at the clouds, and set right down then and there and write poems about furrin countries and folks that's dead and times way back of Anno Domini, so's it makes your skin creep to hear him reelin' 'em off to his wife come evenin'—why, I say let him have dry toast without butter if he wants it, and don't be tetchy about a remark or so that ain't as 'preciative as it might be of riz biscuit.

"It takes all sorts to make a world, I says, and poets are one sort. They ain't easy to feed, but they're mighty good to listen to."

Tall Ones.

The Yankee in England had been talking ever since entering the train two stops back about the speed with which buildings were erected in his home across the water. Finally to cap the climax he told of a 22-story building which was started and finished in one month.

His fellow passengers had given up all hope that he would ever stop, when a diminutive Yorkshire man turned to him, saying:

"Why, mon, thot's nowt. At home I have seen them laying the foundations for a row of houses in the morning when I am going to work, and at night when I come back they are turning the people out for back rent."

Suggestion for Balloonists.

Owing to the tendency of the balloonists to get entangled with and bump into mundane things, we suggest this adaptation of the "Song of Marion's Men":

"A moment on the farmer's barn,
A moment and away;
Up to the trackless ether
Before the break of day."

—Boston Transcript.

There Was an Old Woman, Etc.

A stout little woman on an East Washington street car looked around anxiously for seats for the children who were with her. Two of the older girls had babies in their arms, according to the Indianapolis Star. People on the car did not know whether it was an orphans' home picnic or a Sunday school convention.

"Beg pardon, lady," said the conductor, "but you have given me only eight tickets."

"Didn't know you charged for babes in arms," said the little woman, as she kept her eye on all other members of her party.

"But there are nine without them," said the conductor, apologetically. Perhaps he really thought the woman had only eight tickets.

"Stand up, children," commanded the little woman. She was imperious in her command, and immediately after her order to stand up they all arose to their feet.

Counting them one by one, she presently came to a little boy of about 8 years old, and, pointing her finger at him, she said:

"Sammy, I thought you stayed at home with the rest of the children."

She Was.

A West End avenue man undertook to meet his unknown girl cousin at the station on Tuesday. He approached a young woman in blue and asked:

"Are you Miss Blake?"

"No," said the young woman, "I am not."

"I hope you will excuse me," he explained. "I am here to meet a Miss Blake. She is my cousin. I have never seen her. My sister Kate is the only member of our family who knows her, and she couldn't come. She told me I would know Jennie because she is so pretty. 'Just pick out the prettiest girl in the station and you'll be sure to strike Jennie,' she said."

The young woman blushed, the young man sighed.

"I don't know who to ask next," he said. "There doesn't seem to be anybody else in the whole shooting match that comes up to the description. I guess Jennie didn't come."

A tall girl in brown sat beside the girl in blue. She got up and glared at the young man. "She did," said the girl in brown.

"Oh, Lord," said he, "are you——"

"I am," said the girl in brown.

And of course nobody could expect a girl to be friends with a man after that.—New York Sun.

Troubles of a Club.

"Our guide in Jerusalem, Uriel," says the author of "A Levantine Log-Book," "belonged to a club, and with great pride he took us to the club-room and showed us about. 'We are all very pride of our club,' he explained, 'but it has many difficulties.'

"'What are they?'

"'The principal difficulty,' said Uriel, severely, 'is that much of the members refuse to fill the offices at the club, and when they do fill them they refuse to perform their performances.'

"'I don't understand,' said the traveler. 'To perform——'

"'To transact their acts,' explained Uriel. 'To make their duties.'

"'Ah, yes!' interrupted the traveler. 'You mean, to do their doings.'

"'Exactly,' agreed Uriel, with gratitude. 'They refuse to do their doings.'"

Tragedy of the Deep.

Suddenly there was a wild shriek.

The passengers on the lower deck caught a momentary glimpse of a dark object falling swiftly from above.

They rushed to the side of the boat and gazed in horror at a woman's hat bobbing up and down on the rapidly receding waves.

It was all they could see.

Where was the woman?

Up on the hurricane deck of the steamer, bare headed, and wringing her hands in despair.

It was her only traveling hat, and had cost her $2.98.

Inherited.

Vincent was altogether too garrulous in school to please his teachers. Such punishments as the institution allowed to be meted out were tried without any apparent effect upon the boy, until at last the head master decided to mention the lad's faults upon his monthly report.

So the next report to his father had these words:

"Vincent talks a great deal."

Back came the report by mail, duly signed, but with this written in red ink under the comment:

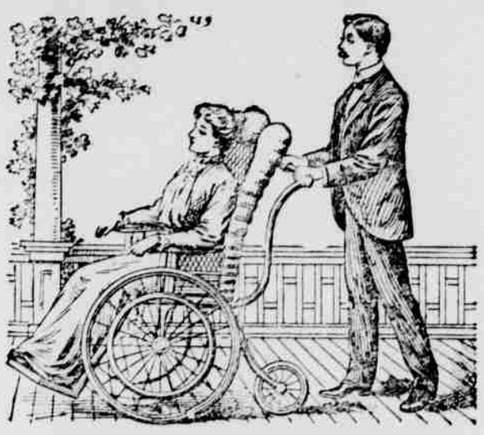
"You ought to hear his mother."

RHEUMATISM

ALMOST AS COMMON IN SUMMER AS IN WINTER.

While the damp, cold, changing weather of Winter intensifies the pains and other disagreeable symptoms of Rheumatism, it is by no means a winter disease exclusively. Through the long months of Summer its wandering pains and twitching nerves are felt by those in whose blood the uric acid, which produces the disease, has accumulated.

Rheumatism is a disease that involves the entire system. Its primary cause results from the failure of the eliminative organs, the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels, to carry out of the system the urea, or natural refuse matter. This coming in contact with the different acids of the body forms uric acid which is taken up and absorbed by the blood. This acid causes fermentation of the blood, making it sour and unfit for properly nourishing the body, and as this vital stream goes to every nook and corner of the body, the poison is distributed to all parts. The nervous system weakens from lack of rich, pure blood, the skin becomes feverish and swollen, the stomach and digestion are affected, the appetite fails and a general diseased condition of the entire system is the result.



Last Summer I had a severe attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism in the knees, from which I was unable to leave my room for several months. I was treated by two doctors and also tried different kinds of liniments and medicines which seemed to relieve me from pain for awhile, but at the same time I was not any nearer getting well. One day while reading a paper I saw an advertisement of S. S. S. for Rheumatism. I decided to give it a trial, which I did at once. After I had taken three bottles I felt a great deal better, and I continued to take it regularly until I was entirely cured. I now feel better than I have for years. CHAS. E. GILDERSLEEVE.
618 32nd Street, Newport News, Va.

Not only is Rheumatism the most painful of all diseases, with its swollen, stiff joints, throbbing muscles and stinging nerves, but it is a formidable and dangerous trouble. If the uric acid is allowed to remain in the blood, and the disease becomes chronic, chalky deposits form at the joints, and they are rendered immovable and stiff, and the patient left a helpless cripple for life. Every day the poison remains in the system the disease gets a firmer hold. The best time to get rid of Rheumatism is in warm weather; because then the blood takes on new life and the skin is more active and can better assist in the elimination of the poisons. With the proper remedy to force the acid out of the blood, and at the same time build up and strengten the Liver, Kidneys, Bowels and other organs of the body, Rheumatism can be permanently cured. External applications relieve the pain and temporarily reduce the inflammation, and for this reason are desirable, but they cannot have any effect on the disease. The blood is poisoned and the blood must be treated before a cure can be effected.

S. S. S., a remedy made from roots, herbs and barks, is the best treatment for Rheumatism. It goes into the blood and attacks the disease at its head, and by neutralizing the acid and driving it out, and building up the sour blood so it can supply nourishment and strength to every part of the body, it cures Rheumatism permanently. S. S. S. is the only safe cure for the disease; being purely vegetable, it will not injure the system in the least, as do those medicines which contain Potash or some other mineral ingredient. S. S. S. tones up every part of the body by its fine tonic properties. While cleansing the blood of all poisons it builds up the appetite and digestion, soothes the excited nerves, reduces all inflammation, relieves pain and completely cures Rheumatism in every form—Muscular, Inflammatory, Articular or Sciatic. If you are worried with the nagging pains of Rheumatism, do not wait for it to become chronic, but begin the use of S. S. S. and purge the blood of every particle of the poison. Write for our book on Rheumatism, and ask our physicians for any advice you wish. We make no charge for either.

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Mott—Supe is right. The chicken doesn't take any part in it to speak of.—Boston Transcript.

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Backsheesh.

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