

Cannot Cast the Future.
A man may presume to know much of what is passing, but he dare not predict what part of the passing show shall disappear, as a fashion does, in time. It must follow, as no man can pretend to place his finger unerringly on just that particular part, then no man can begin to tell just what man or woman living today will be revered in time to come.

To Remedy Corrosion.
Corrosion in metals is said to be prevented by the passage through the metals of a weak current of electricity. This is a "like cure like" treatment, for the pitting of metals is said to be due to the local electrical action, that is, feeble current developed by the actuating water on dissimilar metals, often impurities in the metal itself, at the point of corrosion.

The Greatest Social Force.
The middle classes are the preponderant social force of today in republics as well as in monarchies in Europe or in America. Everything is everywhere subordinated to the necessity of satisfying them as speedily and as thoroughly as possible.—Ferreiro in Paris Figaro.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Don't Let Old Age Come.
Let us have a movement against mental surrender to old age at any time. Such a movement would make for sane moderation in all things, a cheerful spirit, appreciation of the joy and delight of living. Such a movement would dwell on the marvels and beauties of nature and the great possibilities of good in the lowest of men.

THE TRUTH ABOUT BLUING.
Talk No. 9.

This common article fools many. Think of it, large bottle, little pinch of blue, fill it up with water. There you are. Does it look good to you? Buy RED CROSS BALL BLUE, a pure blue. Makes beautiful, clear, white clothes. You will like it. Large package 5 cents. ASK YOUR GROCER.

Phillips on Jealousy.
The late David Graham Phillips had, like many bachelors, a cynical view of matrimony. Mr. Phillips, at a reunion of Princeton's class of '87, at the Princeton club, said of marriage: "The Persians have a proverb that every young man should consider well before proposing. It runs: 'He that venturith on matrimony is like unto one who thrusteth his hand into a sack containing many thousands of serpents and one eel. Yet, if the prophet so will it, he may draw forth the eel.'"

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels and cure constipation.

The Wealthy Ones of Earth.
Taking into account Australia and all of the islands of the tropical seas, the world may have 10,000 millionaires, outside of North America and Europe, Russia excluded. The United States alone must have more millionaires than the total for continents which contain two-thirds of the people in the world.

Manitoba's Fish Industry.
Fish from Lake Winnipeg are now sent down south as far as Maryland. Most of them are not white fish, but cheaper grades. The fishing industry of Manitoba is now second only to wheat as a commercial asset.

Shake Into Your Shoes.
Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting, sweating feet. Makes new shoes easy. Sold by all Druggists and Shoe Stores. Don't accept any substitutes. Sample FREE. Address: S. Ostrum, 103 N. Y.

A Certain English Family Owns a stiletto which inspires every one who holds it with a horrible and almost irresistible desire to kill some woman. This weapon belonged to an ancestor whose wife deceived him and drove him mad. He swore revenge against the whole sex, and with the dagger killed his wife, his wife's sister and another woman before he was disarmed and secured.

HOWARD E. BURTON—Assessor and Chemist, Leadville, Colorado. Specimen prices: Gold, silver, Lead, H. Gold, Silver, Tin, Zinc, Copper, H. Mailing notices of full price list sent on application. Control and Empire work so limited. Reference: Carbonate National Bank.

How Good Health Tells.
Poor physical health handicaps many girl workers and prevents the highest development of their powers. An anaemic brain produces poorer work than one that is nourished by blood rich in red corpuscles. The dyspeptic girl is irritable, seedy, and out of sorts when all her vitality is called on to make a special effort in her work. "Nerves" may make all the difference between success or failure.

To keep her health up to a good standard ought to be the aim of every girl who wishes to make something of her life. Too many girls allow themselves to drop into poor health, which is so apt to become chronic unless the tendency is checked at the beginning. A girl owes a duty to herself to keep fit and well and attend to her digestion, her muscles, her breathing. The habits of breathing properly, chewing the food thoroughly, daily exercises out of doors, are all small matters; but one or two rules of daily conduct occasionally broken contrive after a time to affect physical health and personality both. Once let a girl make her mind up to cultivate a habit of self-development, and she follows these rules almost automatically.

Each detail may be unimportant in itself, but the sum of them is not. They are the points that tell in the making of what should be every girl's aim to obtain—health and personality.

MAN HASN'T MASTERED HER

Characteristics and Peculiarities of American Woman Due to This, Says Marian Cox.

Few books in recent years have created a greater stir in America than "The Crowds and the Velled Woman," a masterly study of psychology which has just puzzled and surprised the thinkers across the Atlantic.

Its writer, Miss Marian Cox of New York, who is spending a few days in London, is a dreamy-eyed woman—almost a girl, with an amazing imaginative faculty and a depth of thought which one might guess was bottomless. Discussing the American woman generally, she expressed some interesting views.

"The emotional imagination of the American woman," she said, "is starved in the utilitarian civilization of her own country, and this explains why she floods to Europe for her chief enjoyment and interest."

"From the excess of leisure—with which the American man's industry has dowered her—she has developed both the virtue and the vice of leisure, imagination and curiosity. And nowhere can they be satisfied but in Europe."

"A true Eve, she is primitive enough to hunger after all the fruits upon the tree of knowledge and is civilized enough to desire no one but herself to enjoy them. She desires to shut out everyone—sometimes even her husband—from her own little epicurean garden of success. For her life is a calculated egotism. This is the cause of her famed snobbishness, hardness and self-assertiveness. With American women action takes place of emotion; experience takes the place of sympathies."

"She is a born adventurer—on whom is engrafted a caste-worshipping Brahmin. No matter if she can trace her ancestry to the Mayflower—and all ambitious Americans do—she has the emigrant instincts in her—instincts which have made the American men the bravest and most initiative in the world, but have made her the most restless, striving, sensitive and audacious woman in the world. "She is incapable of feeling fear, and so is incapable of deep love or religion. She adopts sects and cults because of her ever-mobile vitality and curiosity, as a substitute for her lack of religion, and she plays the 'game of love' better than the woman in any other nationality, for she loves with her head and not with her heart. "She is eternal celibate coquette, who is never won, but is always bent on conquest. And all her characteristics and peculiarities issue from the fact that the American man has never mastered her," she added with a puzzling little smile.—London Morning Leader.

An Ominous St. Louis Sign.

There is a sign in St. Louis reading "Hellrung & Grimm." At first one merely smiles at it and passes on. But the thing haunts you. There it is in great yellow letters—sulphurous letters—on a background of gloomy black. For a time you content yourself with saying that one is Hellrung and the other is Grimm, but eventually the personalities fade and you consider the statement as a whole. It is almost profane in its direct assertion of a condition and not a theory. We assert that this sign is the most obsessing in the country. You will not be able to forget it. At this moment you may plash and pooh, and say it is all nonsense, but before you go to sleep tonight "Hellrung & Grimm" will chatter and clamor through your brain like a set of brazen bells falling into a heap of dishes and cymbals. Tomorrow you will try to shake it off, but by that time it will begin to whisper to you—a sly, shuddering sort of whisper. Day after tomorrow it will assure a grim—(there it goes again)—a grim, cacophonous cadence, and the next day it will rumble through your thoughts as persistently as the refrain to Poe's "Bells." There is something Dantesque about it. It tempts weird rhymes. It sounds like a warning. Let us see now what its effect will be upon you.

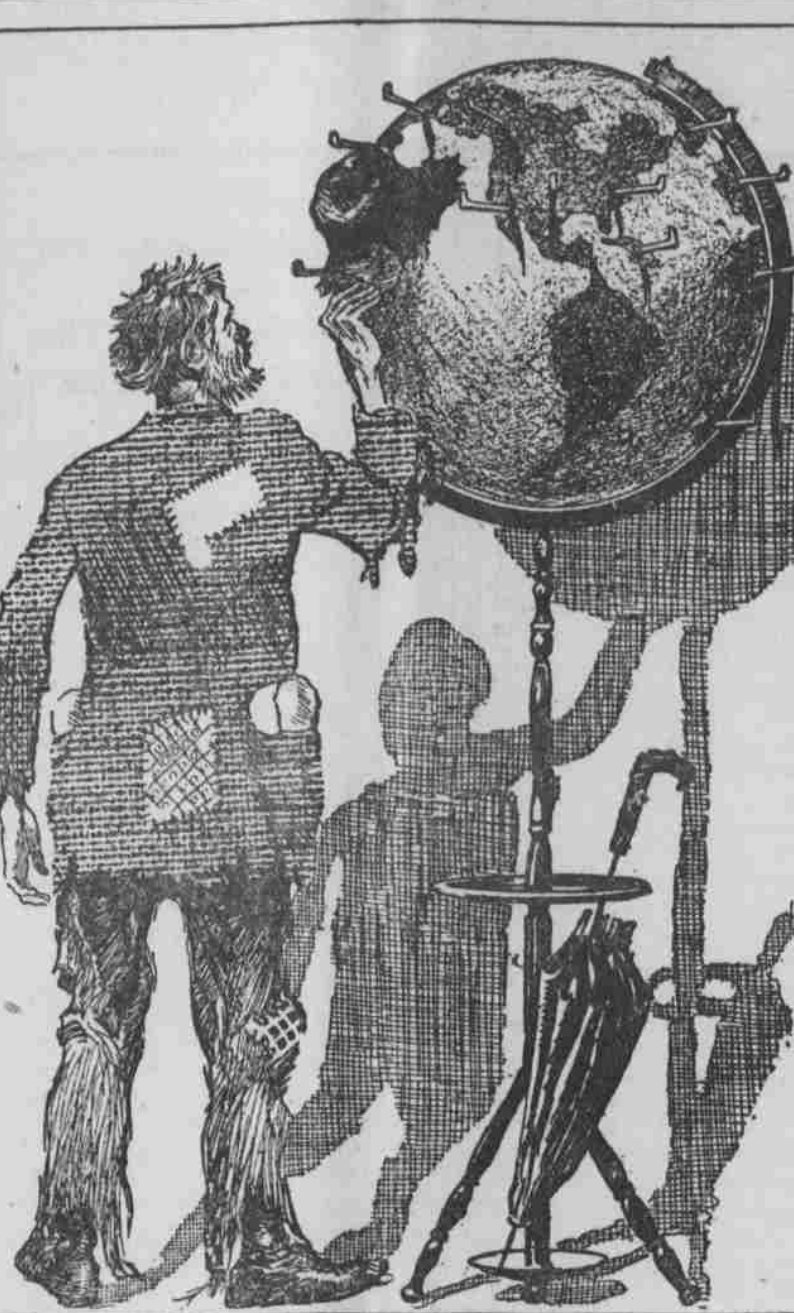
How Little She Saw.

"I thought it was a pretty, fair sort of telescope for one that wasn't very big," said the squirrel. "I rigged it up in the attic by the high north window and had it fixed so it would swing round easy. I took a deal of satisfaction in looking through it—the sky seemed so wide and full of wonders; so when Hester was here I thought I'd give her the pleasure, too. She stayed a long time upstairs and seemed to be enjoying it. When she came down I asked her if she had discovered anything new. "Yes," she says. "Why, it made everybody's house seem so near that I seemed to be right beside 'em, and I found out what John Pritchard's folks are doin' in their outkitchen. I've wondered what they had a light there for night after night, and I just turned the glass on their windows and found out. They are cutting apples to dry—folks as rich as them cuttin' apples!"

"And, actually, that was all the woman had seen! With the whole heavens before her to study, she had spent her time prying into the affairs of her neighbors!"

Had Unique Tombstone.
Maspero, in his "Dawn of Civilization," tells of a rich Egyptian noble who lived more than six thousand years ago and whose splendid fruit flower and vegetable garden, formally plotted and laid out, was described upon his tomb.

THE LURE OF THE "GAY CAT"



"Any old place, I hang my hat, If Home, Sweet Home to me."

WHAT is a "gay cat?" Perhaps you have never heard of him, though you know tom cats, wild cats and feminine "cats." He is an interesting combination, and his species is numbered by thousands. He is half-tramp, availing himself of all the hobo's expedients for gadding about the world without paying for his travels, and half-man with a trade, the goal of whose rambles is always a job. He has all the "bum's" philosophical contempt for the man so "easy" as to "ride the velvet," which means to pay railroad fare. But he also incurs the "bum's" astonished disdain because of his incorrigible habit of looking for work.

"We travel from wanderlust, from love of adventure," explained an ex-"gay cat," who had joined the "home guard" of those who have ceased from rambling. "When I was a youth I wanted to see the country, and see it right. I wanted excitement. I had a good trade and was living at home, but the lure of the road called me. "I could have paid car fare and ridden in the railway cars, but you can't see the country that way. What man looking through the windows of a Pullman car, knows anything about the regions through which he has passed? You must travel a few hours at a time, on a slow freight, and be thrown off at the most unexpected places by brakemen, to see the country. You want to mooch (beg) a handout at backdoors to get acquainted with people. You even learn something when some 'fly mug' (detective) gets so cordial that he insists on your staying in his midst for 30 days—on the rock pile. What dude in a palace car can learn as much about his native land as I did in 14 years as a 'gay cat?'"

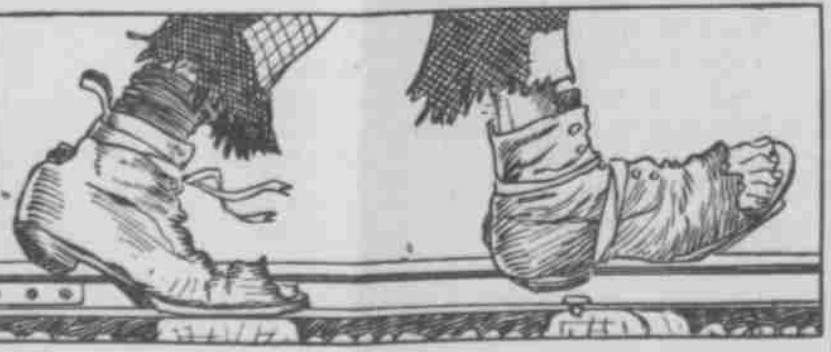
The Wanderlust Never Dies.
This man was a miner by trade, and had followed the profession from Pennsylvania to California, and from California to Alaska. He never begged save in an emergency of hunger, and usually had \$1,000 or so tucked away in a bank in this city or that. But it was only after many years of wandering as a knight errant of the pickax and shovel that the wanderlust of his youth was quenched and he settled down to be a prosaic hotel clerk.

In the shabby sitting room of a 10-cent lodging house in St. Louis there lounged recently half a dozen weather-beaten and hardy men, self-confident of mien and monosyllabic of speech. In their short words was none of the whine of the professional beggar, and in their straightforward look was nothing of the hangdog. They had traveled to most of the countries of the globe, and ignorant of alien languages and customs, had supported themselves by the sole resource of their own hands. They were confident of taking care of themselves in any situation.

"Madam, have you a hatchet?" "What do you want with a hatchet?" she countered, suspiciously. "I want to knock my teeth out," answered he with solemnity. "Lands alive!" almost screamed the woman. "Why should you knock your teeth out?"

"What's the use having teeth if you have nothing to eat?" was the response. The "gay cat" obtained one of those rare feasts known in the vernacular as a "sit down."

Who would have thought that the squalid parlor, into which the warm sun filtered, was a place of dreams? But so it was. The taciturn little Englishman in the corner, who was born in South Africa, was gazing into space upon the yellow corn fields of the Argentine Republic, upon construction camps in the Andes, and upon broad roads leading by gentle stages through the pampas from one hospitable ranch to the next. Aroused from his articulate vision by a question, he stated in a matter-of-fact way that he would be in Argentine next fall.



ORIGIN OF THE CALENDAR.

The Julian year consisted of 365 1/4 days and exceeded by 11 minutes 13.95 seconds the solar year of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 46 seconds. In consequence of this the equinox in the course of a few centuries fell back considerably. In the time of Julius Caesar it corresponded to March 25, and by the sixteenth century it had retrograded to March 11. It was at this time that a physician of Verona named Ghiraldi proposed a plan for amending the calendar. He died before he had opportunity to carry it forward, but his brother presented it to Pope Gregory XIII, who assembled a number of learned men to discuss it. It was passed upon favorably and adopted, and thus was given to the world what has since been known as the Gregorian calendar. In 1582 Gregory issued a brief abolishing the Julian calendar in all Catholic countries and introducing the reformed one.

The reform of the Gregorian or new on the Julian or old consisted in dropping ten days after October 4, 1582, so that the 15th was reckoned immediately after the 4th. Every one hundredth year, which by the old style was a leap year, was to be a common year, the fourth century, divisible by four, excepted; that is: 1600 was to remain a leap year, but 1700, 1800, 1900 were not to be reckoned as such, while 2000 is to be so reckoned. In this calendar the length of the solar year is taken to be 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes and 12 seconds, the difference between which and the true length is immaterial.

SUBSTITUTES FOR MATCHES.

A pocket lighting device is extensively used in France by smokers in preference to matches, which are expensive in that country, their manufacture and sale, like tobacco, being entirely monopolized by the government. The most popular lighter is a nickel-plated box, containing a reservoir, filled with gasoline or benzine, communicating with a wick at the top. By pressing a button the lid opens, producing a flame by the friction caused by a small wheel coming in contact with a piece of ferrocylinder. Most of these devices were made in Germany. One lighter will suffice for 1,500 ignitions without renewing the interior parts. These lighters became so popular that the government has decided to permit their manufacture and sale in France under very strict regulations.

HOW NANTUCKET SLAKES ITS THIRST.

There isn't a stream or a brook in the island of Nantucket, off the New England coast, but there are plenty of windmills, which pump water to tanks and thus supply community needs. Also, Nantucket possesses what is believed to be the oldest windmill for grinding corn in actual operation in America. Nathan Wilbur, a Nantucket sailor, who had seen the busy windmills of Holland, as he sailed abroad, built it out of timbers of wrecked ships in 1746. There has never been a day in all the 165 years since that time when the mill has not been busy. There is always a wing to turn its outstretched wings.

THE CHINESE "YANKEE."

The Chinese are said to have invented spectacles as well as to have been the originators of the chief of all arts, printing, the mariner's compass, peculiar stoves, chain bridges, silver forks, India ink, chain pumps, winnowing machines, and, sad to say, it is charged that instead of wooden hams originating in Connecticut they are also monuments of Chinese ingenuity, and one writer long ago said, referring to the wooden products, "they are so adroitly constructed that numerous buyers are constantly deceived, and frequently it is not until one is belted and ready to be eaten that it is discovered to be nothing but a large piece of wood under a hog's skin."

SWISS FUNERAL CUSTOMS.

Swiss funeral customs are most peculiar. At the death of a person the family inserts a formal, black-edged announcement in the papers asking for sympathy, and stating that "the mourning urn" will be exhibited during certain hours on a special day. In front of the house where the person died there is placed a little black table covered with a black cloth, on which stands a black jar. Into this the friends and acquaintances of the family drop little black-margined visiting cards, sometimes with a few words of sympathy on them. The urn is put on the table on the day of the funeral. Only men ever go to the churchyard, and they generally follow the hearse on foot.

VACUUM CLEANERS IN COAL MINES.

Vacuum cleaners are said to be the means that will in the future be used for the purpose of cleaning coal mines of the dangerous coal dust that has often been the cause of so much explosion, and through which many miners have lost their lives. The machines are stationed at a suitable distance from the scene of operation. Two men, each holding the "suction cleaners," then go over the mine, drawing the dust from the top, sides, and bottom through the hose into a car or truck in waiting, which is then taken out of the mine and dumped. Expert mechanics are of opinion that one machine could thoroughly clean a half-mile of entries in one night.

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Salmon Roe for Caviar. Owing to the diminishing supply of sturgeon caviar, Siberian fishermen have been experimenting with salmon roe, a commodity that was formerly thrown away as valueless or even injurious to health.

OWES HER HEALTH

To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Scottville, Mich.—"I want to tell you how much good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash have done me. I live on a farm and have worked very hard. I am forty-five years old, and am the mother of thirteen children. Many people think it strange that I am not broken down with hard work and the care of my family, but I tell them of my good friend, your Vegetable Compound, and that there will be no backache and bearing down pains for them if they will take it as I have. I am scarcely ever without it in the house. "I will say also that I think there is no better medicine to be found for young girls to build them up and make them strong and well. My eldest daughter has taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for painful periods and irregularity, and it has always helped her. "I am always ready and willing to speak a good word for the Lydia E. Pinkham's Remedies. I tell every one I meet that I owe my health and happiness to these wonderful medicines." —Mrs. J. G. JOHNSON, Scottville, Mich., R. F. D. 3.



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Destroys Hair Germs

Recent discoveries have shown that falling hair is caused by germs at the roots of the hair. Therefore, to stop falling hair, you must first completely destroy these germs. Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula, will certainly do this. Then leave the rest to nature.

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