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## SWINDLING A SETTLER.

About the 1st of October a pioneer in one of the northern counties of Wisconsin was seated on a log in front of his cabin, waiting for his every-other-day shake of the ague to come along, when a covered wagon drove up. It contained a man and his wife and a few articles of furniture, and they were looking for a piece of land on which to squat. It was nip and tuck which was the meanest-looking man. Both were ragged, down in the mouth, and had chills and fever as regularly as sunrise, and neither one had made a cent in the last ten years. It was also a pretty even thing between the women. One was cross-eyed and the other had a broken nose. One was almost toothless and the other had a stiff knee. One chewed slippery-elm and took snuff, and the other smoked plug tobacco in a clay pipe.

"Stranger," remarked the settler after the four had looked each other over, "I haven't any fodder for yer hosses, nothing to get up a dinner with, and we get our drinking water from a creek half a mile away. Yer a mean-looking fam'ly, and I'd advise ye to drive on."

"Stranger," echoed the other, "I wouldn't have stopped now but to offer ye a trade. My old woman don't like the woods and don't want to go further. How'll ye trade?"

The settler got up and walked around the wagon and whistled "Old Dan Tucker" twice over, and then replied:

"I reckon it's about an even thing."

"Yes, purty even. What do you say, old woman?"

"Wall, I can't be much wuss off," she replied as she jumped down. The settler's wife was not over seven minutes packing up, and as the wagon moved off she called back:

"Good-bye, old man! Reckon we don't owe each other nothing."

In less than a fortnight the settler appeared at the county seat to consult a lawyer, and great was his indignation as he explained:

"In less'n a week after that 'ere wagon drove off that 'ere woman went stone blind and likewise developed consumption, and yesterday morning she suddenly dropped off her cheer and died without a kick."

"She did?"

"And I've got to bury her and break up and lose my squat. Now, then, what I want is to know if there is any law in this state which allows a stranger to tote a dying female around the kentry and trade her even up for an old woman who could chop a cord and a half of wood per day and sit up all night to keep the b'ars from holdin' a convention in the shanty?"

—Free Press.

The flavor of food baked or boiled in earthenware is said by those who have made the experiment to be far superior to that of vegetable or animal food cooked in the same way in iron vessels, for the reason that iron is a conductor of heat, while earthenware is a non-conductor; consequently, food cooked in the latter is rarely ever burned, the degree of heat not varying perceptibly during the process of cooking, thus preserving the flavor of what is cooked, as well as uniformity throughout the substance of the meat, vegetable or grains, until the process of cooking is completed. So earthenware takes the premium, as it deserves to, and those who have found out how much better they can do their cooking in these vessels than in ironware give pots and kettles the cold-shoulder often.

—Willamette Farmer.

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## Poisons and Their Antidotes.

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Acids—These cause great heat and sensation of burning pain from the mouth down to the stomach. Remedies: Magnesia, soda, pearlash, or soap dissolved in water; then use the stomach pump or emetic.

Alkalies—The remedy is vinegar.

Ammonia—Remedies: Lemon juice or vinegar.

Alcohol—First, clean out the stomach by an emetic, then dash cold water on the head and give ammonia (spirits of hartshorn.)

Arsenic—In the first place vacuate the stomach, then give the white of an egg, lime water, or chalk and water, charcoal, and the preparations of iron, particularly hydrate.

White lead and sugar of lead—Remedies: Alum, cathartic, such as castor oil and epsom salts especially.

Charcoal—In poisons by carbonic acid gas remove the patient to the open air, dash cold water on the head and body, and stimulate the nostrils and lungs by hartshorn, at the same time rubbing the chest briskly.

Corrosive sublimate—Give white of eggs and emetics.

Belladonna, night hane—Give emetics, and then give plenty of water and vinegar, or lemonade.

Mushrooms—Emetics, and then plenty of water and vinegar, with doses of ether, if handy.

Nitrate of silver (lunar caustic)—Give a strong solution of common salt, and then emetics.

Snake bites, etc.—Apply immediately strong hartshorn, and then take it internally; also give sweet oil stimulants freely; apply a ligature above the parts bitten and then apply a cupping glass.

Tartar emetic—Give large doses of tea made of galls, Peruvian bark or white oak bark.

White vitrol—Give plenty of milk and water.

Opium—Give a strong emetic of mustard and water, and then strong coffee and acid drinks; dash cold water on the head of the patient.

Just as It Occurred.

The seventieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hard, of Bennington, Vt., has just been celebrated in the house where they began house-keeping. They are ninety-one and eighty-seven respectively.

The Rev. J. P. Jay, of Memphis, refused communion to an excommunicated member of his church, and the latter attempted to whip him. The dominie was equal to the occasion, and the other is in the hospital.

At a Methodist camp-meeting at Graham, N. C., a boy fourteen years of age, who had been dumb from his birth, suddenly sprang to the preacher's platform, and in a clear voice professed religion and became an exhorter.

An investigation as to the cause of the failure of a chronometer clock in Presque Isle, Me., to keep time, revealed a large cord of a spider's web attached to the lower end of the pendulum, thus shortening the stroke.

A Connellsville, Pa., sportsman shot a duck on the river and it was quickly dragged beneath the surface of the water. George Ellerd trolled about the spot next day and captured a pike weighing twenty-one pounds, in whose stomach was the stolen duck.

On his wedding day, July 10th, 1877, Charles Emerson, of Indianapolis, engraved the date and the names of himself and wife on a silver half dollar and spent it in Pittsburgh. In a payment to him last week by his employers he received back the marked half-dollar.

A Toronto lady, in her hurry to start for church, took from the closet a pair of her husband's trousers by mistake for her doll-man, throw them across her arm,

and did not discover her mistake until she had thrown them over the back of the pew in front of her.

The United States signal office gives as the average temperature of western Oregon: Spring, 52 deg; summer, 67 deg; autumn, 53; winter, 39 deg. Fahrenheit. The thermometer seldom rises above 95 deg. in summer, or falls below 30 deg. in winter, and active outdoor work can be performed the year 'round. Statistics show that during the past twelve years, the average year in Oregon has consisted of 233 rainless, 122 rainy, and 10 snowy days, the last in December and January; but snow never falls in large quantities in the valley, or remains on the ground any length of time.

Our prohibition friends will soon begin to suspect something is wrong, and justly. The Iowa amendment is said to be invalid because of the neglect of the proper forms in carrying it through the legislature, and now it is feared that the Oregon amendment, which was supposed to have started on its way to enactment, really hasn't been started at all, since it was not entered on the journals of the legislative assembly, as required by the constitution. It begins to look as if eternal vigilance was the price of prohibition. —Oregonian.



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## SYMPTOMS OF A DISEASED LIVER.

Pain in the right side, under edge of ribs, increasing on pressure; sometimes the pain is on the left side; the patient is rarely able to lie on the left side; sometimes the pain is felt under the shoulder and is sometimes taken for Rheumatism in the arm. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels in general are constive, sometimes alternating with laxity; the head is troubled with pain, accompanied with a dull, heavy sensation in the back part. There is generally a considerable loss of memory, accompanied with a painful sensation of having left undone something which ought to have been done. A slight, dry cough is sometimes attendant. The patient complains of weariness and debility; he is easily started; his feet are cold on burning, and he complains of a prickly sensation of the skin; his spirits are low, and, although he is satisfied that exercise would be beneficial to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it.

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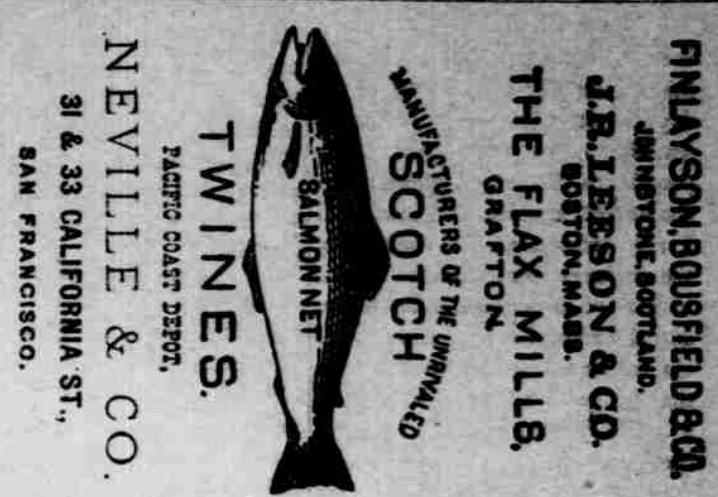
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