

Too Bad.
"I'm afraid we are losing ground," said the Hawaiian ex-queen's attendant. "Yes," she answered. "That's what annoys me. I could manage to get on without the throne very nicely if they would leave me the real estate."—Washington Star.

Doesn't Like Medals.
A young woman of Washington the other day said to General "Joe" Wheeler: "How is it you never wear any medals. You surely have some." "No," answered the soldier. "I have none. I am no bicyclist, and I never made a century run in my life."

The Runaway Boy.
"Are there any marks by which he can be identified?" asked the chief of police, preparatory to telegraphing. "No," said the father of the boy who had started to Minnesota to fight Indians, "but there will be when I get hold of him again."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Dream of the Hobo.
"I'd never go to sleep again if I thought I'd have 'nother nightmare like that," sighed the weary hobo. "Was it horrible?" "The horriblemest I ever had. I dreamed I wa' a keg o' hard cider and wa' a-workin' it."—Detroit Free Press.

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On the Ice.

"Did you fall?" asked the officious one of the man who had slipped on the ice. "Fall!" roared the man witheringly; "no! I merely sat down to think over this expansion question."—Philadelphia North American.

OPEN LETTERS FROM

Jennie E. Green and Mrs. Harry Hardy.

JENNIE E. GREEN, Denmark, Iowa, writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I had been sick at my monthly periods for seven years, and tried almost everything I ever heard of, but without any benefit. Was troubled with backache, headache, pains in the shoulders and dizziness. Through my mother I was induced to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it has done me so much good. I am now sound and well."

Mrs. HARRY HARDY, Riverside, Iowa, writes to Mrs. Pinkham the story of her struggle with serious ovarian trouble, and the benefit she received from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. This is her letter: "How thankful I am that I took your medicine. I was troubled for two years with inflammation of the womb and ovaries, womb was also very low. I was in constant misery. I had heart trouble, was short of breath and could not walk five blocks to save my life. Suffered very much with my back, had headache all the time, was nervous, menstruations were irregular and painful, had a bad discharge and was troubled with bloating. I was a perfect wreck. Had doctored and taken local treatments, but still was no better. I was advised by one of my neighbors to write to you. I have now finished the second bottle of Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and am better in every way. I am able to do all my own work and can walk nearly a mile without fatigue; something I had not been able to do for over two years. Your medicine has done me more good than all the doctors."

A Simple Turn.
He felt that she had encouraged him, and when she refused him he indignantly inquired if she didn't think she had played him a very mean trick. "Not at all," she answered cheerily; "only a little slight-of-hand."
No man can correctly estimate the true value of a woman or a gold mine; but thousands of men have gone broke trying to find out.

MUSIC IN PORTO RICO.

The National Instrument, the Guira, Is Simple but Ingenious.

Like all other Spanish-speaking people, the Porto Ricans are fond of music. Every cafe has its orchestra, for a cafe could hardly do business without one. Every main street during the latter part of the day has its little itinerant band of guitar and violin players, and the warm nights are made pleasant to the strollers along the streets by the sound of stringed instruments which floats from behind the latticed, vine-clad screen of private residences. Nearly all of the airs are pitched in a minor key, which, even when intended to be joyous, contains a plaint to the Anglo-Saxon fond of Sousa's robust music. To one who has traveled in Spanish lands the music of Porto Rico at first seems very familiar, but the ear is not long in discovering something novel in the accompaniment to the melody.

It sounds at first like the rhythmical shuffle of feet upon sanded floor, and one might suppose some expert clog dancer was nimbly stepping to the music made by the violins and guitars. The motion is almost too quick, too complicated, for this, however, and it is the deftness of fingers, and not feet, which produces it.

It comes from the only musical instrument native to the West Indies, the "guira," which word is pronounced "hurr-ra," with a soft roll and twist to the tongue only possible to the native. The "guira" is a gourd varying in size in different instruments. On the inner curve of the gourd are cut slits like those in the top of a violin. On the other side of the gourd opposite the holes is a series of deep scratches. The player balances the gourd in his left hand, holding it lightly that none of the resonance may be lost.

With the right hand he rapidly rubs this roughened side of the gourd with a two-tined steel fork. In the hands of a novice this produces nothing but a harsh, disagreeable noise. In the hands of a native "guira" player a wonderful rhythmic sound comes from this dried vegetable shell—a sound which, in its place in the orchestra, becomes music, and most certainly gives splendid time and considerable volume to the performance.

The player's hand moves with lightning rapidity. The steel fork at times makes long sweeps the whole length of the gourd, and then again vibrates with incredible swiftness over but an inch or two of its surface. There seems to be a perfect method in its playing, though no musical record is before the player, and it seems to be a matter purely of his fancy and his ear as to how his part shall harmonize with the melody of the stringed instruments.

The guira is found in all the West Indies, but seems especially popular in Porto Rico. The players generally make their own instruments, and apparently become attached to them, for as poor as these strolling players are they will hardly part with their guira, even when offered ten times their real value. They are distinctly a Porto Rican curio, and, strange as it may seem, Porto Rico is probably more destitute of tourists' "loot" than any foreign country known to the traveling American. The tourist who can secure a guira may congratulate himself, for it will be hard to get, and is the very thing which can be carried away from the island as a souvenir which is distinctly native and peculiar.—Kansas City Star.

BATHS NOT HER SPECIALTY.

Hospital Patient Had Not Had One in Six Months.

This actually occurred in one of the hospitals in the city where a number of patients from the lower walks of life are brought for free treatment. One night the police ambulance brought a young woman who was suffering from a severe case of rheumatism. The first part of the treatment accorded patients is a thorough bath before they are placed between the clean sheets, and the unpleasant task of administering the scrub is a part of the duty of the probationers, as the nurses are called during the first six months of their training. The one who attempted the work in this case found a hopeless job on her hands, and after much vain labor she went to one of the older nurses for advice. It being a case of rheumatism, they disliked to risk putting her in a tub, but there seemed to be no help for it, so they soused her into the hot water and used soap, soda, alcohol and everything else the place afforded, and they rubbed, scrubbed and scoured with but little success. At last the elder nurse exclaimed: "I don't believe you ever had a bath before, did you?" "Yes, I did," answered the patient in tones of indignation. "When was it?" "Just before I was married." "How long ago was that?" "A little over six months."—Chicago Chronicle.

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An American philosopher, after studying the facts and circumstances of the cases, has come to the conclusion that all this discord in families is the offspring of disease in some form or another, and that in a great majority of cases diseases may be entirely removed and husbands and wives made entirely happy. It has been done in innumerable instances, and what has been done heretofore, may be repeated.

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Poor Man.

"The idea!" exclaimed Mr. Meekton's wife, "of sending a man to congress with three wives! It's preposterous." "That's what I think," answered Mr. Meekton, incautiously. "He probably has all the trouble he can attend to at home without bothering about his country."—Washington Star.

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