

"Deride Not Any Man's Infirmities."
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Hood's Sarsaparilla
 Never Disappoints

The Queen's Ice Chest.
 The stores of ice at Windsor, Ontario and Balmoral castles are very large. At Windsor there is storage room for about 500 tons. There the supply is obtained from the lake beneath the north terrace, from Fagnore and Virginia water. Ice is not only stably used in the royal kitchen, but also for reducing the temperature of her majesty's apartments in hot weather. There it is packed in pretty wooden buckets and stood in the fireplaces.

Changeable.
 Larry—Nora hung her Jersey jacket over the stove and it was scorched. Did you hear about it, Dinny?
 Denny—Oh did! An' Oi also hur-did that it changed th' jacket completely.
 Larry—How phwas that?
 Denny—Well, ye see, it phwas a Jersey jacket when she hung it thar, but, faith, after it was scorched it phwas a smoking jacket.—Chicago Daily News.

VITALITY low, debilitated or exhausted cured by Dr. King's Kidney Pills. Price 25¢. Trial Bottle containing 2 Weeks' treatment. Dr. King's Institute, 301 Arch St., Philadelphia. Founded 1821.

A medical paper directs attention to the curious fact that scarlet fever has never been observed in epidemic form in the tropical or subtropical regions of Asia or Africa.

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

In Janesville, Wis., is a pearl button factory which turns out thousands of the finest quality of buttons. Tons of Mississippi clam shells are used in producing the buttons.

For lung and chest diseases, Pilo's Cure is the best medicine we have used.—Mrs. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

India has perhaps a greater variety of plants than any other country in the world, having 15,000 native species; while the flora of the entire continent of Europe only embraces about 10,000.

Mamma Eats a Cascares.
 Baby gets the colic. Nursing mothers make their milk entirely purgative with Cascares. The only safe laxative for babies. All druggists, 10c, 50c, 90c.

The South Kensington museum is constantly adding to the collection of scientific instruments and models of old-fashioned machines. We learn from Industries and Iron that they have now made a large number of additions of modern machinery and tools, such as a coal gas purifier, house, a Belleville boiler, a lamp engine, water tube boilers using lignite, a transformer, steam turbine, etc. Many of the machine models are shown in motion.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
 Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

It now appears probable that the Mount Blanc railway will eventually be built. The line is to be worked electrically, and is to start from Ouches and end at Petits Rochers Rouges. The Arve will be utilized to furnish the necessary power.

The board of education and the police department of New York are the two most expensive departments of the municipal government. Collectively, their maintenance costs \$25,000,000 a year.

The German war department has something like 200,000 pigeons trained for war purposes, and France has 250,000. Russia and Italy also have homing pigeon outfits in their war departments.

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A Land of Promise.
 Rev. Joseph Parker, the eminent English preacher, confesses that in his youth the sound of the name Van Diemen's Land—now known as Tasmania—powerfully affected his imagination. It was to him, as it has been to many youngsters, an appealingly mysterious place, but in time it lost its evil suggestion, and he tells how this came about in his recent book: "A Preacher's Life." At a Methodist meeting in the north of England the people had been singing a hymn in which the line: "We are marching through Emmanuel's ground," occurs, and at the close of the hymn one good old man, whose emotion was in excess of his intelligence, fervently prayed: "Grant that when this life is over every one of us may have a cottage in Van Diemen's land." The poor man somehow got it into his head, by some law of mental association which no one can fully explain, that Emmanuel's grounds and Van Diemen's Land were practically one and the same.—Youth's Companion.

Rockers and Insanity.
 The rocking chair causes insanity, so it is said. In fact the physicians are claiming that the rocking chairs are the cause of most of the nervous troubles from which women suffer, and are advising their relegation to any place where they will not be used.

The Chinese honor their guests by placing before them the oldest eggs obtainable, which are considered their greatest delicacy.

The Mystery of Dust at Sea.
 It is a puzzling fact that the decks of sailing vessels show dust at night, even if washed in the morning, and no work is done during the day. This is like indigestion and dyspepsia, which creeps on one unawares. The only way to cure them is by the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also prevents malaria, fever and ague.

He Caught On.
 He—Do you believe in hypnotism?
 She—I heard the other day of a man who was hypnotized by being made to look for some time at a diamond ring.

He—I wonder if any bright piece of glass would have done it as well.
 She—Perhaps so, with a man, but not with a woman.

He (at a jeweler's next day)—I want a diamond ring, lady's size, brightest you have.—N. Y. World.

Improved Train Equipment.
 The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

SALT LAKE CITY.
 An Important Factor in Transcontinental Travel.

No one crossing the continent can afford to cut Salt Lake City from his route. The attractions of the place, including the Mormon Temple, Tabernacle and Church institutions, the Great Salt Lake—deader and denser than the Dead Sea in the Holy Land—the picturesque environment and the warm sulphur and hot springs, are greater to the square yard than any locality on the American continent.

The Rio Grande Western Railway, connecting on the East with the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland Railways and on the West with the Southern Pacific (Central Route) and Oregon Short Line, is the only transcontinental line passing directly through Salt Lake City. The route through Salt Lake City via the Rio Grande Western Railway is famous all the year round. On account of the equable climate of Utah and Colorado it is just as popular in winter as in summer. Send 2c to J. D. Mansfield, 253 Washington St., Portland, or Geo. W. Heintz, Acting General Passenger Agent, Salt Lake City, for a copy of "Salt Lake City—the City of the Saints."

Several hundred river drivers leave Bangor, Maine, every spring for the headwaters of the Penobscot, Kennebec, Androscoggin and Connecticut rivers, and there are always among them some who never come back.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.
 FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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 A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.
 Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
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Didn't Work.
 "What a beautiful lounge!"
 "Yes, that's a birthday present from my husband. He always gives me a present that costs him as many dollars as I am years old."
 "That's nice of him. It reconciles one to growing old. By the way, I have a lounge at home like that but not nearly as fine, and we paid \$88 for it."
 "Is that all? This—this didn't cost nearly as much as that."—Chicago Tribune.

BEGAN IT YEARS AGO.
Kansans Come Naturally by Their Fighting Qualities.
 People should not wonder that Kansas produced a Funston or that the Twentieth Kansas proved to be such rattling fighters, if a writer in Ainslee's is correct.

"Long before the discoveries of gold in California and Colorado, Missouri traders were venturing into the distant Arizona and New Mexico. Here lies the topographical beginning of Kansas. The Sunflower State was in the line of earliest progress for the traders. It became the route of all transcontinental trails. It was fortified by army posts and defended by trading stations, and these forts and stations in turn were the nuclei of future promiscuous population. Similarly when the Western gold excitement arose, Kansas was in the line of overland travel and secured permanent inhabitants long before Nebraska, which is almost equally fertile, or before the Dakotas and Montana, through which the low grade route to the coast traversed so profitably nowadays by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railways penetrate. A string of inhabitants was dropped like wheat along the old emigrant trails, and grew and multiplied out of sheer necessity where it fell.

"It is around the places where men who can go no further throw down their packs or where families who are tired of the canvas-covered 'prairie schooners' and cooking with buffalo chips turn their oxen or horses loose to shift for themselves, and begin to cut logs or bake mud for cabins that such half-way-between States as Kansas get their start; and the manner of genesis dictates the succeeding nature of acquisition. The emigrants who were left behind in Kansas might many of them have wished that they had gone on, for the days of the territory were written in blood until long after the people of the East ceased to cry 'poor, bleeding Kansas.' It was the have-to-staying behind the van, the resignation to the inevitable that breathed into the Kansans the spirit of defense and conflict that abides with them still, and makes them conquerors in the battle with mortgages, and marchless fighters in the rice fields and torrents of the Philippines.

"Yet it was this same repellent and grim inevitability that sent two sweeping tides of immigration over Kansas' head, and resulted in the population of California, then Oregon, then Colorado, then the entire western slope from Puget Sound to Santa Fe. People went where there was the least resistance."

Called Him "Darling."
 How Dickens Reluked a Prominent American Literary Woman.

Some people are prone to forget that love-making should never be carried on before a crowd. Honest affection of a man for his wife or of a wife for her husband is a beautiful thing to see; but it is always possible for them to let the world know of their regard for each other without hugging or kissing or using extravagant words of endearment in public. When a man calls his wife "Sweetie" and she answers "What is it, dearest?" in the presence of others they generally create the impression that they are either very soft or that there is shamming on both sides. In this connection Julia Ward Howe has in her reminiscences an interesting anecdote of Charles Dickens. Dr. Howe and his wife went to Europe on their wedding journey, and had letters of introduction to many of the people who were then prominent in English literary and political affairs. The great novelist entertained them at his home, where they met John Forster, who is known as the biographer of Dickens. Proceeding, Mrs. Howe says:

"Mr. Forster invited us to dine at his chambers in the Inns of Court. Mr. and Mrs. Dickens were of the party, and also the painter Maclise, whose work was then highly spoken of. After dinner, while we were taking coffee in the sitting-room, I had occasion to speak to my husband, and addressed him as "darling." Thereupon Dickens slid down to the floor, and lying on his back, held up one of his small feet, quivering with pretended emotion. "Did she call him 'darling'?" he cried. Mrs. Howe nowhere mentions that she ever called her husband "darling" before other people after that.

Ingenious Thief.
 Two of the latest additions to the Museum of Criminology afford a most striking example of ingenuity which, if rightly applied, would have placed the man who possessed it, a noted railway thief, beyond all temptation to dishonesty.

The chief of the new additions looks like a large and very handsome leather traveling bag, but when it is closely examined it is found to contain only an elaborate set of hooks, so fastened to each inner side that they can be worked from the handle. The flat bottom of the bag, too, opens inward, like a swing door, and the whole thing is so designed that when the manipulator of it sees some one put a valise down temporarily on the platform he rapidly slides up and places his "trick grip" over the other one. When he—a well-dressed man always, so that suspicion may be averted—has covered the coveted valise, he sets the spring in motion and the hooks grasp the spool.

The other instrument is an umbrella with a very strong and stiff stick. Where the ferrule generally is there is a steel spring, worked from the handle, and this acts like a very powerful pair of tongs. "Grips" and parcels can be picked up with it in an instant.

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A concern in Iowa is making farm wagons wholly of steel, and it can scarcely fill the orders that pour in from the wheatgrowers out in Dakota and other parts of the West.

Not Fond of Company.
 Querious—Is Nearleigh hospitable? Cynicus—I should say not. Why he wouldn't even entertain a doubt.—Town Topics.

New Orleans represents more than half the total valuation of Louisiana, and consequently pays more than half the taxes.

A new union of beer-wagon drivers in Brooklyn has received a charter from the National Union of Brewery Workers.

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Read carefully what Mr. L. R. Smith, of El Dorado Springs, Mo., writes us under date of Nov. 27, 1899, also Martin Bowers, of Caragher, Ohio, under date of Dec. 16th, 1899:

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Isaac Brock, a citizen of McLennan county, Texas, has lived 111 years. He now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.

In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says:

"After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience.

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper remedy for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate.

"During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoea. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases, but in reading Dr. Hartman's books I have found out that these affections are the same and that they are properly called catarrh.

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Very truly yours,
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For a free book on catarrh, address The Peruna Medicine Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Strictly Up to Date.
 Patrice—I hear Miss Sprinter is having three new ball dresses made.
 Patience—You don't say so!
 "Yes; one baseball, one football and one golf-ball dress."—Yonkers Statesman.

France is about to raise a loan of \$20,000,000 for public works in Algeria.

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