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Cruel.
"When he proposed to me I was delighted, of course," confessed Miss Antek, "but I tried not to let my face show him what my answer would be."
"And did you succeed?" asked Miss Peppery.
"No; he found his answer there."
"Ah! Read between the lines, I suppose."—Philadelphia Press.

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"You did," answered the disappointed youth.

"I am sorry to disagree with you. But I came from a portion of Kentucky where 'moonshine' is one of the most businesslike institutions on earth. I cannot sanction these disrespectful references to it."—Washington Star.

A Jewel.

Betzler—Why do you have iron bars in front of your kitchen windows and doors?
Shemster—To prevent the escape of the cook.—Brooklyn Life.

In Chicago.

"The devil does more for one's pleasure and comfort than any god," says a Chicago woman. There is nothing like knowing who your friends are.—New York News.

New to Him.

Pat—How does yez loike codfish balls?
Mike—Faith! an' I niver 'tended one, but it's big toimes I've had down at th' firemen's hop.—Lippincott's.

The Innocent Suffer With The Guilty

The world to-day is full of innocent sufferers from that most loathsome disease, Contagious Blood Poison. People know in a general way that it is a bad disease, but if all its horrors could be brought before them they would shun it as they do the Leprosy. Not only the person who contracts it suffers, but the awful taint is transmitted to children, and the fearful sores, eruptions, weak eyes, Catarrh, and other evidences of poisoned blood and eruptions, are suffering the awful consequences of some body's sin. So highly contagious is this form of blood poison that one may be contaminated by handling the clothing or other articles in use by a person afflicted with this miserable disease. There is danger even in drinking from the same vessel or eating out of the same tableware, as many pure and innocent men and women have found to their sorrow. The virus of Contagious Blood Poison is so powerful and penetrating that within a short time after the first little sore appears the whole system is infected and every drop of blood in the body is tainted with the poison, and the skin is soon covered with a red rash, ulcers break out in the mouth and throat, swellings appear in the groins, the hair and eyebrows fall out, and unless the ravages of the disease are checked at this stage, more violent and dangerous symptoms appear in the form of deep and offensive sores, copper colored spots, terrible pains in bones and muscles, and general breaking down of the system.

S. S. S. is a specific for Contagious Blood Poison and the only remedy that antidotes this peculiar virus and makes a radical and complete cure of the disease. Mercury and Potash hold it in check so long as the system is under their influence, but when the medicine is left off the poison breaks out again as bad or worse than ever. Besides, the use of these minerals bring on Rheumatism and stomach troubles of the worst kind, and frequently produce bleeding and sponginess of the gums and decay of the teeth. S. S. S. cures Blood Poison in all stages and even reaches down to hereditary taints and removes all traces of the poison and saves the victim from the pitiable consequences of this monster scourge. As long as a drop of the virus is left in the blood it is liable to break out, and there is danger of transmitting the disease to others. S. S. S. is guaranteed purely vegetable and is taken without any injurious effects to health, and an experience of nearly fifty years proves beyond doubt that it cures Contagious Blood Poison completely and permanently. Write for our "Home Treatment Book," which describes fully the different stages and symptoms of the disease.

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Science AND INVENTION

The biophone, a new German phonograph, produces pictures as well as sounds. It shows, for instance, the singer giving a song.

The temperature limits of life are much more widely separated than we once supposed. Bacteria are now known to develop and multiply at 72 deg. C.; and Prof. A. Macfadyen of London has exposed such organisms to 100 deg. C. below zero for six months without harming them, while they even survived 250 deg. C. below zero.

An investigation of paving stones has been undertaken in Ireland by Prof. Joly. He finds that resistance to wear varies directly with the amounts of quartz and felspar contained, the completely crystalline igneous granites, etc., being as a rule the toughest. Rocks that are decidedly porphyritic, porous or glassy are to be avoided. A certain coarseness of grain is usually desirable, as fine-grained rocks, like a certain Welsh diorite, are liable to become slippery.

The electric discharge between two vessels of mercury in a partial vacuum is the most efficient form of artificial lighting yet discovered. In a recent test by W. C. Geer, the mercury terminals were about four-fifths of an inch apart, and an arc of two inches in length was produced by a direct current of 110 volts. Nearly 50 per cent of the energy supplied was converted into visible light. Turning to other lights, the Geissler tube showed an efficiency of 32 per cent; the ordinary arc lamp, 10; acetylene gas, 10; the incandescent electric lamp, 8, and the Argand gas burner, 1.8.

The entomologists employed to abate the mosquito nuisance along the north shore of Long Island report, among other things, that a single rain-barrel will breed more mosquitoes than a large pond. Even the salt meadows hardly equal, as mosquito-producers, four or five good barrels apple. The reason is that the larger pools contain fish which prey upon the larvae. A soggy pasture, in the same sense, equals from one to two rain-barrels. Wind is a great enemy to mosquitoes. Even a gentle fanning keeps them off. This recalls the legend that Empedocles freed the great city of Agrigento (Agriguntum) in Sicily from malaria by opening the hills, so that the north wind swept freely over the town. We now know that mosquitoes are the chief distributors of malaria.

The Jesup expedition, sent out by the American Museum of Natural History to investigate the native tribes of Northwestern America and North-eastern Asia has completed its field-work and collected some twenty thousand specimens of household articles, dress, ornaments, tools and weapons such as have never before been exhibited. The explorations extended from the Columbia River around the North Pacific coast to the Amur River in Asia. Close similarities were found in the customs, dress, implements, folk-lore and other characteristics of the American and Siberian tribes, pointing, it is thought, to the common origin of these people at some remote past time. The most numerous of the Siberian races are the Yakuts, numbering about 270,000 individuals, and dwelling in and around the Lena River valley. Their territory includes about one-third of Siberia. Many of them have amassed wealth in the fur trade, and their silversmiths are noted for skill. Yakut beliefs frequently possess costumes of furs, ornamented with silver, worth \$1,000.

The Chance of a Prisoner.

I entered my office one morning to find a very worn and traveled stained wanderer awaiting me. He had been a crook ever since he had been old enough to gain his living, and having had no home influence except that which was evil, he followed the wrong path faithfully to his own ruin. He had never done honest work in his life. With no trade, no character, no references, no friends, and with a criminal past stamped on his face, when his money was gone after he had been discharged from prison—the outlook was most discouraging. Just at this point a policeman acted the part of fate and ran him in, not because he had committed any crime but to prevent him from doing so.

That night when the door of his cell changed behind him a deep realization of his failure swept over him. "Prison, prison, is it always and forever to be prison?" he groaned, and throwing himself on his knees, for the first time in his life, he prayed. The next day in court, some one unknown to him said a good word on his behalf and he was discharged. He walked from Boston to New York and when I heard the story very simply told in his rough way he said: "Now, Little Mother, will you give me a chance? Is there any hope for me?" Very gladly did we bid him welcome.

When he left us it was hard work he undertook. When the first pay day came he called at my office, coming straight from work in his stained straight from his hands bearing the marks of toil which mean so much to us. As I rose to greet him he clasped my fingers in his two strong hands and with tears filling his eyes he said: "Little Mother, I just came to thank you. I can't tell you what the Home has done for me, but I want my thumbs to know I am really grateful." And then he drew from his pocket a little roll of bills and pressing it in my

hands, he said: "That is the first honest money I ever earned. I want you to use it for the boys who are now where I was once."—Leslie's Monthly.

When the Horn Blows.

As you rattle with adversity and plug along the road
Keeps your temper somewhat jangled out of tune to bow the load,
An' you very often wonder if there'll ever come a day
When your labors will be over an' you'll have a chance to play,
Keep a-jackin' up your courage, for the time will come at last
When your trials an' your troubles'll be mem'ries o' the past;
There's a better day a-comin' when you'll dump your earthly woes,
An' you'll know that you have struck it when the last horn blows.

Of'times you feel a swellin' in your gullet when you meet
With a millionaire a-ridin' in his carriage 'long the street,
An' the javein of envy gives your soul a stingin' cut
When you see him on the road an' you a strugglin' in the rut.
Such a feelin' o' resentment doesn't help the case a bit,
Doesn't regulate the matter fur to give your teeth a grit;
Though you haven't got the boodle nor his tailor-fitted clothes
You will be as rich as he is when the last horn blows.

MACEDONIAN PEASANTS.

Shocking Abuses to Which Even in Peace They Are Subject.
The peasants of Macedonia who are in revolt against the rule of the Turk are an interesting people. Their country is much diversified in population. In the south the Greeks predominate, in the north the Slavs. The middle section has a mixed and debatable congeries of nationalities and dialects. There are a few Wallachians here and there and a sprinkling of Mahomedans everywhere. In times of peace 95 per cent of the population is engaged in agriculture. They till the fields in a primitive fashion having little use for modern improvements or farm machinery. Their stolid industry, their thrifty habits, the fine climate and the natural fertility of the country would make them a most prosperous and happy people were it not for the oppression put upon them.

Each Christian village suffers exaction from its Moslem neighbors, its Turkish landlord, the Albanian brigands, to say nothing of the official tax collectors. The people have no security in trade, and the privileged classes live upon their labor. In some places the peasants, besides sharing the products of their field equally with their landlords, are forced to work for their landlords each year, including Sundays, without any pay in money or goods. They are forced to obey at the point of the knife, and there is no redress.

The cottages of the peasants are grouped together in little hamlets. There are few fences and the landmarks are uncertain. Many of the villages have a common lot for pasturing the flocks when it is impossible for the shepherds to lead them into the mountains, where for several months each year the grazing is good. Both men and women are strong-limbed and full of endurance. Few are idle or vicious. The women do their share of work in the fields, and have no end of home duties. They make the clothing of the family, usually from wool grown and sheared upon the farm, spun, woven, cut and made in the house.

The hospitality of the people appeals to the visitor. Oriental laws prevail, and no one who comes in peace is turned away. Even the poorest peasant will share his crust of bread and his woolen blankets with a stranger, and without asking.

The average peasant family possesses a pair of oxen, forty or fifty sheep, a cow, several pigs and chickens. A portion of the increase of the sheep flock must be turned over to the landlord in many cases. One day each week in the towns of the district is market day, and the peasants come from every direction, driving slow-going ox teams hitched to rough carts loaded with produce. The distances are great, and the market journey is usually begun the day before and ended the day after market day.

Like his brothers in Bulgaria, the Macedonian peasant buries his money in the fields. There are few banks, and these few the peasant does not trust. The house is not a safe hiding place, for it is liable to be searched at any time by passing bands of Turks, who do not hesitate to loot when there is anything to be taken. In Bulgaria, where reform has been in force for some years, the peasant is prosperous, and the total amount of coin buried in the fields is enormous. So fast do the peasants hide the money which comes to them that the output of the Bulgarian mint disappears almost as soon as coined.

Call for Sympathy.
First Bachelor—I wish I could write a decent letter of condolence.
Second Bachelor—Some one you know dead?
"No, Engaged."—Detroit Free Press.

Not Always Thus.

Tramp—Madam, I was not always thus.
Madam—No; it was your other arm you had in a sling yesterday.—Journal.

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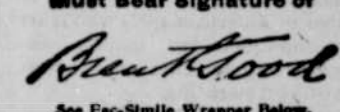
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Tuxedo—I was thinking of proposing to that pretty widow, but I changed my mind. She's the most unsentimental article I ever struck.
Ruxton—So?
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