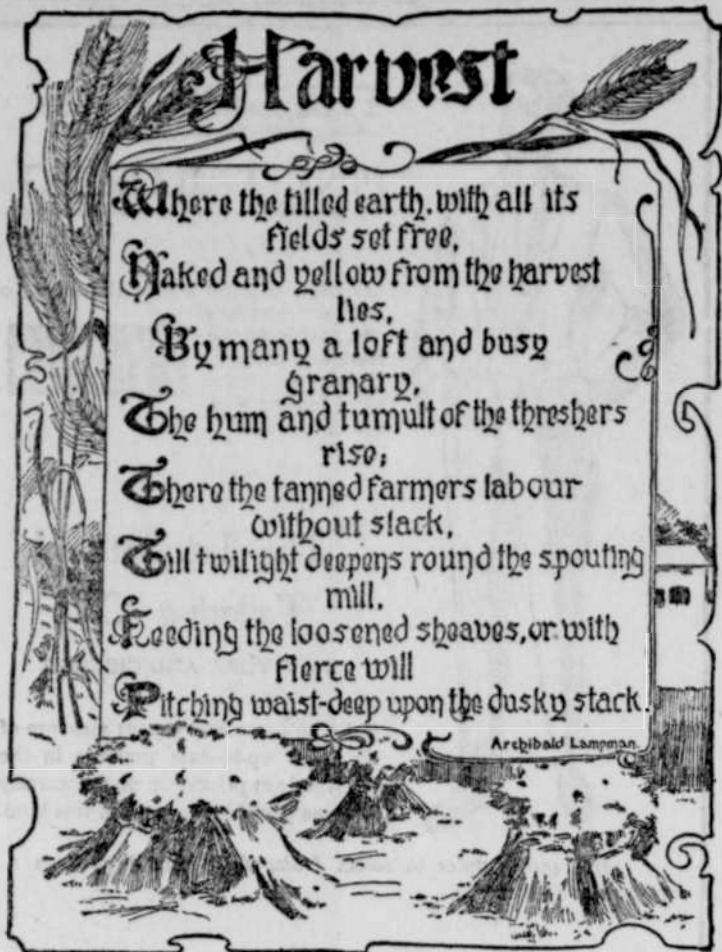




WEALTHY WOMAN MINER.

Miss Mollie O'Bryan Has Made a Fortune at Cripple Creek.

Miss Mollie O'Bryan, of Cripple Creek, Col., is one of the few successful mining women of the West. Her recent election to the presidency of a gold mining company has placed her in the foremost ranks of those whose profession represents the pick and shovel, the patient toil and the unquenchable hope and bitter disappointment of the miner.

Miss O'Bryan reached Cripple Creek in the early '80s, when the place was a mere tented village. She was an expert stenographer and at once set up an office, in which she soon transacted a successful business. Like others, she shared in the excitement of the time, due to the almost unending reports of

ing too heavy and, besides, he suffered from a stomach trouble which made him constantly ill. He tried many remedies but all failed, until he evolved a theory of his own that his stomach needed absolute rest. He decided that he would eat nothing for fourteen days. During this period he partook of nothing but a pint of spring water each day. At the end of the fourteen days Mr. Rathbun declared that he was vastly benefited. Six months later he began a second fast and kept it up for twenty-eight days. In February, 1900, he made his most famous experiment. On this occasion he came well nigh equaling the fasts of Dr. Tanner and Succ, each of whom claimed to have gone forty days without partaking of food. Mr. Rathbun fasted thirty-five days, when he decided that he had gone long enough without food. His physicians declared at the time that were notoriety his aim he could easily have fasted ten days longer. When he began this fast he weighed 207 pounds, and at its termination his weight was 164 pounds.

THE CLUMSY MAN.

You Can Never Be Sure of What His Next Break Will Be.

The great virtue about the really clumsy man is that he never exhausts his capabilities. When you think that the bedrock is reached, there is still a lower depth. If a detrimental relative should exist, the clumsy man asks after his health with great particularity and will not be satisfied until he receives a full and detailed reply. Should there be any incident in your past which everybody has generously agreed to forget, it is the clumsy man who seizes the one, the inevitable opportunity, when the club is at its fullest, and says loudly: "Somebody was talking the other day about that unfortunate little affair of yours in '85. Now tell me!"

When on meeting him you say casually and with no desire for information, "How are you?" he insists upon giving you a complete data, and he is as full of small complaints as a refractory pauper. It is only fair to add that he will ask affectionally after the colds of yesterday, and his favorite locale for this is at the corner of a drafty street. He might be subsidized by influenza or he might get a commission on sore throats from his eagerness to pin you into the most dangerous position that can be discovered, says the Philadelphia Ledger.

One desires an adequate amount of sympathy in distress, but our man always goes a little beyond this point. You are growing thin, and he says that you are wasting away to a shadow. You are growing stout, and he tells an amusing anecdote about apoplexy. He can be more critical than a hairdresser if occasion gives the least excuse.

A Voice from the Dead.

"If that's my grandfather speaking," said the man who had paid his coin, "there must be something wrong, for I can't understand him."

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"But he never spoke a word of Latin in his life."

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HE DEFIED HUNGER.

Milton Rathbun, Who Went 35 Days Without Food.

Milton Rathbun, who died at Riverhead, L. I., recently from an attack of malaria attracted considerable attention a few years ago through his experiments in fasting.



Mr. Rathbun, who was a wealthy hay and grain merchant in New York, was actuated by no desire for notoriety in making his long fasts, but did so in the interests of his own health. When his experiments were successful in curing him of his own ill, he allowed the matter to get publicity from a desire that others, suffering as he had, might be benefited.

Four years ago, when 54 years of age, Mr. Rathbun found that he was grow-