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WANT SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

I'm tired, now, and sleepy, mother,
Come tuck me snugly in my bed,
For I have weary grown, with bother,
I feign would rest my addled head.

My son, the day has not receded
And bed-time, yet, is far away,
What trouble now that hath succeeded
To make you wish for close of day.

'Tis this, my mother, you should know it,
The thing that racks my heart and brain,
But how shall I expose, unfold it;
It makes me sweat as dripping rain.

To sense the monstrous gall exhibit
Which gleams from parties, now I
trow,
From out the precincts of a city
That's making ready for a show.

The country press becomes a darling,
Its columns then are links of gold,
Its pages, like a babbling sparrow,
They'd use attractions to unfold.

Rush! copy sent out, steam the driver,
Hustling, speeding, gruff or bland,
But not a sou, nor yet a stiver
Goes its appearance to command.

'Tis for her Panama exhibit
That San Francisco gall expands,
And Astor's city, on Columbia,
Replete with same holds out her hands.

Gall gushes out, a stream effusive,
'Tis effervescent, gruff or bland,
It comes from those who seek, elusive,
Much space for nothing to command.

A South Dakota man is said to have compounded a soup from Alfalfa that is both nourishing and palatable. The cost of living should come down now that so large a commodity has been added to the edibles—however our informant did not state whether the soup was designed for men or cattle.

If you have a soul for the beautiful, just take a stroll around Monmouth and have a look at the surrounding country. Just now the earth is taking on her robe of beauty, preparatory to the fruiting season, and the artistic hand of Nature's finger makes a scene of rare beauty. Sure, 'tis a garden spot of not only beauty alone, but of worth as well.

The Pound Master is no respecter of persons. He will lead off a town official's cow just as quickly as he will one that belongs to any one else, and he will impound a preacher's animal with as little concern as he would a lay-member's property. So, look out for your stock or the marshal will look after it for you. He didn't even close his eyes to the man that feeds the hungry traveler.

Tobacco is coming under the ban in many places, and Judge Cleeton and the county commissioners in Portland have promised the W. C. T. U. that when the new courthouse is occupied the janitor shall have orders to prohibit smoking in the corridors. Smoking is a delight to the smoker while it is very offensive to many persons, but the trouble arises when these two parties meet where each have common rights, and the smoker insists, by pursuing his habit, that the non-smoker smoke although it is a second hand article which is passed around.

The Public Cup Goes

According to an order made by the state board of health all public drinking cups must go September 1st. The order is intended for special application to schools, trains, railroad stations and other public places.

It has long been known that the public drinking cup is a prolific source for the spread of disease. Along with the fly the public drinking cup is charged with responsibility for the spread of typhoid and scarlet fevers, tuberculosis, measles and other ailments. Children seem to be more susceptible to the baleful influence of the public cup than older persons, and in attending school or riding on trains contract disease from this source by drinking from cups which have been used by afflicted persons.

Persons traveling should provide themselves with the necessary drinking apparatus, especially if travelling by train, as train porters will charge a good price for cups to those who have to purchase of them.

STAR GEM OF CEYLON.

The Asteria Brought Health and Fortune to Its Wearer.

Familiar to some of the ancient writers and credited with supernatural powers, the asteria, or star gem, was highly valued for the benefits supposed to be conferred on the wearer. Its bright six rayed star, ever changing and shifting with every play of light and especially shooting out its flames in the direct sunlight, would seem to be something more than an ordinary crystal, and to the superstitious mind it could readily be believed to embody some tutelary spirit.

The particular virtue attributed to this gem was the conferring upon the wearer of "health and good fortune" when worn as an amulet, and to those fortunate to be born in the month of April, with which the stone was associated or represented, the wearer was insured from all evil.

The star stone is found principally in Ceylon, invariably in soil peculiar to rubies and sapphires. Indeed, it is composed of the same constituent "corundum," its chatoyant, or star rays, being caused by the pressure of what the natives call "silk." It is found in many different colors, from pale blue, pink and white to deep dark blue, ruby and purple. The blue are termed sapphire stars, the red ruby stars. It is always cut en cabochon, the star dividing into six rays at the apex. It is next in hardness to the diamond.

MARITIME EXPRESSIONS.

Used in a Metaphorical Sense They Are Quite Common.

Maritime expressions used metaphorically are, in fact, very common. We say a couple are "spliced," a young man is the "mainstay" of his family, an intruder "puts his oar in," a man is "hard up," sometimes "taken aback" or has "the wind taken out of his sails," a toper is "slewed," a loafer "spins a yarn," sometimes "tries the other tack," and a ruler "steers the ship of state" through troublesome times.

This last metaphor is extremely ancient, by the way. Horace refers to Rome as a ship at sea, and Plutarch says the Delphic oracle referred to Athens in the same way. A Tamil saying embodies a like metaphor, "The soul is the ship, reason is the helm, the oars are the soul's thoughts, and truth is the port." An old collection of English proverbs contains this one: "The tongue is the rudder of our ship." A Malay maxim says, "The boat which is swamped at sea may be bailed out, but the shipwreck of the affections is final."

Aristophanes, Plautus and others use an expression which comes down to us as an English saw, "To row one way and look another." An old English proverb (614) was, "It is not good to have an oar in every one's boat."

Jenny Lind as a Child.

Jenny Lind as a child of three years was the lack of her parents' house. As a girl of nine she attracted the attention of all lovers of music and entered the Stockholm conservatory as a pupil. Her continuous studies at so tender an age caused the sudden loss of her voice, and for four full years she pursued her theoretical and technical studies, when suddenly the full sweet sounds came back, to the delight, as every one knows, of thousands for many years.

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