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Forget That?
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"Well, did you get quantum sufficit at the Smiths' luncheon?" "Certainly not. This town is local option."

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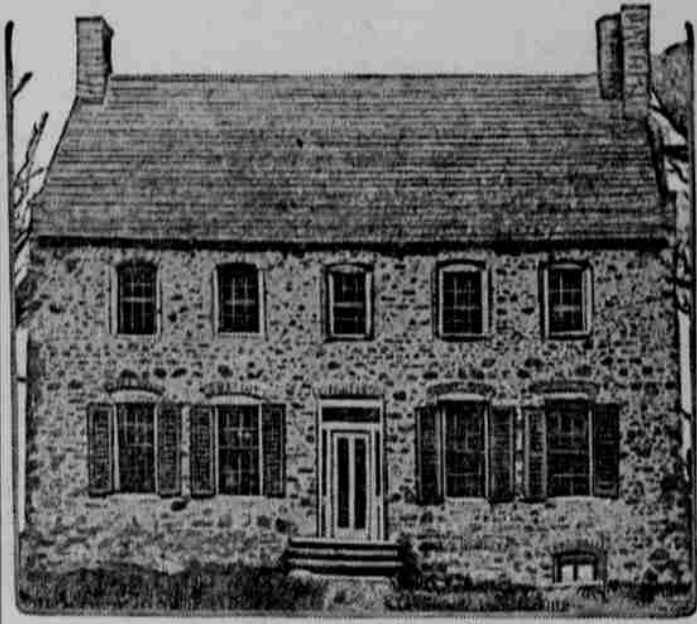
Hanover, Pa.—"I suffered from female trouble and the pains were so bad at times that I could not sit down. The doctor advised a severe operation but my husband got me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I experienced great relief in a short time. Now I feel like a new person and can do a hard day's work and not mind it. What joy and happiness it is to be well once more. I am always ready and willing to speak a good word for the Compound."
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Oldest House in New York



BILLOP HOUSE AS IT LOOKS TODAY

If the efforts of certain patriotic societies are successful, the state of New York will purchase and preserve the historic Billop house at Tottenville, Staten Island. It is one of the few remaining relics of colonial times within the limits of Greater New York.

Not only has this venerable mansion the distinction of being the oldest house in New York state, but within its walls was enacted one of the most stirring incidents of the Revolution. For it was here, on September 11, 1776, that Lord Howe, representing the British government, had an interview with Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, John Adams of Massachusetts and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, delegates from the American congress, then sitting in Philadelphia.

Upon the result of this meeting the fate of the Revolution largely depended. About three weeks previously Washington's army had been defeated in the battle of Long Island and the outlook for the American cause was discouraging. It was then that Lord Howe, convinced that the colonists were ready to lay down their arms, proposed a conference on neutral ground and the Billop house was selected as the place of meeting. This was the only peace conference attempted during the Revolution and its failure marked the parting of the ways between Great Britain and the American colonies.

Story of the Conference.
Some interesting facts concerning this momentous interview have been preserved in the Revolutionary records. The delegates, we learn, spent two days in traveling from Philadelphia to Perth Amboy, where Lord Howe's barge was in readiness to receive them. A gentlemanly officer of the British grenadiers who met the delegates offered to remain as hostage for their safe return, but Adams remarked, "This is childish; we want no such pledge." The other delegates agreed and at their request the officer embarked with them and crossed to Staten Island.

Lord Howe walked down to the water's edge as the barge approached, and, perceiving his officer with the committee, called out: "Gentlemen, you pay me a very high compliment, and you may depend upon it I will consider it the most sacred of things." He shook hands warmly with Franklin, whom he had known in London, and who introduced his companions. Then they walked up to the old house between the lines of grenadiers, conversing pleasantly together.

For several weeks the house had been occupied by soldiers, and was as dirty as a stable, but one of the front rooms had been cleaned and with moss and green branches was converted into a delightful bower. Here a luncheon of "good claret, bread, cold ham, tongues and mutton was immediately served." After this, the British commissioner opened the conference, expressing his attachment to America and declaring that "should America fall he should feel and lament it like the loss of a brother." With graceful ease Franklin replied ironically: "My lord, we will use our utmost endeavor to spare you that mortification."

John Adams' Independence.
Howe stated his position in flowing language, and asked the delegates if they were willing to lay aside their distinction as members of the congress and converse as individuals upon the outline of a plan to stay the calamities of war. They assented, Adams exclaiming with his usual impetuosity: "Your lordship may consider me in any character you please, excepting that of a British subject."

The conversation lasted about four hours, but it came to nothing, excepting that it convinced the patriots the fight for independence would have to be continued to the bitter end. Howe was found to be wholly devoid of authority to treat with the colonists on the basis of independence, and neither party could make definite propositions or promises. They separated with the utmost show of courtesy, Howe remarking as he bade the delegates adieu, "I am sorry, gentlemen, that you have had the trouble of coming so far to so little purpose."

The consequence of Mr. Adams' display of independence at this famous interview was subsequently apparent when his name was published in a list of unpardonable rebels. It must have

been humiliating in the extreme to the pride and arrogance of George the Third's government to be obliged to receive this proscribed rebel as the first minister plenipotentiary of the United States of America.

House Built in 1673.
The old house, solidly built of stone and brick in the early colonial style, faces Staten Island sound, and is about half a mile south of the present village of Tottenville. It was built about 1673 by Christopher Billop, a sturdy English sea captain, who owned a small ship called the Bentley, which settled an interesting dispute.

In 1668 there was a controversy regarding the ownership of Staten Island, and to settle it the duke of York decided that if the island could be circumnavigated within twenty-four hours it should remain in his jurisdiction, otherwise it should belong to New Jersey. Billop undertook the task of sailing round the island, and accomplished it within the 24 hours, thus securing it for the duke. In return for the service he was granted 1,163 acres at the extreme end of the island, which was called, after his ship, the Manor Bentley. The village of Tottenville, which occupies a part of the original estate, was originally known as Bentley manor.

While living on his estate Billop was appointed subcollector of the port of New York, but, like some office holders of modern times, he lost his position through "making offensive political speeches in public." In disgust he retired to his estate, where he lived until 1682, when he sailed for England in his ship, which was lost on the voyage.

His daughter, Eugenia, married her cousin, Thomas Farmar, who assumed the name of Billop. During the Revolution his son commanded a regiment of loyalists, the family being pronounced Tories. For this reason they were declared traitors, and at the close of the Revolution the estate was confiscated, and the Billops moved to Canada.

After its forfeiture the property was purchased by Philip Van Cortlandt in 1794. Since that time it has passed through several hands, until only a small part of the original estate remains. The present owner is Charles Leland, a retired New York banker.

Old Mansion Little Changed.
The old mansion, which has weathered the storms of nearly two and a half centuries, looks strong enough to last another century. Little change has been made in it since it was built. Its quaint rooms still contain the deep embrasured windows, with small-paned sashes, and curious cupboards, built into the walls. At the right of the entrance is the room where the Revolutionary peace conference took place. The kitchen, in the basement, has a fireplace the entire width of the house, in which several logs of tree size can easily be placed. In the middle is a long crane of hand-wrought iron holding two enormous kettles.

Under the main entrance there is a dark cellar, where, tradition says, Revolutionary patriots were confined and ill treated by the Tory Billops. Near the house are some oaks with gnarled trunks, looking centuries old, beneath which British soldiers once made their camp.

Like all old houses, the Billop mansion has its fancied ghosts. One of these is said to be the restless spirit of a British grenadier, killed near by in a skirmish between loyalists and revolutionists.

The other "haunt" is the spirit of a Billop, a beautiful bride, murdered by her husband in a fit of jealousy about one hundred and sixty years ago. Her body was said to have been buried on the threshold, and, strangely enough, a skeleton was dug up there some years ago and reinterred in the family burial plot adjoining the house. Here may be seen several moss-covered stones, with half-obliterated inscriptions, dating from colonial times.

Well Provided For.
Mrs. Emberg—I suppose the little Neulich baby has everything in the way of toys?
Mrs. Watkins—Yes, it even has a rattle-headed girl for a nurse.—Puck.

Not Necessarily.
"Pop, tell me one thing."
"What is that, son?"
"Do windfalls come from cloud-bursts?"

POLITICIAN'S IDEA OF WORD

Newly-Elected Commissioner Requests Pupils Spell Eggpit When He Really Meant Egypt.

A country politician was elected to the school board. One day he visited a school and told the teacher he desired to examine the boys and girls.

A spelling class was performing, so the commissioner said he would inquire into the proficiency of that organization. The teacher gave him a spelling book and the students lined up in front of the mighty educator.

He thumbed the book. Then, pointing at the first boy, he said: "Spell eggpit."

"E-g-g-p-i-t," slowly spelled the boy.

"Wrong," said the commissioner, and pointing to the next boy: "You spell eggpit."

"E-g-g-p-i-t," spelled the boy.

"Wrong. You spell it."

The next boy spelled it the same way, and the next and the next.

"Bad spellers, these," commented the commissioner to the distressed teacher.

"Why, Mr. Commissioner," she protested, "they have spelled eggpit correctly."

"They have not."

"Will you let me see the word in the book?" the teacher asked, tearfully. "I am sure they have."

"Here it is," said the commissioner, and he pointed to the word "Egypt."

Place to Grow.
"Your husband has a dog, hasn't he?"
"Oh, yes."
"Where is he?"
"He's gone up to the tax office with my husband."
"But what does he take the dog there for?"
"Oh, the dog can grow, too."

Caring for Stock.
Mrs. Farmer—They tell me that oxen and sheep are believed to fatter better in company than when kept alone.
Mr. Farmer—Well, when Susie has her young man in the parlor tonight I'll ask her to invite 'em in.

A LESSON.



"Women cannot stand as much physical exertion as men."
"Say, did you ever try going shopping with your wife?"

Easy Stages.
Flatbush—Where's your horse?
Bensonhurst—Oh, I loaned him to my neighbor, Brown.
"Why, I thought he was going to get an automobile?"
"He is; but I thought my horse would get him used to riding in an automobile because it's so hard to make him go."

Practical Illustration.
Teacher—What is meant by the saying, "More haste, less speed?"
Robert—If you try to run fast through a revolving door it will shoot you right out where you started from.

Disproved.
"Dopper says he can read character at a glance."
"Nonsense. He's been glancing at himself in mirrors for 40 years, and he doesn't know yet that he's a fool."

A Recommendation.
"Are you sure of this new man you have taken on?"
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Making Eyes.
Patience—This paper says that artificial eyes were invented by a Paris surgeon in the sixteenth century.
Patrice—And don't you suppose the girls "made eyes" before that?

Contrary Methods.
"That speaker did a queer thing in his speech about the corrupt boss."
"What was queer about it?"
"He squarely attacked him in roundly denouncing him."

An Eye to the Future.
He—You have refused me! I shall go into foreign lands, there to forget and to gain my fortune.
She—May I also have a refusal on you when you return?

A Practical Age.
"Father, do poets play on lyres?"
"No, my son, the lyre of a modern poet is a ball-bearing typewriter, which produces nothing worthy the name of music."

Something New.
Bill—Anything new in railroad building?
Jill—Oh, yes; a western road is using nothing but twilight sleepers in construction.



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The Youth of Athens.

When Athens gave every fourth block to her children and youth for the gymnasium and the playground, she built bodies of silk and steel, and great men walked up and down her streets in regiments, and her health bloomed in the orations of Demosthenes, and the essays of Plato and the marbles of Phidias. Just as soon as the race and the body began to deteriorate, Athens went to pieces. This has been the story, also, of Ephesus, and Corinth, and Venice.—Newell Dwight Hillis.

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Better to Have Tried.
"Failure after long perseverance is much grander than never to have a striving good enough to be called a failure."
—George Elliot.

Uncle Eben.
"De man dat gives advice," said Uncle Eben, "is generally tryin' to show off how much he knows instead of bein' any real help."

Habit is Internal Principle.
Habit is an internal principle which leads us to do easily, naturally, and with growing certainty, what we do often.—Webster

The Secret of Health is Elimination of Waste

Every business man knows how difficult it is to keep the pigeon holes and drawers of his desk free from the accumulation of useless papers. Every housewife knows how difficult it is to keep her home free from the accumulation of all manner of useless things. So it is with the body. It is difficult to keep it free from the accumulation of waste matter. Unless the waste is promptly eliminated the machinery of the body soon becomes clogged. This is the beginning of most human ills.

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