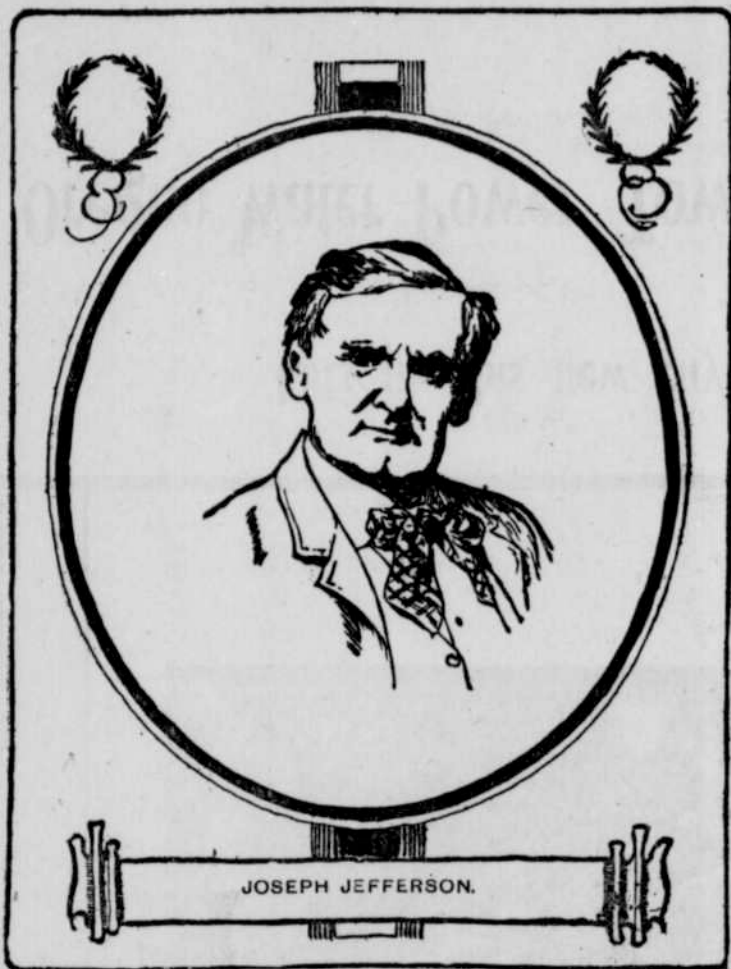


## RIP VAN WINKLE'S LAST SLEEP.



JOSEPH JEFFERSON.

There have been few actors who have had so large a measure of popularity as that enjoyed by Joseph Jefferson, says the Chicago Daily News. It may be doubted if among them all there has been one whose relations with the public were quite so close and cordial. The sentiment of American theater-goers toward the venerable impersonator of Rip Van Winkle and Bob Acres was much like that of personal friendship, and the news of his death will awaken a feeling akin to that of personal loss. It is a question whether in later years it was the public's admiration for Mr. Jefferson's art or its regard for the man that caused him to be so heartily welcomed in all parts of the country.

It is one of the noteworthy features of the veteran actor's long life that throughout his career he clung steadfastly to his own ideas, uninfluenced by passing fads and employing methods as far as possible removed from mere theatricalism. From the beginning, apparently, his acting was marked by a quiet naturalism in which his peculiarly genial temperament and sunny humor found its best chance for expression. Fashions in acting and fashions in playwriting have come and gone, but they left him unchanged. It is a vindication of the real worth of his art and of his own judgment there-of that the last few years found him still charming large audiences in the same great old plays wherein he won his fame.

The deep and widespread regret with which his death has been received is tempered by the consolation that always comes in the contemplation of a long and happy life that has been filled with successful achievement and has exceeded the allotted span of years.

### MAJ. GEN. GEORGE W. DAVIS

Governor of Uncle Sam's Panama Possessions.

Not the least among the important figures in the United States territory in Panama is George W. Davis, major general of the United States Army, who is Governor of the Panama canal zone. He has been on the scene for some time and occupies a splendid residence on Ancon hill. This is almost palatial in its equipment, although it was built in the French regime for a stable keeper. The days of extravagance have passed. Gen. Davis lives comfortably, but not extravagantly.

Gen. Davis was born in Connecticut sixty-five years ago. We were working in Georgia when the Civil War broke out and joined the Union Army. He went in as a volunteer sergeant and came out a captain of regulars. He was a colonel when the Spanish war broke out and before its close was a major general of volunteers. He served as Governor of Porto Rico and military governor of Manila and for a time was in command of all the troops in the Philippines. He is in his prime in-



MAJ. GEN. DAVIS.

tellectually. He is as straight as one of the royal palm trees not far from his house; he is as brown as a berry and as tough as a nut. He has, with the exception of a few weeks, when he went home on account of the serious illness of his wife, been there since his appointment last February and he is, in fact, about the only one of the canal commission who has spent much time on the ground. He represents the commission, and also the government. As ruler of the zone he has more power than any State Governor in the Union. He can order anyone off the United States territory as an impediment to the canal work or as detrimental to the best interests of his little principality. He has, in fact, the powers of a military ruler, and he might be called the Czar of our Panama possessions.

#### Facts About Irrigation.

Nowhere is irrigation practiced so extensively as in India, where about 25,000,000 acres are irrigated. Egypt is next. The Assouan dam in the Nile is considered one of the greatest engineering feats in the history of the human race. Irrigation is new in Australia, but is spreading rapidly there, and the same is more or less true of South Africa. The practice of irrigation has declined or entirely disappeared in many regions where it prevailed in remote antiquity.

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What is it that no one wishes to have and yet when he has it he does not wish to lose it? Ans.—A bald head.

#### Who Owns the Railroads.

H. T. Newcomb, of the District of Columbia bar, has compiled statistics showing that 5,174,718 depositors in savings banks of six eastern states are directly interested in the joint ownership of \$424,354,086 of steam railroad securities, that insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts hold \$845,889,038 of steam railroad stocks and bonds, and 74 educational institutions depend on \$47,468,327 invested in similar securities for a portion of their income. Other fiduciary institutions own enough railroad securities to bring such holdings up to more than a billion and a half dollars, about one-sixth of the entire capital invested in railroad property. These investments represent the savings of the masses, there being twenty million holders of life insurance policies in the country, as many more of fire insurance policies, and an even greater number of depositors in banking and trust institutions, where investments are largely in railroad securities.

At one time strawberries were sold strung on straws. Thus they got their name.

#### He Thought It Might Do.

When Patrick received an order he followed it implicitly as far as he could—sometimes even farther than his Celtic brain realized.

"He wants a pane o' windy-glass tin inches by fourteen," said Patrick one day, as he entered a shop where his employer, a master carpenter, traded.

In the shop was a young clerk, who never missed a chance for a little joke at the Irishman's expense.

"If we haven't any ten-by-fourteens," he said, "I may have to give you a fourteen-by-ten."

Patrick rubbed his head thoughtfully. Then he stood pondering for a moment, and at last remarked:

"He's in the great roosh for it, and there's no other place near to get it. Give me wan o' thim fourteen-by-tins, and if he turns it sideways and oopside down, there's not a sowl would know the difference."

#### Worth Winning.

"Say, Harker," began Pemberton, "did you ever win a prize by smoking cigarettes?"

"No," responded Harker, the sensible young man, "but I won a prize when I stopped smoking them."

"You did? Where is it?"

"In the hammock over there—my wife, you know."

## SSS FOR THE BLOOD

"S. S. S. for the blood" has grown to be a household saying. When the blood is out of order, or needs treatment from any cause, this great remedy is the first thought of and used by thousands of people all over the country, because it is superior to all other blood purifiers. It is a purely vegetable remedy, and while it penetrates the circulation and forces out all poison and morbid matter, it also builds up the entire system by its fine tonic effect. During the winter months the natural avenues of bodily waste have become dull and weak and failed to perform their full duty, the blood has been sluggish and an extra amount of poisons and waste matters have accumulated in the system and been absorbed by it. With the coming of Spring and warm weather the blood is aroused and stirred to quicker action and in its effort to throw off these acids and poisons the skin suffers. Boils, pimples, blotches, rashes and eruptions break out and continue until the blood is cleansed and made pure. S. S. S. is the ideal remedy for this condition; it clears the blood of all impurities, makes it rich and strong and these skin troubles pass away. Rheumatism, Catarrh, Chronic Sores and Ulcers, Scrofula, Contagious Blood Poison and all other diseases of the blood are cured by S. S. S. Book on the blood and any advice desired, free of charge. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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