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Idle Thoughts.
The bitter end in cigars is the last half inch.

Everybody is anxious to serve a rich man with a subpoena.

One boarder claims the fruit salad is just another scheme for serving prunes.

When nice men are put up, how are we going to stop a woman from voting for both candidates?

The insurance company agrees to pay a certain amount to one widow.—Washington Herald.

Natural Profession.
Mrs. McCall—How about your servant girl? The last time I saw you you complained about her being so very slow.

Mrs. Hiram—Oh, she's progressing.

Mrs. McCall—Indeed?

Mrs. Hiram—Yes, she's getting slower and slower.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Howard E. Burton—Answer and Chemist.
Lesterville, Colorado, Specimen, please Gold, Silver, Lead, H. Gold, Silver, Zinc, Copper, H. Mailing envelopes and full price list sent on application. Control and Empire work local. Reference: Carbonate National Bank.

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Means an infalling water supply. It means that you will have the most practical Domestic water supply system now in use. No elevated tank, no frozen pipes in winter, no stagnant water in summer, no water supply troubles of any sort. Tank placed in basement, out of sight and way, made of pressed steel, will not rust and will last a lifetime.

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It Told the Truth.
A countryman on a visit to Glasgow, while walking along Argyle street reading the signboards and the tickets in the shop windows, said to his companion, "Hoo can a' thae ham shyn o' them says that, and the same w' the cloth's shops, tae. They are jist a' lot of leazars."
They continued along the street until, coming opposite a plumber's shop with a big bill in the window with the words "Cast Iron Sinks" printed in large letters on it, he exclaimed: "Well, Jock, here's yin that tells the truth at ony rate. But any half-wit fool fens that cast iron wad sink."
—Tit Bits.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*

A Mild Hint.
Two guests came to spend the evening and didn't know when to depart. The host and hostess were patient with them, but, when 11, 12 and finally 1 o'clock struck, the husband realized that something must be done. He was an original chap, and in his droll way he looked over at his wife and said mildly: "My dear, hadn't we better get up to bed? Our friends may want to be going."

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And Cures Any Cough That Is Curable

Noted Physician's Formula.

This prescription is one of the very best known to science. The ingredients can be gotten from any good druggist or he will get them from his wholesale house.

"Mix half pint of good whiskey with two ounces of glycerine and add one half ounce Concentrated pine compound. The bottle is to be well shaken each time and used in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours."

The Concentrated pine is a special pine product and comes only in half ounce bottles, each enclosed in an air tight case, but be sure it is labeled "Concentrated."

Food Scarce.

"This circular describing the Mountaineer says you can sit at the dinner table and see the beautiful mountain peaks," said the man who contemplated going.

"That is true," replied the one who had been, "but that's just about all you can see."—Yonkers Statesman.

Headache

"My father has been a sufferer from sick headache for the last twenty-five years and never found any relief until he began taking your Cascarets. Since he has begun taking Cascarets he has never had the headache. They have entirely cured him. Cascarets do what you recommend them to do. I will give you the privilege of using his name."—E. M. Dickson, 1120 Resistor St., W. Indianapolis, Ind.

Palatable, Potent, Taste Good.
Do Good. Never Sicken, Weakens or Gripes. 10c, 25c, 50c. Never sold in bulk. The genuine tablet stamped C. C. C. Guaranteed to cure or your money back.

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Stops Hair Falling

Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula, will certainly stop falling of the hair. Indeed, we believe it will always do this unless there is some disturbance of the general health. Then, a constitutional medicine may be necessary. Consult your physician about this.

Does not change the color of the hair.

Formula with each bottle. Show it to your doctor.

Ask him about it, then do as he says.

Ayer's

The reason why Ayer's Hair Vigor stops falling hair is because it first destroys the germs which cause this trouble. After this is done, nature soon brings about a full recovery, restoring the hair and scalp to a perfectly healthy condition.

Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

DEATH IS NEAR KING LEOPOLD

Little Hope for Recovery of Noted Belgian Ruler.

Dying Monarch. Calmly Makes Will, Receives Sacrament, and Bids Farewell to Daughter and Sisters—Rheumatism, Dropsy and Internal Disorders.

Brussels, Dec. 14.—At 5 o'clock this morning the condition of King Leopold was unchanged.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—Leopold II, king of the Belgians, tonight is making a desperate effort for his life, and the odds are strongly against the aged monarch.

As a last resort, the surgeon's knife will be tried tomorrow. If the operation is successful, King Leopold may live. If it fails, the end is inevitable. All will depend on the king's strength and vitality, which are ebbing fast.

Rheumatism has already conquered the aged and wasted frame. Dropsy has developed, and an obstruction of the intestines, which must be removed, has greatly aggravated his condition.

The general opinion is that the king will not survive the operation. Indeed he may die at any moment. The monarch is rather optimistic, and today exclaimed to his physician:

"Operate, and the sooner the better." But he added with a wan, wistful smile:

"Perhaps, doctor, the long journey is at hand."

King Leopold is still as lucid of intellect as ever. This masterful mind, which conceived and carried out the gigantic Congo project and roused the whole world into bitter indictment and discussion, calmly directed what seems to be the final chapter in his spectacular career.

The picture was pathetic enough. Separated from his two eldest daughters by a tragic skein of events, with scandal of his own private life whispered by every tongue, Leopold lay tonight in "The Palmes," a little pavilion of six rooms, close to the great Laeken attended by his faithful daughter Princess Clementine, Crown Prince Albert and the royal household.

The day was a mixture of anxiety, hope and despair. As his strength failed the king, his chaplain, an aged priest with tears wetting his cheeks, approached the bed to hear the king's confession and administer communion and extreme unction. In the morning the king, assisted by a notary and solicitors, settled his private affairs.

To Count Oultremont, marshal of the court, his majesty said:

"You have served me well for more than 20 years. I am grateful. Before I die, I want to tell you so and give you my thanks."

The king then summoned Princess Clementine, whom he kissed several times, telling her not to cry. She was led fainting from the room. Other relatives followed.

Subsequently he received the papal nuncio, who brought the benediction of the holy father, and the Spanish minister. The mayor of Brussels came to the castle as the bearer of the good wishes of the people of Brussels, and to express the people's hope that his majesty would recover, but the king was too tired to receive him.

SEVEN DIE IN FIRE.

Cincinnati Tenement House Scene of Fatal Panic.

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Two women, two men and three children lost their lives and seven other persons were seriously injured in a tenement fire at Third and Sycamore streets, which broke out at midnight. Three of the dead were burned to cinders.

The frenzied inmates gathered in the windows and climbed to the roof whence they jumped into blankets.

Six men fled to the roof, where firemen had to use force to prevent them from virtually committing suicide by jumping to the street.

A woman, clasping her 8-year-old son in her arms, jumped from a third-floor window. Both were instantly killed.

Dwellers in the tenement were so overwhelmed by panic that some rushed headlong into the flames. The fire was extinguished with slight trouble with a total loss of about \$25,000.

\$206,900 Theft Exposed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—Members of the Duma have introduced an interpellation in regard to the recently discovered thefts of government bond coupons presented for redemption committee by employees of the state bank and of the controller department acting in collusion. Thefts amounting to \$206,900 have been established, but it is known the total amount is several times greater, the criminals having for several years taken large quantities of canceled coupons from bundles about to be burned.

Ruin as Governor Snaps.

Camas, Wash., Dec. 14.—The governor, on one of the high-speed engines used for running a dynamo at the Crown-Columbia paper mill broke about noon today, causing the engine to tear itself to pieces. One large piece of the flywheel went up through the second floor, tearing out heavy timbers and seriously injuring Sam McKeever, who was working on a paper machine on the second floor. One paper machine was also badly wrecked. Several men were near the engine when the accident happened, but they were not injured. Part of the mill is shut down for repairs.

Boys' Play Proves Fatal.

Los Angeles, Dec. 14.—Wesley Haughtelin, 11 years old, died early today as the result of a schoolboy encounter yesterday over a game of marbles. According to statements of other boys, Haughtelin became involved in an argument with Truman Flint, a 15-year-old lad. Their dispute led to blows, and a rough-and-tumble fight. W. E. Haughtelin, father of the lad, says death was the result of an accident, and that he will not prosecute young Flint.

Scientific Data Burned.

Los Angeles, Dec. 14.—The "Monastery," the home of the scientists and attaches of the Mount Wilson observatory, was destroyed by fire today. All the valuable records and papers of the observatory, together with the scientific library of Professor Hale, were burned.

AMERICAN MEAT SHUT OUT.

German Conservatives Strongly Oppose Tariff Concessions.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—In the conservative party convention today at Berlin, Count Scherwin-Leeuwitz, one of the most prominent agrarian members of the reichstag, took strong ground against Germany's making concessions on American meats in order to secure better tariff rates.

"The higher duties in the new tariff," he said, "are especially unfavorable to Germany, but German agriculture is practically concerned about the question whether the German conventional tariff will be accepted again by Americans without something equivalent in the way of concessions, because of the fear in agricultural circles that the federal government might make the provisions for the American meat imports—adopted for the protection of the health of our people and today more necessary than ever—the subject of commercial treaty negotiations. This fear I regard as unfounded, in view of the certain information which has been conveyed to me."

"Such a thing I would expect even less from the present chancellor than from his predecessor. He values too highly the interests of our public health and it too just toward our German livestock growers to do such a thing. Moreover, the chancellor knows too well the sentiments of the country and the great majority of the reichstag."

BREEDING IS ALL PROFIT.

Paper to Be Devoted to Enrichment Through Better Stock.

Omaha, Dec. 13.—Willett M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, with his associates, will start a magazine devoted to the scientific breeding of plants and animals. A new department has been organized in the American Breeders' association to study the heredity in man, and David Starr Jordan will head the work and conduct this department in the magazine.

"We have at least indicated the public to believe that a billion dollars can be added to our plant and animal products by scientific breeding. Another billion can be added by bringing more acres under cultivation and adding fertilizers to the soil," said the scientist.

The scientist fact, however, is that the billion added by breeding will be almost all profit, while the increase from more and better farming will cost \$900,000,000.

ST. CROIX OIL SOAKED.

Former Engineer on Burned Craft Tests Tanks Leaked.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—That the fuel oil tanks of the steamer St. Croix, which was destroyed by fire off the coast of southern California, leaked badly and allowed seven barrels of oil to ooze into the bilge during one trip, was the statement made today to the federal inspectors by John D. Drulliard, formerly the assistant engineer of the burned craft.

Drulliard was not on the St. Croix at the time of the disaster. He stated that the condition of the vessel was such that he did not care to go to sea with her, and left the employment of the company after making his fourth trip.

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