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Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the poet, left a fortune. He inherited it.

"Why are so many women invalids?" asks Good Health. Presumably because the doctors need the money.

Mark Twain might be excused for becoming prolix if he receives 30 cents a word for everything he writes.

An old-fashioned Kansas editor would like to see a picture of Evelyn Nesbit in the act of washing dishes.

"Thaw is a millionaire."—Exchange. When he pays his lawyer's bills it can be changed to read: Thaw was a millionaire.

Mr. Rockefeller says he thinks he talks too much. Perhaps you may have noticed what a chatterbox he has always been.

A Cleveland woman complains that she finds it difficult to run her house on \$15,000 a year. It might pay her to search the cook's trunk.

The nations of the world are willing enough to discuss disarmament, provided it doesn't interfere in any way with the building of enormous navies.

Mark Twain's white dress suit may distinguish him from the head waiter, but people who do not know him may wonder which minstrel troupe he is a member of.

Have you noticed anybody in the act of shedding tears because of the manner in which New York's "smart set" was recently trimmed by the Wall street contingent?

A Cleveland couple became the parents of five children in one year. There is nothing to show, however, that they were striving to win the President's smile of approval.

John D. Rockefeller hints that he is in favor of government ownership of railroads. Does Mr. Rockefeller believe the government is bigger and abler than Mr. Harriman?

Gen. Funston is to be kept back in his promotion on account of his youth. The punishment is not severe enough. He ought to be reprimanded besides. What right has a soldier to be young?

Unfortunately the laws of California do not provide for the hanging of grafters who used for their own benefit money that was sent for the relief of the people who were rendered homeless by the San Francisco earthquake and fire.

Fashionable people who follow the fad of driving docked horses should sit up and take notice of a fact that has developed in the debates over the New York anti-docking bill. Opposition to the bill, it appears, comes largely from up-State farmers who see that an anti-docking law would deprive them of a handy device for working off on the metropolitan market a \$50 nag as a \$500 blooded hunter or carriage horse. All they have to do is to chop off the tail of the ordinary "plug," and presto, he is changed into a thoroughbred animal.

Prof. Bailey of Yale has revealed the relative expenditures of students working their way through college and those who pay their way. He makes a curious showing. For example, that wealthy students spend more on intoxicants than on tobacco. Evidently he does not rank tobacco as a "dissipation" in the popular sense. He adds that they spend eighteen times as much on pleasures and eighty-two times as much on tobacco and drinks as the poor working students. There's nothing very surprising in that. They probably spend relatively as much more on everything. The really interesting thing would be to follow these boys into life and compare the results at the end of their generation.

In testifying in the Thaw trial in New York City experts on insanity frequently used the term "brain storm." As defined by them, the term means a sudden, uncontrollable, mental condition depriving one of reason. This definition has appeared to give license for the use of the term almost indiscriminately. It is no longer applied to describe the conditions of insanity, but to define and denote extreme excitement. The term may yet be meaningless. For instance, a man recently committed murder under circumstances of extreme provocation. The newspaper in describing the man's mental condition said that he suffered from "brain storm." A woman in New York City driven to desperation by stories circulated regarding her committed suicide. The reporters in giving an account of the tragedy said that she was seized with "brann storm." A school teacher in New Jersey administered excessive punishment to a pupil. His friends pleaded "brain storm." A school teacher in New some one to steal an umbrella to be represented as being the victim of "brain storm." It is remarkable how press and people will seize upon a new word or term and practically annihilate it.

The son of a wealthy New Yorker, having been scolded by his mother because he read so much and was

less about his personal appearance, hanged himself after writing the following note, which he pinned up in his room: "I love you all truly, but it seems we must part. There was a burden; there is none now." Of course, the morbid youth read this stuff in some story and improved the first occasion to put it in practice in imitation of the hero or heroine of pernicious fiction. The outcome of his silly life shows that the mother was right in her protest against his reading, though probably it would have been more effective had it been made at an earlier period and with old-fashioned parental firmness. There was a time when parents dictated the kind of books their children should read. In those days child suicides were unknown. If children subsequently read morbid stuff it was at an age when they were immune from it. Another boy recently entered the house without wiping his feet. His mother's sense of neatness was outraged and she reprimanded the boy, as was her duty. Thereupon the sensitive creature took carbolic acid and got rid of his "burden." A third boy was so humiliated because his father asked him in the presence of a young girl, the object of his veal affection, to go upon an errand, that he went out to the barn and hanged himself. A boy and girl hardly yet in their teens, in despair over the long time they must wait before they could be married, agreed to asphyxiate themselves and succeeded. Numerous other instances of this kind which have occurred during the present year might be cited. A slight from a playmate, a rebuke at home, a reprimand from a teacher, jealousy of a companion's success, pique over a fancied insult, and disappointment over love affairs are sufficient causes nowadays for juvenile suicide. This class of suicides is rapidly increasing, which seems to show that our high civilization is promoting delicacy of nervous organization and emotional sensibility, and is breeding young Werthers. It may be that as the social order grows more complex human wants multiply so fast that they cannot be satisfied, and rather than live unsatisfied, persons prefer death. This is a view taken by one authority discussing this subject. But this applies only to adults. Children, although they are much older at the same age than children used to be, have not yet reached that period when mere material desires ungratified can induce suicide. It is more likely that the larger number of these, both boys and girls, have grown sensitive and morbid and more or less mentally unsound for lack of discipline, paternal restraint, and moral example in the home. In the absence of these it is natural the child should be more or less abnormal and become a criminal or a suicide. It can hardly be doubted that wholesome correctives reasonably administered in the home and a closer scrutiny of what boys and girls are reading and doing would put an end to juvenile suicide, which was unknown in an older and more disciplinary day.

### ABOUT THE HEART.

Model in a New York Museum Shows Action of Lover's Blood Pump.

An excellent opportunity to study the working of the human heart is afforded by a model put on exhibition by Dr. Carroll Henderson at the scientific exposition in the American Museum of Natural History.

The model is made of rubber and glass tubing. By means of pressure attachments a blood-colored liquid is sent pulsing through the various closely related chambers, and all the normal movements of the organ are reproduced as in life; and not only this, but the sounds of the valves. Moreover, it is capable of producing movements and sounds caused by various kinds of heart disease. On applying the ear to the cardiac region two successive sounds are heard, called the first and second sounds, and which may be expressed by the syllables lubb dup. When the valves are affected by disease the normal sounds may be intensified or weakened, or they may disappear entirely and be replaced by murmurs, or abnormal sounds may be heard simultaneously with or in the intervals between the normal ones.

The swain, who in the presence of his lady love, feels his tongue and lips grow so dry that he is scarcely able to speak, and whose power of speech is further paralyzed by the thumping of his heart, can see in the model what actually happened by the increase of the normal beats of that muscle from 75 or 80 a minute to 150 or more. The effects of fear and excitement are also manifested by various degrees of accelerated movement. Overwhelming news of sorrow or joy or excessive fright may cause stoppage of the heart's action and then fainting ensues.

### Sweet Time.

"Pop!"  
"Yes, my boy."  
"Are bees industrious?"  
"Yes, very industrious, my son."  
"They make honey, don't they?"  
"Yes."  
"I suppose they have a 'sweet time' making it, don't they?"—Yonkers Statesman.

### Apparent to All.

Miss Mugley—I always try to retire before midnight. I don't like to miss my beauty sleep.  
Miss Peppery—You really should try harder. You certainly don't get enough of it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who didn't like to put on his Sunday clothes?

## AN INDIAN CHESTERFIELD.

First Eagle's Poetic Greeting to a Returning Missionary.

"Poetry can still be found in the language of the Indians," said Miss Caroline Courteney, a teacher in the Presbyterian Indian Industrial School at Wolf Point, Mont., according to the New York Press, "in spite of the leveling influences of reservation life. When I went away on my last vacation I was gone two months. When I returned I found several of my friends from the reservation at the depot to meet me. Among them were old ex-Chief First Eagle and his three wives. After the chief had shaken hands he laid his hand on his heart and said: 'First Eagle all time sick here you go; squaws all time sick here you go. First Eagle all time laugh here you come; squaws all time laugh here you come.' 'No white man,' said Miss Courteney, 'could have given so poetic a welcome, even if he had felt it. It would have stuck in his throat. The nearest he could have gotten to it in figurative language would have been: 'You're a good sight for sore eyes.'"

"Some of the Indian children fresh from the tepee are most interesting. For one thing, twenty degrees below zero is a temperature which they don't mind in the least. Cora Moore—we renamed her because her Indian name was unpronounceable and very unattractive when translated—is only 7 years old, but she will climb a tree on the coldest day of winter and calmly sit up there and read her second reader. Cora is irrepressible. She is an indefatigable tree climber and comes in with dresses of the stoutest material torn nearly off her body. She can climb anything that ever grew or was ever made.

"My mother used to say that a 'tomboy' is sure to make a smart woman, because the fact that she is a 'tomboy' shows that she is full of vitality and energy. If that is the case, I am sure Cora will be a genius later on. She is ready for anything active, work or play, except washing dishes. There is an Indian mutiny every time it is her turn to help with the dishes. Scoutling parties are sent out, which pull her out from under some bed or table. One day they found her at a distant point of the grounds gazing steadfastly off over the prairie. She turned and said with immense dignity: 'Why you trouble me? I look, maybe my mother come.'"

"These Indian children, in true Indian fashion, study all the teachers and try to read them through and through, so as to find out and utilize their weak points. One very little boy in my class is William Black Thunder, the son of Bad Knife. He is lovable, but full of tricks. When I start to correct him he will look up at me with a most bewitching smile and say, 'Co zee zee.' That means, 'My dear, dear friend,' and the little scamp has found out that I am totally disarmed when he says that."

### MAPS HELP A MAN SLEEP.

Mental Geography the Best Soporific According to a Drug Clerk.

A haggard-looking man strolled into a downtown drug store the other day and asked the druggist for help. He said he had trouble in getting sleep, when he retired. No matter how sleepy he might be during the day or how much sleep he might have lost, the moment his head touched the pillow he was wide awake and lay thus for several hours. Once asleep, he was hard to waken, but he had to be up at a certain hour, and in consequence of his peculiar affliction he was losing more sleep than he could stand.

The drug clerk regarded him quizzically a few moments and then replied: "My dear man, you don't want medicine. What you want is something to change the trend of your thoughts. Do as a friend of mine did. He was troubled the same way and found that the old folks' plan of imagining sheep passing a barrier and counting them was out of date. So he began trying to name all the States in the Union. He soon got them so he could classify them alphabetically. Then when they no longer interested him he started on the counties of this State."

"He now has them at his tongue's end, classified up to the fourth letter. Now he is starting on state capitals and their locations; then he will take up county seats. A moment's glance at an atlas during the day shows him when he is wrong, and the beauty of the plan is that he rarely has to think along these lines longer than ten minutes before he is sound asleep. To make it short, the study of geography is a good narcotic."—Philadelphia Record.

### How Soldiers Reduce.

Soldiers have an easy way of keeping their figures supple and trim. The officer who finds his waist growing greater than his chest, thus destroying the symmetry of his uniform, eats for a little while nothing but lean meat, and drinks nothing but hot water. Thus he loses two pounds or so a day. He keeps this diet up till he has sufficiently diminished himself—a matter, as a rule, of but three or four days' abstinence—and then he returns to his usual food again.

### No Longer Cheap.

Think all supplies there seems a race To reach the top notch first; The cost of living grows apace And now we have the worst.

It almost makes the nation weep, This rise of one and day, For even talk's no longer cheap—The Senate's raised its pay.—Harper's Weekly.

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