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"One of the best on Billy Florence," said an old stage, "was played on him as late as 1880 by some of the boys at the St. James hotel. Billy was an ardent Republican and valued his standing as a party man. You know, he never forgave his old friend, President Arthur, for considering his candidacy for consul general at London a joke. Well, when Blaine came back from Europe, and there was a great hullabaloo about the uncrowned king, the boys sent Billy a formal letter from the committee of arrangements appointing him chairman of the subcommittee of reception on behalf of the actors, artists and auctioneers requesting his check for \$50 and his presence on the steamer Sloan at 6 o'clock in the morning to go down and welcome Blaine. Billy bit slowly, but finally swallowed the bait, hook and all. He sent his check for \$50 to the designated person, and not until three days after, when he had eaten a dinner given him by the boys who put up the joke on him and paid for his own \$50, did he find out how he had been fool."

In 1880 Billy Florence, who was residing near Corinth, Miss., was believed to be the possessor of the longest beard of any man in the world. He is said to have sent the Washington Anthropological society single hairs plucked from his chin which measured 72 inches in length.

Call It a Craze.

AN ALARMING STATEMENT CONCERNING WOMEN.

HOW BAD HABITS ARE FORMED.

The New York Tribune says: "The habit of taking 'headache powders' is increasing to an alarming extent among a great number of women throughout the country. These powders, as their name indicates, are claimed by the manufacturers to be a positive and speedy cure for any form of headache. In many cases their chief ingredient is morphine, opium, cocaine or some other equally injurious drug having a tendency to deaden pain. The habit of taking them is easily formed, but almost impossible to shake off. Women usually begin taking them to relieve a raging headache and soon resort to the powder to alleviate any little pain or ache they may be subjected to, and finally like the morphine or opium fiend, get into the habit of taking them regularly, imagining that they are in pain if they happen to miss their regular dose."

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DINNER A LA Russe.

Served From a Side Table—Flowers and Conversation.

Dinner a la Russe—although for the matter of that it might be dinner a l'Anglais, a l'Italien, with just as good reason—in spite of its rather fashionable name, is really a very simple performance. It merely means that, instead of having the various dishes composing the repast all put upon the table at once, they are placed on a side table and served from there by the servant, who passes each in turn. This affords a chance for some decoration upon the table. There is usually some sort of embroidered centerpiece. The chances are that it was achieved by one of the lovely daughters or even by the lady of the house herself, and it is always wise to remark upon the elaborateness of the stitch or the beauty of the design if you are a guest on a family. That not only calls out the history of the centerpiece and makes conversation, but lays up treasures for you in heaven and establishes your reputation for good taste and appreciation of the truly beautiful.

On this centerpiece a bowl of flowers is commonly placed. In establishments where money is no object orchids, almandas, rare ferns and the newest, costliest roses appear and are changed from day to day. But daisies and clover can be arranged just as effectively and cost nothing but the trouble of gathering them, while in the winter there are jardinières of pierced silver, which can be filled with maidenhair or some other delicate fern, and with a little care kept green and thrifty for weeks. The old fashioned conifers used as stands for decorations are often utilized in this way, for they can make a lining for them in which plants will grow like a green bay tree. The effect of flowers on the table can hardly be calculated. They have more charms than music to soothe the savage breast, and any sentimentalism of your acquaintance can tell of instances where a glass bowl of nasturtiums tastefully arranged before him has so wrought on the feelings of paterfamilias that he has said not a word about the overdone mutton or the soggy under crust of his apple pie.

If your table be a dream of beauty, you will not require half such a hearty meal. The entire company will be so wrapped up in admiring the scheme of color and the originality of your combinations that no one will be aware of the smallness of the portions you serve. Fully half the expense of your parties will thus be saved at the outset, so that they commend themselves to economists as well as to aesthetes. —Boston Herald.

Time and Speed.

Infinite time is difficult to grasp. Distance is more easily understood, and some things which Sir Robert Ball has to say about the distance of the stars from us will assist us in comparing them to the sun. Of these the most striking is Arcturus, and Dr. Elkin has put this star at such a distance from the solar system that the orbit of the earth round the sun must seem from Arcturus as large as would a penny piece seen at 100 miles. Arcturus, in other words, is perhaps a dozen times as far off from us as Procyon is, and Procyon, one of the nearest bright stars, is 1,000,000 times the distance of the sun from us.

But the marvelous thing about Arcturus is its movement. It has, comparatively speaking, a very distinct "proper motion" across the sky, though not as large as some stars. Lately, however, the spectroscopic has ascertained for us the pace of stars along the line of sight, and Arcturus travels, it is now believed, at the rate of 380 miles a second. Such speed as this is truly terrific, and we may well ask where this furious star is hurrying to. As Arcturus, ten generations hence, will not have moved to the eye by as much as the diameter of the moon, we shall have plenty of opportunity of discussing the question. —London Spectator.

An Original.

Little Marjorie—There are lots of little Marjories nowadays, but none other at all like this one. She is original in her prayers, as in everything else. The other night she finished off her petition thus:

"And, O Lord, make all the wicked people good and wash all the sinners white!" —New York Tribune.

"BLAINE, A TRAGEDY."

A Drama For the Stage, Which Will Not Be Enacted in New York.

An American playwright has been for some time engaged in the composition of a drama of contemporary life in which the chief character is to be a famous American statesman, now deceased. The title which he has chosen for it is "Blaine, a Tragedy." It certainly looks like bad taste to dramatize, at least in this generation, the career of the American here named, but the author maintains that he can do it inoffensively and in such a way as to dignify his subject, as the life of Mr. Blaine was full of dramatic material, and as there were scenes in it which would be especially serviceable for a drama of real life. He says that Shakespeare made use of personages who lived not long before his time, and even of some who were his contemporaries, and he gives the names of other playwrights who have used their acquaintances in their stage compositions. When reminded that even the greatest and most picturesque Americans of past times, from the days of Washington to those of Lincoln, had never been used successfully for dramatic material, as Shakespeare used the kings of England, he replied that this was a thing which would surely yet be done in this country, as it has been done in other lands, and that, in any event, it is his purpose to begin the undertaking.

"Is there any manager in New York," we asked, "who would bring out your tragedy?"

"I do not know, but there is a manager in Chicago who will bring it out if it suits him."

"Do you not fear that there would be a storm of popular reprobation if you should make your chief character resemble the original?"

"If there be anything of the kind, or if the work fail to prove attractive, it will be withdrawn after the first or second performance. But there are in my subject such striking elements for a first class stage drama and for a winning one that I shall not think of its failure until after it has failed."

"Would not the relatives of the deceased statesman object to the work and get out an injunction against its performance?"

"If such an objection shall be raised by any one entitled to speak with authority, or after that one has been present at a performance of it, it will be discontinued. The man of my title has been a subject for painters, sculptors and other artists, and there is no good reason why he should not be made a subject for dramatic artists."

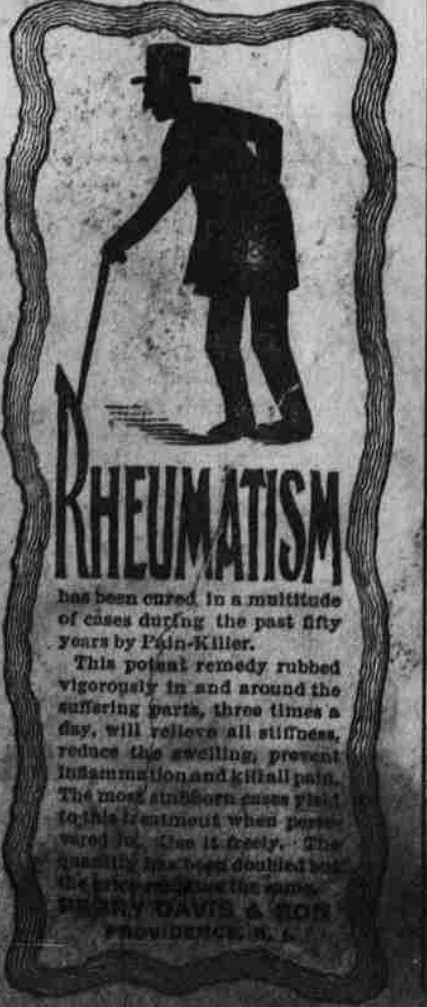
After the playwright had expressed the views here reported, The Sun reporter asked a theatrical manager as to the prospects of a drama of the kind spoken of. He answered that he did not believe a single respectable manager in New York or anywhere else would bring it out, and that, if brought out in any American city, it would be a flat failure. He believed that the execution of the playwright's project would not be tolerated by the theater-going community. —New York Sun.

SENTIMENTAL FLAPDOODLE.

An American Family, Including a Dog, Make a Vacation in Paris.

An American family in Paris, according to Le Temps, has excited some notice in that reputation loving capital by its conduct over the death of a dog. The animal was a great pet in the family, and on his falling ill all the experts in dog medicine were at once summoned. As he persistently grew worse, he was taken to an establishment for the care of dogs, a sort of private hospital, and orders given that every attention and effort should be made to save him. Members of the family called two and three times a day to inquire for Kwik, as the dog was called; but, despite all care, Kwik died, and there was nothing left for the sorrowing family to do but bury him. An undertaker was summoned and poor Kwik made ready for the grave. An oak casket, fitted into a second one of lead, was prepared and a grave made in the private plot of a friend of Kwik's master at Vaucresson. All official red tape was duly complied with, and on the day of the interment the funeral cortege comprised three carriages.

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Women as Book Collectors.

Book collecting was only taken up by English women when they took up salmon fishing, golf and other masculine vanities. Woman, as a rule, finds that the circulating library serves her turn. If she buys a book, it is commonly a Tauchnitz example, and these she collects, as is believed, chiefly for the pleasure of smuggling. "This her delight on a rainy night," or on any other occasion, to defraud the revenue. "The practical sex" regards a book as a thing to be read and generally read over the fire. Bindings are treated brown and are in fact mere annoyances to a student of the kind. A book is not the kind of bibelot for which ladies care. They are more at home with the collecting of fans or of porcelain or, said to any, of book plates—a modern vice, a new sin. Mme. de Pompadour, a woman of rare taste, really was a collector, and her three castles decorated some excellent books. Her "Rabelais" not long ago was in a shop in Pall Mall. Mr. Toovey's collection in Piccadilly also boasted some rare specimens. The Rothschilds, among other ruins of empires, possess many of her books. —London Saturday Review.

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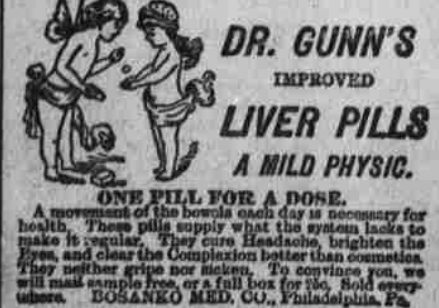
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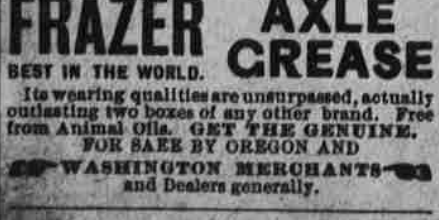


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