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There is Strength."**

True strength consists in the union, the harmonious working together, of every part of the human organism. This strength can never be obtained if the blood is impure. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the standard prescription for purifying the blood.

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How Good Tokay Wine Is Made.
A recent law case at New York throws some light on Hungarian wine-making. One of the litigants is an importer of Hungarian wines, and the other was in the habit of furnishing the wine man with a special brand of tokay. The latter is now suing the former, and he alleges that for five years past he had manufactured a particular brand of tokay, which the importer sold for medicinal purposes.

According to the evidence, the profits of the seller were large, for tokay, which actually costs but 6 cents a bottle, was sold for \$2.00.

Here's the sworn formula: Sixteen gallons of alcohol, 540 gallons of water, 560 pounds farina sugar, 40 pounds of honey, 3 pounds of tokay essence, 2 pounds lemon acid, 20 ounces salicylic acid, 2 pounds of gelatin.

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Every successful imitator and counterfeiter. Look out for substitutes when you ask for Cassaca's Candy Cathartic. All druggists, 100, 250, 500.

The year 47 B. C. was the longest year on record, as it had, by order of Julius Caesar, 445 days.

Tested and true, Oregon Blood Purifier.

Eight of the olive trees in the historical Garden of Olives, in Jerusalem, are known to be over one thousand years old.

There was a young man from Lenore, who boldly went off to the war; The "best" made him sick, He recovered quite quick By the prompt use of old Jesse Moore.

Ten per cent of the cage canary birds drift into consumption, and they communicate the disease to those who keep them.

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It is a fact among Parisian actresses to have themselves swathed as mummies, and thus photographed in their coffins.

My doctor said I would die, but Plac's Cure for Consumption cured me—Amos Keiser, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 23, 1895.

The work of surveying the line of the Kow Loon-Canton railway in China has been started.

Among the Egyptians embalming ceased about 700 A. D.

THE HOP OUTLOOK.

A Portland Merchant's Observations After a Tour of the Washington and Oregon Districts.

Captain George Pope, a Portland hop merchant, recently returned from a tour of inspection of the hop fields of Washington and Oregon. In discussing the season's prospects he said:

"My tour of inspection took me through the Puget Sound valley and Southern Washington, and from what I have seen the unseasonable weather has worked a great hardship on the hopgrowers in both states.

"Most growers have been able to accomplish very little in the way of cultivation in the Puget Sound valley. There are few yards which have been well cultivated, because their location was favorable, as regards drainage, but in by far the greater number of yards the initial work of raising a crop remains to be done. Some of the yards on White river look well, and the young vines are in progress of being trained, but as a rule I saw few yards where the young vines were above the ground.

"The Patterson yard, at Olegua, looked well; evidently much work had been done there up to date, the nature of the soil admitting cultivation. Throughout the Willamette valley I may say that I find the yards in more forward condition, although quite a number of growers have not yet commenced to cultivate. This is noticeable on low-lying ground. On the higher upland prairies the young vines are coming up strong and healthy, especially where there was fall cultivation. At Hampden Grange, on Elliott Prairie, where my firm controls a large yard, we have vines up to the wires, which are 10 feet above the ground, but we also have a portion of our yards where the outlook is not so reassuring, because we could not do any fall plowing. However, from what I observed in Clackamas, Marion, Linn and Polk counties, I have come to the conclusion that we have the prospect of a very excellent crop, taking of course into consideration that for the past two or three years a great number of yards have been allowed to deteriorate on account of poor or lack of cultivation. In some sections I have noticed the young shoots are already being attacked by the aphid, but I do not attach much importance to this as a few days of hot weather is sufficient to kill off the 'ground crop' of this pest. It is the June-July brood of the aphid that plays such havoc in our hop fields, but as we are now having our full share of precipitation it is reasonable to infer that when the weather settles and warms up, and as we are having an abnormal amount of rain now, it is but fair to predict we shall have a corresponding summer and fall of dry weather.

"On the whole I am well satisfied with the outlook, both from a merchant's and grower's point of view. This is the situation: Should all hop-growing sections of the world be equal, well favored as Oregon and Washington, the production of this year's crop might be in excess of what is wanted, but I do not look for this, as my observations for many years lead me to the conclusion that when one section is well-favored, another section suffers correspondingly, either from drought, hail, wind, frost or aphid. The new crop will therefore come on an almost bare market, and I look for prices that will recoup the growers for that past losses."

Insurance in Washington.

The report of Washington State Insurance Commissioner Heifner, shows the following summary of insurance business transacted in the state during the year 1898: Seventy-one fire insurance companies wrote risks amounting to \$22,833,718, and upon this incurred losses of \$591,344 83, and paid losses amounting to \$588,303 82. The gross premiums amounted to \$1,675,004 13 and net premiums, 1,241,170 81. Taxes were paid amounting to \$16,281 93. Life risks were written amounting to \$5,927,155 during the year, with \$18,709,608 in force December 31, 1898. Losses were paid amounting to \$341,106 29, and taxes were paid in the sum of \$8,126 34. Marine insurance was written amounting to \$8,704,653, and losses paid, \$113,082 19. Net premiums amounted to \$99,562 10. Accidents policies were written amounting to \$11,108,300, and losses paid amounting to \$40,510 69. The gross premiums amounted to \$57,797 19.

Olympia to the Cruiser Olympia.

The final order has been given for the souvenir to be presented to the cruiser Olympia. The matter of a suitable inscription has been in controversy with the memorial committee ever since the funds were raised, but finally the following has been agreed on: "From the citizens of Olympia and state of Washington—greetings of Olympia to her namesake." This has been forwarded to Arthur P. French, the New York sculptor, to be put on the tablet.

Revenue Cutter Fleet.

The United States revenue cutter fleet has left San Francisco for the North. The vessels will rendezvous at Seattle, where they will receive orders from the treasury department.

Northwest News Notes.

Snow is three feet deep at Cornucopia. Many shad are running in Coos river.

La Grande will erect a \$30,000 school building.

The bicycle tax law is to be tested in Linn county.

Cut worms are injuring grain in Sherman county.

Sheep raising east of the mountains is nearly a month later than usual.

Fruit along the Columbia river in Umatilla county is in excellent condition.

The Coos bay creamery has a new 600-gallon churn and other improvements.

Montana men have bought 1,000 cattle in Gilliam and adjoining counties this spring.

A farmer south of Walla Walla drilled nearly 600 feet for artesian water without success.

The Commercial Club of The Dalles is devising ways and means to encourage home manufactures.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Oregon, Nevada, 9@12c per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 10@12c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 8@10c.

Milled—Middlings, \$10@20.50; bran, \$1.50@1.60 per ton.

Onions—Silver King, 50@90c per sack.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 17@18c; do seconds, 16@17c; fancy dairy, 15c; do seconds, 14@14 1/2c per pound.

Eggs—Store, 14c; fancy ranch, 16 1/2c.

Hops—1898 crop, 15c.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$2 @3.50; Mexican limes, \$4.50@5; California lemons, 75c@1.25; do choice, \$2.50 per box.

Hay—Wheat, \$13@15.50; wheat and straw, 15@16; alfalfa, \$11@12 per ton; straw, 40@70c per bale.

Potatoes—Early Rose, \$1.50@1.75; Oregon Burbanks, \$1.65@1.85; river Burbanks, 75c@81c; Salinas Burbanks, \$1.10 per sack.

Tropical fruits—Bananas, \$1.50@2.50 per bunch; pineapples, \$2.50@4.50; Persian dates, 6@6 1/2c per pound.

European Hops.

Experiment is to be made at the Corvallis station with two varieties of European hops that it is expected may benefit hop production in Oregon. One of the varieties is early, and the other medium early in cropping. Each is very strong in lupulin. Only half a dozen roots of each have been furnished the station by the department at Washington.

Dr. Withycombe will cultivate these on the college farm, and if results are favorable, arrangements will follow for growers to get a start in the new varieties.

Nooksack River Hatchery.

Governor Rogers and Fish Commissioner Little, comprising the majority of the state fish commission, last week visited Kendall creek and its confluence with the Nooksack river, and officially designated it as the site for the fish hatchery provided for by the last legislature, to be located on that river.

As I have stated, I was 40 and Kitty was twenty-two years younger, but what is a little thing like time in the consideration of a matter which lasts for eternity, as love surely does? Not that I was in love with Miss Clarke, but I held her in such lofty esteem that love itself could not have been a very great improvement upon the condition of my feelings. As for her beauty, I must confess that masculine eyes 40 years old are possibly somewhat more susceptible to feminine beauty aged 18 than would be true of the reverse proposition.

I had known Kitty about a year, and being rich, as wealth is computed in towns the size of Brandon, and Kitty being poor, as poverty is computed almost anywhere, I was received with more enthusiasm perhaps than might have otherwise obtained. Even then there were times when I have seen Kitty smile on a nephew of mine, who was my cashier, in a fashion which forced me to wonder if she would have done so had he been 40 and rich, instead of 25 and nearly as poor as she was. But I did not permit trifles of that sort to worry me long, for I felt with the sublime faith of a man in my position that when I was ready to ask Kitty to be mine, Kitty was going to be ready and waiting to answer affirmatively.

There was not another girl in Brandon who wouldn't have been glad of Kitty's opportunities, and why not Kitty?

"Why not, indeed?" I chuckled, well satisfied with myself; and I went about my affairs whistling with much content.

On such occasions my nephew was wont to look up from his desk as I passed along, but he would say nothing.

Next after Kitty my most particular admiration was the widow Price, her aunt, with whom she lived, and in conjunction with whom she taught a small private school, whereby they managed to eke out a fairly comfortable existence in a community where existence came cheaply.

Many is the time I have intimated to aunt Price that some day life would be easier for her, all on account of Kitty, and it was only necessary that she wait a little longer with the same beautiful patience which had characterized her life even when the shadows were heaviest. Then I felt an overwhelming desire to put my arms around her plump and pretty waist and let her rest her tired head on the bosom of her devoted nephew-in-law-to-be, but I always restrained myself, though there were times when there were tears in her eyes, and I have observed that when women weep they weep more satisfactorily if they have a manly bosom to sob their sorrows out upon.

Incidentally I might say that Kitty's chaperon was a dozen or more years older than her charming niece and showed very plainly in every line of her face and graceful curve of her figure where Kitty got her beauty, and this was a comfort to me, for I was fairly possessed of good looks, as had been my father and mother before me, and their brothers and sisters, so that I had an ancestral predisposition to hereditary traits along the beauty lines, as it were.

One evening I called upon Kitty with my mind fully made up that I would propose to her on that occasion, as I had been growing more and more frequent about the Price cottage, and people would soon begin to talk openly, as they had already begun to whisper, that my nephew was there when I arrived, but as he had been there many times previously and always obediently arose and departed when his uncle came, I gave the matter no thought and cheerily told the boy he might take my trap and go driving with some of his friends, as I would walk home. When the front door closed and shortly thereafter we heard the noise of wheels flying away down the street I thought I saw a look of pain in Kitty's face, but I did not speak of it. That trap would be hers in a few months, and then the dear girl would never have to sit at home for lack of her own vehicle.

For an hour or more I talked to Kitty much as I had done on other evenings, and then I asked her to be my wife.

I waited a moment when I had asked this important question and was surprised that Kitty did not throw herself in my arms, or, at least, with a shy blush, wait for me to take her there. On the contrary, she began to cry, and, asking me to excuse her, she went out of the room.

I do not know that any man who reads this story has ever asked a woman to marry him, and then have her walk out and leave him sitting alone with his thoughts. To him I need not suppose how I felt; to any other it would be impossible.

Ten minutes or, perhaps, a dozen, though it seemed to be a week, had passed and then the door opened and I arose to meet Kitty and receive her affirmation of my suit, the dear, nervous little creature.

But it was not Kitty.

"My dear madam," I stammered, as Mrs. Price entered.

"Good-evening, Mr. Filkins," responded Kitty's aunt, coming forward with her hand extended, which I took, for I have previously said, I liked her. "Be seated," she added with a wave of her soft white hand toward the chair I had just left, at the same time seating herself in the chair Kitty had occupied.

"I was entirely unbalanced by this procedure, but I obeyed.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 50c; Valley, 60c; Bluestem, 61c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$3.30; Graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 43@44c; choice gray, 41@42c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, \$22.00; brewing, \$23.00 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$32; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16.00 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7 @8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 40c; seconds, 35@40c; dairy, 30@35c store, 20@25c.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13@14c; Young America, 15c; new cheese, 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3@4 per dozen; hens, \$4.00@5.00; springs, \$1.25@3; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old; \$4.50@5 for young; ducks, \$5.00@5.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound.

Potatoes—\$1@1.10 per sack; sweets, 2c per pound.

Vegetables—Beets, 90c; turnips, 75c per sack; garlic, 70c per pound; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, 75c per sack; beans, 3c per pound; celery, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@3 1/2c per pound.

Onions—Oregon, 50@75c per sack.

Hops—11@13c; 1897 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 11@12c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 20c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 7 1/2c; spring lambs, 7 1/2c per lb.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.50; light and feeders, \$2.50@3.00; dressed, \$5.00@6.00 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, 4.00@4.50; cows, \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@6 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Large, 6@7c; small, 7 1/2@8c per pound.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, 80c@1.10 per 100 pounds

Potatoes, 43@40c

Beets, per sack, \$1@1 1/2

Turnips, per sack, 50@75c

Carrots, per sack, 50c

Parsnips, per sack, 55c@1

Cauliflower, \$1.00 per doz.

Celery, 35@40c

Cabbage, native and California \$2.75 per 100 pounds

Apples, \$1.75@2 per box

Pears, 50c@1.50 per box

Prunes, 50c per box

Butter—Creamery, 20c per pound; dairy and ranch, 12@18c per pound.

Eggs, 15c

Cheese—Native, 12c

Poultry—Old hens, 16c per pound; spring chickens, 14c; turkeys, 16c

Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 9c; cows, prime, 8c; mutton, 9c; pork, 7c; veal, 8@10c

Wheat—Feed wheat, \$20.

Oats—Choice, per sack, 25c, 26c.

Hay—Puget Sound mixed, \$7.00@8; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$12.00.

Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$24.00.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$25@26; whole, \$24.

Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.35; straight, \$3.10; California brands, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.50; Graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$15; shorts, per ton, \$16.

Feed—Chopped feed, \$21@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$22; oil cake meal, per ton, \$33.

AN UNCLE TO KITTY.

Will you be kind enough to explain, when she interrupted me, "It is no more than is due you, Mr. Filkins," she went on, getting more excited every minute, "I don't see what ever possessed a man of your age to talk as you did to a child like Kitty. You are old enough to know better, and I'm sure if I had had any idea you were not to be trusted I am very sure I never would have permitted you to have seen her except in my presence. Why, you are the last man on earth I would have thought would be making love to my niece; and Kitty thought so, too. You are old enough to be her father and ought to be ashamed of yourself, and it was such a painful surprise to Kitty, too."

By this time I saw I had made a mistake, for I do have sense enough to know beans when the bag is open, and I tried to stop Mrs. Price and explain and apologize, but nothing can stop a woman when she once gets a start, and the widow had it.

"Why, Mr. Filkins," she flew along, "Kitty had no more idea of your wanting to marry her than she had of the man in the moon. She never thought of

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The new president of France is calm, sane and a trifle bourgeois. He looks like a man who would infuse into French politics as much vigor as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will into the run-down system of anyone who uses it. It is an absolute cure for all stomach disorders.

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Walter in a Dilemma.

It was in one of the large downtown restaurants that the short little woman and her tall husband went to dinner one night.

"Will you have oysters?" asked the man, glancing over the bill of fare.

"Yes," said the short little woman, as she tried in vain to touch her toes to the floor. "And, John, I want a hassock."

John nodded and, as he handed his order to the waiter he said: "Yes, and bring a hassock for the lady."

"One hassock?" asked the waiter, with what John thought more than ordinary interest, as he nodded in the affirmative. Still the waiter did not go, but brushed the table cloth with a towel and rearranged the articles on it several times, while his face got very red. Then he came around to John's side and, speaking sotto voce, said: "Say, mister, I haven't been here long, and I'm not on to all these things. Will the lady have the hassock boiled or fried?"—Chicago Chronicle.

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