

# Terrible Explosion.

## A GASOLINE STOVE EXPLODES WITH FEARFUL RESULTS.

The Burning Fluid Falls all Over Mrs. Nora E. Hill. She is Fearfully Burned—Inhales the Flames and is Seriously Injured, but Proper Medical Treatment Saved Her Life.

From the Chronicle, Chicago, Ill.

Perhaps in no case as yet recorded has the efficiency of a popular remedy been found so clearly as in that of Mrs. Nora E. Hill. While her condition, caused by a frightful and distressing accident, places her beyond the pale of perfect recovery, she has received such marked relief that the story of the accident and the sufferings resulting from it, will be of more than ordinary interest to thousands of invalids.

Mrs. Nora E. Hill, before September 1893, was a hale, hearty and strong woman, past the middle age of life. She tells the following story:

"September 1, 1893, while attending to my duties about the house, a gasoline stove which I had used for some time, suddenly exploded, throwing the burning fluid over me. Before my clothes which were on fire could be torn off, my right arm and hand were fearfully burned. This however, was not my most serious injury, as I had inhaled some of the flames, and I found the inside of my mouth blistered. My hand and arm to the elbow were burned to the bone, and my physician believed amputation necessary, but after weeks of great suffering, I was spared the operation, and I have fairly good use of my hand and arm now.

"Shortly after the process of healing of arm and hand, my stomach commenced to give me trouble. I did not then realize what it meant. After each meal I was seized with a cramping sensation, and then in a few days there were frightful pains, which threw me into clammy perspiration. For eight months I was under the care of my physician, battling hard with death. I had lost 93 pounds, was becoming a mere skeleton, my appetite was gone, and my nervous system completely shattered.

"I lost confidence in everything, was totally discouraged, and determined to go to my former home, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and have my old physician make an examination of my condition. He did so and found that gastric ulcers of the stomach had formed, which he said were incurable, and were liable to produce cancer at any time. While in Grand Rapids the ulcers which had formed in the stomach broke, which produced vomiting of large quantities of blood and pus. This continued me to a sick bed for several weeks. When I became sufficiently strong to get up, I came back here to die, as the doctor told me I might last one week, possibly one month. But I determined to make as strong a fight as I could, and get all the medical aid there was in Chicago.

"I was taken before a class of one of the most noted and celebrated medical colleges here for examination. This examination proved what my physician in Grand Rapids told me viz, that there were gastric ulcers of the stomach. The opinion of the college physicians was that my chances of a cure were not one in one thousand. This was in May 1894, in June I was taken down with gastric fever, caused by fresh ulcers forming, and I lay in bed nine weeks. From June to September in that year I also suffered additionally from thirty abscesses forming on my arms and shoulders, produced by the condition of the stomach and blood circulation. After this I got a little better, and this improvement lasted during the fall and winter till January 1895, when I had another stage of gastric fever, I took a great many drugs and opiates under the physicians directions

during all this time, which had the effect of completely upsetting my stomach and nervous system.

"From January to July 1895, I suffered frightful agonies, resulting from the trouble in my stomach, and was again thrown into gastric fever, which kept me in bed three weeks.

"A year ago last October I commenced to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. After I had taken two boxes they broke the gastric fever and enabled me to get up. I found also that they gave me strength, and my appetite came back. I found that I could digest the food I ate, and the pains disappeared. I also noticed that I became less nervous; in fact my general condition improved very much.

"The following March (in 1896) I was again troubled with the abscesses, but to a much less degree than formerly. This was due to the efficiency of the pills, which undoubtedly had brought my blood to a much better condition. I want to explain here that the doctors said that the cause of the appearance of abscesses was due to the ulcerated condition of the stomach, which vitiated the blood through my entire system.

"The pills have allayed my nervousness, they are putting my blood into better condition, they have cleared my brain, and have given me an appetite which I can gratify by eating light food without causing the terrible pain which formerly almost drove me insane. The pills are doing for me more than any medical aid I have ever received, and they have stopped my suffering to a very great extent. I do not think, nor do I expect that they will cure me, because all physicians are agreed who have examined me that it is impossible. Past experience however has shown me that they will to a great extent make my life bearable. This I believe is doing wonders, and I feel that if they have done this much for me, there must be many more people who are suffering whom they can surely cure.

"I was born and raised in Michigan, and came to Chicago some ten years ago. I have quite a number of people on the west side, and have told them of the marvelous relief I have gained by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People; and if any one should like to hear more of the details of my suffering and more of the details of the relief gained by the Pink Pills, I shall be glad to have them call at my home, 46 Walnut Street, Chicago.

Mrs. Nora E. Hill.  
 (Signed) Subscribed and sworn to before me this twelfth day of January, 1897.  
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 The proprietors of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People state that they are not a patent medicine, but a prescription used for many years by an eminent practitioner who produced the most wonderful results with them, curing all forms of weakness arising from a watery condition of the blood or shattered nerves, two fruitful causes of almost every ill to which flesh is heir. The pills are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to females, such as suppersions, all forms of weakness, chronic constipation, bearing down pains, etc., and in the case of men will give speedy relief and effect a permanent cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excess of whatever nature. They are entirely harmless and can be given to weak and sickly children with the greatest ease and without the slightest danger. The pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50—price is never sold in bulk or by the 100 by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Scarborough, N. Y.

### DEBT BUILDING.

Devices and Schemes of Debtors to Avoid Collectors.

Timors of a Peculiar Phase of Life in the City—Swells Who Put on a Fine Appearance—at the Expense of their Talors.

There is now and then a margin of cal humor, if of a doubtful description. Read about the shifts and devices used by persons to avoid paying their debts. No doubt such devices might be distinguished roughly. Those who own a residence cannot cope with their liabilities, and those who systematically dodge their creditors because they do not in them to do the other thing—pay; but says the Boston Traveler, they are plentiful in the sense that both try to escape consequences by the exercise of a curious kind of wit.

An indignant furniture dealer recently tickled the risible faculties in a police court by his statement of how incredibly he had been tricked by a debtor of long standing. Having obtained a writ for distraint upon the goods supplied and not paid for, he and his legal retainer reached the debtor's house, to find it apparently abandoned. The over windows were broken with whitewash, and upon one of them was traced the legend: "To Let." Naturally concluding that his bird had flown the neighborhood to avoid him, he promptly expended quite a considerable sum in fruitlessly trying to trace the delinquent's whereabouts.

Finally it occurred to him that his debtor's late landlord might be able to supply a hint, and to him he went. Imagine his amazement when he was coolly informed that the house in question had never been "to let," and that the debtor was certainly still within it, as his (the landlord's) agent had called for and received his rent only a few days previously. They went at once to solve the problem, and then the element of mystery dispersed. It appeared that the wily occupant, having timed the warning of his creditors' coming, had shifted his family and his goods to the top rooms, smashed the windows and imparted a general air of emptiness to the house, and remained snugly aloft until, as he imagined, his creditors would give up the debt as a "bad" one being concerned, he had to pay, and was now and the costs of the hunt—such as an attempt at fraud in a legal case could be proved, he managed to escape.

Rather neat, too, was a trick of a different kind played recently by a swell who was "winded" in the matter of a scandalous tall tale. Tapped on the shoulder as he went to enter a city restaurant with a party of friends, he was informed that a vehicle waited and for his safe conduct to disengage. The situation was awkward, but he felt and experienced made him equal to it. He left his friends with a cool adieu to the effect that he would return and dine with them in a few minutes—and was gone as good as his word.

He promptly requested his captor to leave to "his father's office," where, he truly said, the temporary debt would be settled to full satisfaction. Accordingly they drove to the office indicated. The officer entered with the warrant and his myriads remained at the entrance to guard against surprises. But the debt was not settled on that occasion. The defaulter coolly expounded the case of the first room he came to, showed the other in, whipped out the key from the inside, slipped out, locked the door, quitted the building by another exit, and drove off to keep his appointment.

The cooled objection, to put it mildly, that some people evince to squaring pecuniary accounts until the law steps in and compels them is sometimes incomprehensible. One man of this class, well known to the writer as a person able to pay for his extravagances, spent half his time in dodging and balking creditors to whom he owed comparatively trifling sums—purely, it seemed, for the love of such dodging. Some time back several writs were out for the arrest of this person, but for weeks he succeeded in eluding the holders by all manner of unexpected tricks.

It so happened that one day, however, while leading one warrant officer on a dance in the network of streets, he ran into the arms of another, and was immediately clapped into a cab and driven to jail. On the way thither he begged to be allowed to get some light refreshment before tasting prison fare, and as he himself suggested that his coat sleeve should be securely fastened to that of the officer, the latter consented, and accompanied him into a hotel for that purpose.

The sequel, in some respects, was a highly farcical one. One glass (apparently without design) led to another, and the defaulter spent almost as much money in making both cab-driver and captor intoxicated upon whisky as would have enabled him to settle the debt in the first place. That done, he cut the fastenings and quietly walked off.

### FACTS FOR FARMERS.

To a very considerable extent people make for themselves the conditions of life.

Even with the most carefully prepared food the greater portion digested goes to supply heat and energy.

Because poor sheep have light fleeces is not proof that fat sheep have heavy ones.

Good stock, crops, fertility and industry are essential items in good farming.

When animals are allowed to run down there is a weakening of vitality, and especially of the digestive organs.

As an animal grows fat it consumes less in proportion to size, digests less that is consumed and gives a less return.

Confining any farm animal in dark quarters is injurious to it and, therefore, more or less damaging to the owner.

### LEISURELY NORWAY.

The People There Take Their Time at Everything.

Americans Are a Source of Wonderment to the Slow-moving Norwegians—An Excitingly Curious and Hospitable People.

These Norwegians are a wonderfully patient people, says a correspondent of the New York Post. They never hurry; why should they? There is always time enough. We breakfast at nine, Monsieur goes to business at ten or so, and returns to his dinner, like all the rest of the Scandinavian world, at half-past two. We rush coffee and cigarettes at about four, and then Monsieur goes back to his office, if he likes, for two or three hours. We sometimes see him again at supper at half-past eight, but usually there is a game of whist, or a geographical society lecture, or a concert, or a friend's birthday fete (on occasion never overlooked by your true Norwegian), or some one has received a barrel of oysters, and would not, could not, dream of opening them without champagne and company—mainly company only. It seems to me that there are entirely too many purely male festivities here. In fact the men say so themselves, and that they would enjoy many of the occasions much more if the ladies were present. But "it is not the custom of the country" (a rock on which I am always foundering) to omit or to change in such matters. Monsieur only does as do all other men of his age, which is elderly, and condition, which is solid.

I have never accustomed myself to the fact that one is expected to stop and wait for all approaching carts or vehicles of any class to pass before attempting to cross a street in town. I am always being stopped short on the curbstone by a rattle-pail at my side, and some strange but agonized friendly voice at my side begging to know if I don't see that sledge coming, a sledge, but a block off! Perhaps it is because the street traffic is comparatively small that the vehicles always have the right of way. And certainly, too, because there is so much time. You need not fancy that the driver will hasten the jog of his stocky little plow pony, when he sees you waiting. Nothing of the sort. That is as it has been. It is quite meet that you wait.

There is a curious feeling concerning America over here, in one way and another. Morgenbladet, the chief conservative paper, on a recent locality of the first importance, began a sort of horror number of Americans. The reason is, I suppose, that in those very dark and troublous political times, when not only the union, but the monarchy itself, is threatened and tottering, the conservative interest thinks it dangerous to all any virtue to appear in a responsible position, and therefore the most prominent example of that invention of the breed.

Day after day they seem to rife the able dispatches for dreadful tales of murders, crime and disaster, but if a word of good or neutral import appears it is overlooked; it is too brightly illumined and usually gloomily commented upon.

I have often thought, in reading over these diurnal matters, that our papers furnish us with far too much of such material on a large scale to make it necessary for a hostile foreign press to make it, as Morgenbladet often does, to accounts of obscure barber shop fights when it wishes to represent the unweariness of American daily life. One result of the persistent inoculation of this doctrine is that I have not several most cultivated gentlemen who are remarkably versed in the ways and manners of Tammany Hall, but whose study of America otherwise has convinced them that it is a common custom among men of the better classes in New York to wear pistols in their belts whenever they go into the streets.

Although so many Norwegians have emigrated to America and are loyal and prosperous in their adopted country, I should say that the general mental attitude towards America of the solid portion of the population here is one of distrust. They are an exceedingly hospitable and courteous people, and they are glad to make you truly welcome and to like you. But if you win their esteem, as you will if you deserve it, and are well bred, it will not be as an American representative of America, but as a white crow.

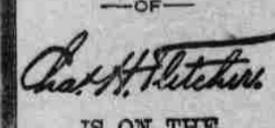
On the whole, when impressions have had time to formulate themselves one feels that America is here regarded as the land of inflation; of phrenic and meretricious manufactures, untrustworthy stuffs, doctors made in a minute, soulless hurry for wealth, disregard for mental and spiritual pleasures and ends, of rapacity in the pursuit and worship of the dollar; the country where wealth is more than principle, mind or breeding, and where vulgar thirst for titles, honors, other ambition having been gratified. It made me rather indignant when one of the boys came home from school the other day with the news that one of his masters had been named as a recognized fact that every American girl of fortune is provided with a list of the eligible titles of Europe, with notes commending their several merits and demerits, and thus she learns it as a part of her regular business. Yet it is too plainly to be seen, whenever such ideas arise, the contrast, in the face of the fact, contrast them as handsomely as one likes, to do.

One of the reasons why many do not make farming as profitable as it might be because of lack of attention to details.

In nearly all cases it is unwise to discard all of the old ways at one time, and supply their places with young contrived ones.

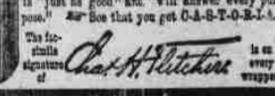
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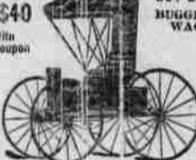


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