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the Treeless Plain Stretches

the natural gregarious instinct of mankind

should assert itself, that region is our

porthwestern prairies, where a short, hot

summer is followed by a long, cold winter,

and where there is little in the aspect of nature to furnish food for thought. On ev-

ery hand the treeless plain stretches away to the horizon line. In summer it is check-

cottonwoods. When the snow covers the ground, the prospect is bleak and dispirit-ing. No brooks babble under icy armor.

There is no bird life after the wild geese and

ducks have passed on their way south. The

tree will grow at all, which means that some savage quality must be taken from

the ground by cultivation.

In this cramped abode, from the windows of which there is nothing more cheerful in

sight than the distant houses of other set

tlers, just as ugly and lonely, and stacks of

straw and unthrashed grain, the farmer's family must live. In the summer there is

a school for the children one, two or three

miles away, but in winter the distances across the snow covered plains are too great

for them to travel in severe weather. The schoolhouse is closed, and there is nothing

for them to do but to house themselves and

A Curious Phenomenon. A most curious phenomenon-the action

of solids held in suspension in moving wa-

ter-may be practically demonstrated, says M. Gallois, by taking a bottle of white

glass, about 3 inches in diameter and with

a flat bottom, putting into it to the depth

of about one-fifth inch some fine and very

clean silicious sand, such as will not inter-

fere with the transparency of the water, filling the bottle with this and corking it

so as to exclude all air. On giving the bottle a rapid movement of rotation around its

owr axis, either by placing it on a turn-

table or by suspending it from a previously

well twisted cord, all the sand will be pro

tle by centrifugal force.

jected upon the cylindrical sides of the bot-

This rotation movement of the bottle

will gradually communicate itself to the

water, progressing from the sides to the axis, the rotation lasting as long as the

sand adheres to the cylinder. As soon as the water turns with the same velocity as

the bottle containing it, the sand will, on

the bottle being suddenly stopped, at once quit the sides and precipitate itself toward the center of the bottle in the form of a

cloud, and then reassemble its particles on

the bottom in the form of a cone, having

the same axis as the bottle, and being high-

er as the velocity of rotation is greater.

Finally, the cope flattens as the velocity of

rotation grows less, until the slope of the

conical surface is the slope of equilibrium of grains of sand in still water.—New York

The Colon and Its Uses.

A son of Horace Mann, who lives in Wash-

ington, has an unusual fashion of signing

all documents. He is Mr. B: Pickman

Mann and is well known as a writer. Mr.

Mann is a graduate of Harvard and holds

an important position in the patent office. The colon which follows the first initial

would be Greek to the wayfaring man, but

it is only a symbol for Benjamin. Some

years ago the American Librarian associa-

tion, of which Mr. Mann is a member, was

much exercised over some manner of ab-

breviating names so as to decrease the work of cataloguing, which in large libra-ries is enormous. They adopted a list of

common names of persons which should be

abbreviated by using the first letter of the name followed by a colon. For the sake of consistency, and believing the custom

would be a good one, they adopted the fash-

The late Mr. Ben: Perley Poore, known

so long and so favorably in Washington,

used this style long before the company of

learned librarians approved it. The list now

in use is a large one. Some of the most com-

mon signs are W: for William; H: for

Henry, and J: for James, - Washington

long for spring .- Atlantic Monthly.

ed aperture the dry, powdery snow.

## The Word Vim.

According to my opinion, the use of this word as a synonym of energy, vigor, etc., has arisen in this way: Some pedantic journulist, considering perhaps the Anglo-Sax-on noun "strength" too vulgar, and wishing to overawe his readers with a Latin expression, chose the word "vis," probably in connection with a verb governing the accusative case, but reluctant to offend against the sacred rules of Latin grammar he employed the accusative "vim."

This mode of expression may have been repeated several times, and as the people liked the sound of the word, even without knowing what it meant, they also employed it in instances in which no accusative was required, and thus the misused word became a current expression.-Notes and Queries.

#### Willing to Kick.

The major was telling how he had won battles which others had claimed the glory of when suddenly one of his hearers said, "I saw a man yesterday who would give the world to kick you."

"Kick me!" shouted the major. "I demand his name, sir!"

Well, if you insist on knowing-but, mark you, major, it must go no further— the man was old Sergeant Billy Waters of the First artillery, who lost both his legs by the explosion of a shell. Faith, he'd give all he has or hopes to have to be able to kick anybody."—London Tit-Bits.



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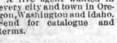
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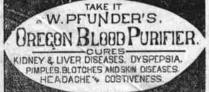
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HE GOT IT.

tory of a Faithful Servant Who Obeyed Orders.

There is a man in this town who has a male servant who is more faithful than any dog that was ever born. He never questions an order. If the man was to tell him to walk down to the foot of Main street and jump off a dock, he would do the walking and the jumping with a simple and unques

The other day a friend of the man came into his office and asked the man to lend him his servant for a short time. The friend wanted a package which he had left at his house. The package was too valua-ble to intrust to a messenger boy, and he was too busy to go after it himself. The man loaned the servant, and the friend gave him these instructions: "Now, John, I want you to go up to my house and walk right up the front steps. The door will be open. and you go right up stairs. You go in, and you will find a big package on my dresser. That's the package I want, and if you get back in an hour I will give you a dollar."

The male servant listened attentively and said that he understood his instructions. He hustled out and in less than an hour returned with the package. He was not in very good shape. His face was bruised, and his coat was torn. One of his eyes was blackened, and the skin was off the knuc

kles of his right hand.

"Holy Moses, John!" exclaimed his em-ployer. "What have you been doing?" "Been in a fight," replied John grimly.

"With whom?" "Fellow up at that man's house."

"What were you fighting about?"
"Why," said John in the most matter of fact way, "he didn't want me to walk up the front steps. They had just been paint

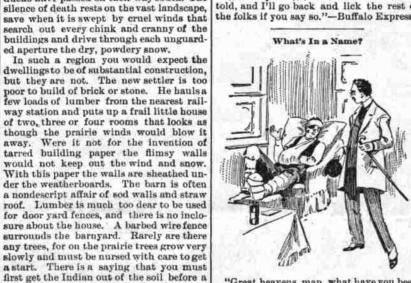
"Well, why did you walk up them then?" John looked reproachfully at his employer. "Didn't be tell me to go up the front steps for that package?" he asked. Vastness, Isolation and Monotony Reign In "Yes, but"-If there be any region in the world where

"They hain't no 'but' about it. He told me to go up them front steps, and I went up 'em, paint or no paint. I had to fight the coachman, but I went up."

"He seems to have given you a pretty hard fight," ventured the employer. "Huh!" sniffed John contemptuously, "It wasn't a patch on the one the housekeeper

and the chambermaid gimme." ered with grainfields or carpeted with grass The man began to get alarmed. "Do you and flowers, and it is inspiring in its color mean to say you fought everybody in that house?" he asked severely. and vastness, but one mile of it is almost exactly like another, save where some wa-tercourse nurtures a fringe of willows and

"I dunno," replied John gravely. "I lick-ed the coachman, and the housekeeper, and the chambermaid, and the cook. If they was anybody else, I didn't have no truck with them. But," he added triumphantly, "I got the package, and I done what I was told, and I'll go back and lick the rest of the folks if you say so."—Buffalo Express.



"Great heavens, man, what have you been "Riding a safety bicycle."-Once a Week.

# Well Prepared.

The organizer of an arctic expedition was approached by a delicate looking fellow

who wanted to join the party.
"You don't look as if you t," ventured the organizer. "You'll find me a kind of a singed cat fellow," he replied confidently.

"Have you ever been in the arctic re "No, not exactly."

"Have you had any experience in that line at all?"

The applicant got a brace on himself.
"Well," he responded, "I should say I
had. I was engaged for two years to a Boston girl." And the organizer accepted that as a recommendation.—Detroit Free Press.

# In Training,

'And what is your youngest son doing?' "He's preparing himself to teach school in Idaho," replied the young man's mother, "He's quite busy with his books then." "No. He has given up his books and

spends most of his time in the gymnasium and at the shooting gallery."-Washington Star.

Too Much to Ask. He-Will you love me if I give up all my

had habits? She (protesting)-But, George, how could you expect me to love a perfect stranger?-Tit-Bits.

The Truth.

First Blind Man-How are you feeling tolay, Tom? Second Blind Man-Out of sight.-Hallo.

The Joker's Paradise. Things go by contraries in China, we're told.

We'd like to be there for a day. We're weary of writing of incidents old That occur in the same prosy way.

There the kind servant girl she explodes, we presume, And blows up the kerosene can,

While the mule is kicked into a midnight of By the hoof of the meek hired man.

The buzzsaw rubs up against some one to see If he's really and truly alive, and is all mangled up to such a degree That it can't for a moment survive.

There sons all are staid, sober, earnest young

With giddy and profligate pas,
And husbands find wives who can bake now
and then A cake quite as good as their mas.

The old, wayback farmer comes into the town With a strange deck of cards in his sleeves, And falls on the sharpers and does them up As their pockets of cash he relieves.

The gun which so often brings sorrow and woe Because it has strangely exploded Is blown out of sight, since it really don't know That the man whom it fools with is leaded.

In China our jokers could take their old jokes, And turning them t'other end to Might work them all off on susceptible folks As something entirely new.

The reason there's nothing fresh under the sun In the newspaper columns today Is because everything that may happen is done
In precisely the old fashioned way.

-Nixon Waterman in Chicago Journal. Sentimental Suicides

The crop of snicides is larger this year than ever before. Hardly a day passes that the morgue does not claim several victims, and the coroners are kept busy issuing permits for the burial of aristocratic suicides who shed their mortal shackles amid wealth and luxury. It is remarkable that these unfortunates should choose the summer time for their ghastly work, when life seems to offer so much to the weary, the oppressed and the disappointed. I asked one of the keepers of the morgue today

how he accounted for this. His reply confirmed my own opinion. Said he: "You notice that most of the stiffs' are women, don't you? Well, them's all 'sentimental suicides.' The gals has been disappointed in love or suthin o' that kind, and when they sees other folks enjoying life-th' singin o' th' birds, th' flowers, an all that sort o' thing, ye know-it makes them feel wuss'n ord'nary, an they go off'n jumps into th' river or cuts their throats,"-New York Cor. St. Louis Republic.

Snap Shot with a Whip.

F. M. Pitcher and A. L. Beckwith are two farmers who are both well known in Americus. Tuesday they were together in a buggy coming here, and when they were near Joe Roney's place a chicken hawk lit on the side of the road. "Look at that hawk," said Mr. Beckwith. "Yes, I see him," said Mr. Pitcher. They drove on, and the hawk didn't move. They drew nearer and nearer and finally were almost up to the bird. Mr. Beckwith took up his whip and as they reached the hawk made a crack at it. The blow struck just right, and the hawk was struck full in the neck. The crack was so well made that the full force was executed and the head was cut clean off. The gentlemen brought the hawk and its head to town with them.—Americus (Ga.) Times-Re-

### The Summer Young Man.

Primarily speaking, the summer man is not a fool by any means. He is boiling over with business, but was never known to have done a day's work in his life. Fortunately he has inherited considerable money and is there to add an additional sum to that already on hand by marrying one of those western young women with pretty face, musical laugh and a rich father. This kind of men generally become very corpulent as age increases, and as good natured as well, and why shouldn't they?-Exchange.

Took Big Chances for Twenty-five Dollars. A Captain Blondell at Oxford, Ala., offered twenty-five dollars to any one who would get into a boat and allow it to be blown up with dynamite so that Blondell might show his lifesaving A young man named Neely accepted the offer and was blown about forty feet into the air unburt, but on his return to the water's surface he alighted on the fragments of the wreck and received a fractured leg and other injuries.

MAN'S INHUMANITY TO HIMSELF.

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