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"My dear friend, I don't bother myself with reflections of that kind. My wife, who is a discerning and practical woman, once made a remark to me during housecleaning time which has assisted me on many occasions."
"What was it?"
"She said that next to a genuine hero the man to be most admired is one who knows how not to get in the way."—Washington Star.

Women and Peace.
Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has issued a circular letter to all the club presidents, asking them to bring forward the consideration of a peace movement in Europe and in this country. The ultimate hope is to have a convention of the Christian powers in 1900, with a view to establishing an international court of arbitration. Many of the club presidents have already acted in accordance with the letter.

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CHAMP CLARK'S STORY.
How It Impressed a Youngster Who Heard It In a Speech.
In the Garfield-Hancock campaign there was a big Democratic meeting at a certain place in St. Charles county, in this state. A number of distinguished Democratic speakers were there, and we had a day of it. The writer was then a small child, but one of the speakers made a very profound impression upon his mind. The speaker was no other than Champ Clark.
No one asks now, "Who was Champ Clark?" but then he was a new star in the firmament.
We had a number of speeches, and the children were very tired. I can't speak for the grown people, because the good Democrats there would not have owned to being tired, I know, after such a display of eloquence from their great party leaders. At any rate I was tired, but my mother whispered:
"There is only one more speech," and I was much relieved. A blond young man was introduced as Champ Clark of Pike county. He came forward with a pleasant face and manner that at once attracted my attention. He began in this way:
"I am reminded of the boy who killed a possum and expected to enjoy a possum dinner the next day. The family was about to sit down to the dinner table when a wagon drove up and a neighbor's family came in. The head of the house announced that the visitors had come to dinner. There was no room at the table for our young friend, the sportsman, and he waited, with his eyes anxiously fixed on the dish of possum. The guests had good appetites. Finally there was only one piece of possum left, and one of his own family took that. Then the possum lover barked right out a-crying. The disappointment was too much for him."
"My friends," continued Mr. Clark, "I am in that same condition. When I heard the first speech, I thought, well—that is pretty bad, but still I have something left to say. Then there came the next speech, and the next, and when the last speaker finished I just busted right out a-crying, because there was not another thing left for me to say."
But there was, and he said it too. He awakened that audience till you could hear its applause a mile away. I think that that was probably the first time Champ Clark ever spoke in St. Charles county. He carried back home with him the thanks and appreciation of a good many of his hearers that day.—St. Louis Republic.

How Mines Are Bought Nowadays.
The time has passed when mines were bought on assays. The higher the ore goes the more suspicious the investor becomes. A mining proposition, to receive attention in these days, must have a reasonable assay value, and must stand the test of expert examination. A low grade camp, it is said, is better in the long run for the mine owner, and infinitely better for a community in which such mines are situated, as more men are employed and more money is taken out than in camps where the mines are narrow and rich. This is shown in the Coeur d'Alene, where over 60,000 tons of ore are mined monthly to produce 10,000 tons of concentrates. Every one is benefited where such conditions prevail.
Mine investors have become suspicious because in the past they have been most unmercifully worked by unscrupulous mining men and promoters. Mine experting has become a science, and it is a difficult thing to improve upon a mine expert of national reputation, and only men of this character are employed to pass upon a mining proposition the purchase of which involves the expenditure of large sums of money.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Inquisitive.
Tommy (in search of information)—Is a streamlet a small stream?
His Father—Yes, my son.
"Is an owl a small owl?"
"Yes, Tommy."
"Is an egglet a small egg?"
"Yes, yes, you might call it that."
"Then what is a bullet? 'Tisn't a small bull, is it?"—London Tit-Bits.

Mail Bag Repairs.
At Washington the attempt to cut down the wages of the women employed in repairing the mail sacks has aroused a storm of indignation. "These women have the most unwholesome, repulsive and ill paid work that Uncle Sam has to dispense," says The Woman's Tribune. It is as much as a person accustomed to breathe pure air can do to perform an errand at the back part of the postoffice where these filthy mail sacks are in use. But women work over them at piece work, and can earn but from 50 to 60 cents a day. Yet when there is an attempt to reduce the price, women complaining are told by the authorities that "if they do not care to work at the price they need not, as there are plenty of others who would be glad of the opportunity." Senator Call has introduced a resolution to put the women on daily wages.

Patronizing Infants.
A characteristic instance was given at a dinner party lately of the present day tendency for children to patronize their parents. At a preparatory school the children were told to object when they thought to be the object of education. One small boy wrote, "The object of education is to be able to talk for your father and mother when you go abroad," and another boy, doubtless remembering the oft repeated reflection at home, when he had fallen into some scrape, that "the holidays would soon be over and he would be safely back at school," wrote, with unconscious cynicism, "The object of education is to get you out of your parents' way."—Gentlewoman.

You Nice New Woman!
This may be the era of the new woman, devoted to intellect, philanthropy, politics and science, and ignoring all pretty feminine fads, but one would not suppose her reign an entirely comprehensive one to read all the literature of fashion that is being published, and not only published, but read with avidity. Perhaps the new woman herself has been unable to eliminate wholly from her complex and superior being the fond, trivial records of toilets, gowns, textures and trimmings and cannot resist an indulgence more or less secret in the same. At any rate, there has been no time when women generally dressed more becomingly and so well as the present. One cannot now pick out the writing or the lecturing or the professional woman by her neglected dress and dowdyish appearance.—Philadelphia Times.

Ann - e Explanation.
Miss Anna M. Soule, who is at work in the graduate school of the University of Michigan for the master's degree in letters, with United States history as a major, has made a special study of the international boundary of Michigan, and has found the explanation of one marked peculiarity of the boundary line which has never been fully accounted for.

BEAUTIFUL THOUGH PAINFUL.
We sing "Come, Gentle Spring," and are often very sorry that we did anything of the kind, for Spring, though beautiful, is sometimes very painful. The very luxury we enjoy in the return of the balmy air is the latent source of a great many pains and aches. It is because the nerves are relaxed in this way that they become weak and an easy prey to sudden attacks of neuralgia; a tonic of cold healthful air braces them up and makes them strong against any such attack, but the sudden change to warmth makes them liable to be preyed upon by this disease. For this simple reason the great nerve disorder, has many victims at this time, but we have in St. Jacobs Oil something that restores the tone, vigor and strength of the nerves to what they had been. The prompt use of it in these neuralgic attacks of spring time is sure to be followed by a perfect cure.

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"I should add that my grand-daughter, Vera Hadeigh, was so thin and puny at the age of ten as to cause the greatest anxiety. We had no difficulty in inducing her to take Paine's celery compound. Today the roses bloom in her cheeks, and I never saw a healthier, stronger child than Paine's celery compound has made her."
The brain is the center of the nervous system. Sleep alone rears this vital organ, together with the nerves. During the waking hours the nervous system works incessantly. Poor sleep means a poor nervous condition, and prolonged insomnia leads in every case to prostration, and too often to dread insanity. The mischief that results from weakened nerves is much greater and more destructive than most folks even dream of.
The all-important thing for nervous, run-down persons, and for those who are losing sleep is that Paine's celery compound builds up the whole physical system, and by improving the digestion and regulating the nerves it insures sound, refreshing sleep. In winter most women and many men lead hothouse lives. A flagging appetite, a disposition to pick at this dish and that, rather than to eat a square meal, is among the early indications of falling health. Then comes delay in falling asleep and the fretful, uneasy feeling the next day.
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This is the state of mind of thousands of nervous, sickly broken-down persons who have used Paine's celery compound and been made well.
Mrs. Sample tells of the happy result in the case of her grandchild. One of the most conspicuous instances of the remarkable power of Paine's celery compound over debility is shown in the relief it has afforded children. Of course the dose is adapted to the age of the little patient. The compound purifies the blood and corrects any tendency to constipation. Pale, puny children are made vigorous, rosy and healthy by this incomparable remedy.

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