

AN INTEREST IN LIFE.

How Existence Can Be Made Attractive.

Half the unhappiness in life comes from the want of some active outside interest—something to take the person out of himself; chiefly thought out of himself, and give her things to think of beyond her own sensations—things to sympathize with beyond her own vague disappointments and shadowy desires.

The spiritual barrenness of egotism and of idleness makes life a very desert, where no green thing flourishes, which no dew from Heaven refreshes, nor living water rejoices. Self-centered and uninterested, life to such an one is but a poor entertainment for the senses; and the deeper emotions and affections have no share therein.

In this our world instead lies the heart of the matter. With energy we make an interest for ourselves, in spite of the poverty of our circumstances. Without it, opportunities of rich enjoyment pass by unutilized, and we let slip all chances for bettering our fate.

It is a misfortune to be born one of the passive, the negative, unenergetic, who divide the world with the active and energetic. Most things in life that are worth having at all have to be sought and pursued, if they are to be captured and held fast.

But the unenergetic take no pains to find these radiant gems. If they do not come unbidden they do not come at all; and the flowers and gems borne by the sluggish stream on its bosom are left to drift into the great ocean of things now impossible, because of the want of energy to seize them as they pass.

TRICKS ON THE STAGE.

A Thrilling Life and Death Struggle.

Some time ago there was an exhibition, in New York, which was called the "wonderful electrical man."

That "wonder" now says that he was always secretly connected with a battery so arranged as to defeat discovery!

Many "freaks of nature" are only freaks of clever deceptive skill. Bishop, the mind-reader, so-called, was shown to be only a shrewd student of human nature, whose reading of thought was not phenomenal.

Even so intelligent a man as Robert Dale Owen was for many years fully persuaded that certain alleged spiritual manifestations were genuine, but, in the Katie King case, he eventually found that he had been remorselessly deceived.

When to natural credulity is added a somewhat easily-fired imagination, spectacles become facts, and clever tricks realities.

"That man," remarked a prominent physician the other day to our reporter, "think he is sick. He is a 'hypo.' He comes here regularly three times a week for treatment. There is absolutely nothing the matter with him, but of course every time he comes I fix him up something."

"And he pays for it?" "Yes, \$3.00 a visit. But what I give him has no remedial power whatever. I have to cater to his imaginary illness. He is one of my best friends, and I dare not disappoint his fears."

An even more striking case of professional delusion is related by W. H. Winton, business manager of the Kingston (N. Y.) Freeman:

"In 1883, Mr. R. R., of New York, (a relative of a late vice-president of the United States) was seriously ill of a very fatal disorder. The best physicians attended him, but until the last one was tried, he constantly grew worse. This doctor gave him some medicine in a two-ounce bottle. Improving, he got another bottle, paying \$2 for each. He was getting relief after using several of these mysterious small bottles."

One day he laid one on his desk in his New York office. In the same office a friend was using a remedy put up in a large bottle. By pure accident it was found out that these two bottles contained exactly the same medicine, the two-ounce vial costing the doctor's patient \$2, while his friend paid but \$1.25 for a bottle holding over sixteen ounces of Warner's safe cure.

The doctor's services were stopped at once, the man continued treating himself with what his doctor secretly prescribed—Warner's safe cure, which finally restored him to health from an attack of what his doctors called "bright's disease."

If the leading physicians in the land, through fear of the code, will secretly prescribe Warner's safe cure in all cases of kidney, liver and general disorder, do they not thereby confess their own inability to cure it, and, by the strongest sort of endorsement, commend that preparation to the public?

We hear it warmly spoken of in every direction, and we have no doubt whatever, that it is, all things considered, the very best article of the kind ever known.

Why Every Woman Should Array Herself in Neat and Tasty Gowns. "The day will soon come," says a well-known leader of fashion, "when it will no longer be a slur on a good woman, old or young, to say she thinks a good deal of dress; she attaches enormous importance to esthetics. While it remains a good motive to give others pleasure and spare them disagreeable shocks, the rule must hold good in every department of life.

SUMNER'S STRENGTH.

The Remarkable Physical Powers of the Famous Senator.

Mr. Sumner stood six feet two inches high without his shoes, and he was so well built that his height was only noticeable when he was near a person of ordinary size. But there was a manner about him, a free swing of the arm, a stride, a pose of his shaggy head, a sway of his broad shoulders that gave to those who knew him best the idea that he was of heroic size.

Then, too, there was something in the intent look of his deep-set eyes, his corrugated brow, the frown born of intense thought, and his large head, made to seem yet larger by his crown of thick, heavy, lustrous gray hair, all of which gave the idea of physical greatness; but with his frequent smile the set frown passed, his whole appearance changed, and his face beamed like a dark lantern suddenly lighted.

His smile effected a wonderful transformation in his whole appearance, and it set up a peculiar sympathy between himself and his recipient.

For one of his sedentary habits, he had extraordinary strength, and yet he was not an athlete. While in Washington his only exercise was walking, and as he believed it was the pace rather than the distance that tells, when opportunity offered he would go at a rate that amazed beholders. Some persons attempting to join and keep up with him only succeeded by taking an occasional hop, skip and jump, such as children practice when walking with their parents.

Up to the time of his injuries he walked much in Washington, for, as he said, he could outwalk omnibuses, and give them long odds. He was hardly aware of his enormous strength, it was so seldom called into exercise. His books were packed in large boxes at the end of each session and sent from his rooms to the Capitol, only to be returned at the beginning of the next session. These boxes weighed nearly five hundred pounds each, and were difficult to handle in passages and stairways, and so were accompanied by four men. Once when he was living at Rev. Dr. Sampson's, one of these heavy boxes got stuck in the stairway. It could not be extricated without damage to the walls only by lifting it over the banister. The four men failed to apply their strength to the most advantage, for they got in each other's way, and thus failed to move the box. The Senator, hatted and gloved, ready to go out, came down the stairs.

"Why don't you lift it over the rail?" said he. "How can we?" answered one. "You have no idea of its weight." "Let me try," said the Senator, and, leaning over the rail, he seized the rope, looked at the end of the box and lifted the latter clear of its entanglements by one sure pull, splitting his glove, however, across the back. The men were amazed; and he, a little embarrassed, said: "I didn't mean to lift it, only to try its weight;" and then went back for fresh gloves. —Cosmopolitan.

THEY WILL NOT DO IT. Those who once take Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets" will never consent to use any other cathartic. They are pleased, and take them in their own homes. Smaller than ordinary pills and placed in glass vials; virtues unimpaired. By druggists.

Why Every Woman Should Array Herself in Neat and Tasty Gowns. "The day will soon come," says a well-known leader of fashion, "when it will no longer be a slur on a good woman, old or young, to say she thinks a good deal of dress; she attaches enormous importance to esthetics. While it remains a good motive to give others pleasure and spare them disagreeable shocks, the rule must hold good in every department of life.

"It is as easy to dress well as ill, since dress we must. Absolute unconcernness as to how she looks is impossible to any woman, since every eye tells her unbidden; therefore, indifference to appearance is incalculable. It is natural to wish to please in all ways by kindness and a pleasant manner—or, at least, to dispense. How delicately Goldenrod distinguishes his two types of innocent and admirable womanhood! Differently lovely, Olivia was often affected from too great a desire to please; Sophie even repressed excellence from her fears to offend."

"Very beautiful women are seldom vain. They are so used to their own beauty that they do not think much about it, any more than a man thinks much about his rank or profession when not engaged in his duties. The vain woman is the one who has been unjustly disparaged. Undue self-consciousness is the revolt against independence and like all revolts is disagreeable. Were all women acknowledged to have such her points, personal as well as mental, and allowed to cultivate them in a sensible and simple spirit, there could be less envy and malice, less anxiety and wasted time, and more innocent pleasure throughout life. But a pretty woman who leaves her mind uninvolved in her duties, and bears the sake of her body, is the illustration of the 'jewel of gold in the wine's snout.'" —Dry Goods Chronicle.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE." —Folks going off to the springs should remember that a promise of fifty cents will get more out of a waiter than one dollar cash. —Massachusetts Telegraph.

Some Washington ladies have introduced the fashion of wearing rings on their thumbs, and each, of course, thinks herself thumbless, in consequence.

Old Lady (in drug store, to small boy)—"What am I to take this medicine in, sonny?" Sonny—"Take it in your mouth, ma'am. 'Taint to be rubbed in." —N. Y. Sun.

A two-story brick house fell on a Chicago reporter, and when they got him out of the debris he had a two-column article written about the accident. —Newman Independent.

Paper's now used in the manufacture of collars, the new material being stained and polished to resemble rosewood. The collars are very handsome and comparatively inexpensive.

THE WESTERN SETTLER'S CHOSEN SPECIFIC.

With every advance of civilization into the West, a new demand is created for Hostetter's Bitters. Newly populated regions frequently lack salubrious and healthy localities, on account of the miasms which rise from recently cleared land, particularly along the banks of rivers that are subject to freshets. The agricultural or mining emigrant soon learns, when he does not know, that Hostetter's Bitters affords the only safe protection against malaria, and those disorders of the stomach, liver, bowels, which climate changes, exposure, and unaccustomed or unhealthy water or diet subject to in the great household specific and preventive commensurate with its intrinsic merits, and is careful to keep on hand a restorative and promoter of health so implicitly to be relied upon in time of need.

THE SPECIAL OFFER OF THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

Of THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, which we have published, includes the admirable Double Holiday Numbers for Thanksgiving and Christmas, with colored covers and full-page pictures, twenty pages each. These, with the other weekly issues to January 1st, will be sent free to all new subscribers who send \$1.75 for a year's subscription to January 1899. THE COMPANION has been greatly enlarged, is finely illustrated, and no other weekly literary paper gives so much for so low a price.

OUR LITTLE WORRIES AND ILLS.

It is the little things of life, the worries of to-day and to-morrow, that make our lives so dreary and our lives so long. So the little pains of an hour or a minute break down the constitution. Look after the little things. BRANDRETT'S PILLS cure dyspepsia, or indigestion, headache, pain in the shoulders, coughs, tightness of the chest, dizziness, sour stomach, bad taste in the mouth, bilious attacks, palpitation of the heart, inflammation of the lungs. Pain in the region of the kidneys, and a tired or a her painful symptoms are the offspring of dyspepsia. One or two pills every night is sufficient.

IF SUFFERERS FROM CONSUMPTION, SCROFULA, BRONCHITIS, AND GENERAL Debility, will remedy themselves by using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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CONSUMPTION SUBBLY CURED.

To the Editor:—To your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I had the honor to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumed it. If they send me their Express and P. O. address, I will send them two bottles free.

GIVING THEM AWAY.

The grandest offer yet in our advertising columns is made by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People will remedy themselves by using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

How to Cure Skin and Scalp Diseases with the CUTICURA REMEDIES.

PORTURING, DISFIGURING, ITCHING, and blood with loss of hair, from infancy to old age, are cured by CUTICURA. CUTICURA REMEDIES, the new blood purifier, restores the blood and purifies the system, sustaining elements, and thus removes the cause.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the substitutes that offer. It is pure, and contains no alum, and no impurities of any kind, and is made from the best of wheat flour, and is carefully milled and sifted to insure its purity and strength. It is the only baking powder that is made in this country.

CATARRH CREAM BALM HAY-FEVER. This balm is applied to all nasal and eye ailments. It is a sure cure for all cases of Catarrh, Hay-fever, and all other ailments of the nose and eyes. It is made from the best of ingredients, and is guaranteed to give satisfaction.

THE OREGON NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND. CAPITAL PAID IN. \$100,000. This bank is a safe and sound institution, and is a member of the Federal Reserve System. It has a large capital, and is able to do all the business of a national bank.

WILLIAM BECK & SON, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Guns and Sporting Goods. We have a large stock of guns, rifles, shotguns, and sporting goods. We are also dealers in fishing tackle, and all other articles of interest to sportsmen.

THE NORTHWEST FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE CO. CAPITAL \$500,000. This company insures against fire and marine risks. It has a large capital, and is able to do all the business of a fire and marine insurance company.

THE VAN MONSIEUR DISPENSARY, PORTLAND, OREGON. We have a large stock of medicines, and are also dealers in all other articles of interest to the public. We are a reliable and trustworthy institution, and are able to do all the business of a dispensary.

FLORIDA LANDS. We have a large tract of land in Florida, and are offering it for sale. The land is fertile, and is well adapted for agriculture. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

CHEAP GUNS. A Job Lot. We have a large stock of cheap guns, and are offering them for sale. The guns are of good quality, and are a good value for the money. We are a reliable and trustworthy institution, and are able to do all the business of a gun store.

YOUR CATARRH Can be Cured. CARBOLIC SMOKE BALL. This is an infallible remedy for all cases of Catarrh. It is made from the best of ingredients, and is guaranteed to give satisfaction. It is a reliable and trustworthy institution, and is able to do all the business of a medicine store.

TOWN LOTS Given Away. We have a large tract of town lots, and are offering them for sale. The lots are of good size, and are well adapted for building. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

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STANDARD CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, COLIC, COLIC, COLIC. This is a reliable and trustworthy institution, and is able to do all the business of a medicine store. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

PENNSYLVANIA PILL. This is a reliable and trustworthy institution, and is able to do all the business of a medicine store. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

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SPICE CANNONS. We have a large stock of spice cannons, and are offering them for sale. The cannons are of good quality, and are a good value for the money. We are a reliable and trustworthy institution, and are able to do all the business of a spice store.

GRAFF'S DIAMOND BALL. This is a reliable and trustworthy institution, and is able to do all the business of a medicine store. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. We have a large school of business, and are offering it for sale. The school is of good size, and is well adapted for building. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY. This is a reliable and trustworthy institution, and is able to do all the business of a medicine store. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

Liver, Blood, and Lungs. This is a reliable and trustworthy institution, and is able to do all the business of a medicine store. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

300 Cases of Rectal Disease. This is a reliable and trustworthy institution, and is able to do all the business of a medicine store. It is a good investment, and is a desirable place to live.

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