

WEEKLY NEW YORK LETTER

Old Timer Tells of Fleas, Politics, Poverty, Burglars and Other Things

New York, Aug. 25.—The upper west side is suffering from an epidemic of fleas that amounts to a positive pest. The fun of it is that the "peaky critters" have attacked the very territory in which our richest and most high-toned citizens dwell, and have spread themselves with all magnificence. Along the Riverside Drive stretches a long line of splendid residences, in which costly and fine raiments are the rule and sumptuous dinners a common occurrence, while the beds are of down, and soft and tender to the bodies of the slumberers. But these beds are full of fleas, and no matter how soft and refreshing the beds are to the sleepers, the flea is ubiquitous, and can bite as well as on down as on sackcloth. The people on the east side may be scratching for a living, but the people of Riverside Drive are scratching for a moment's relief. As for catching the dear little things, that is impossible, for as the saying goes, "when you put your finger on him, he isn't there." It is some comfort that our rich people are making a study of the habits and characteristics of the nimble little creatures, and by winter will be full of knowledge besides many reminiscences of the fleas that have dwelt with them with a constancy that is above reproach. People are reading up on Egypt, and trying to get some lines upon the way the people of that distracted country endured the insects. Others are complaining to their landlords, but the landlords have fleas of their own, and all the bother they want on their own premises and persons. The color of the parasite is a reddish brown. In the subway they have made themselves much at home, notwithstanding it is the first subway they ever saw. They do not seem to trouble themselves about the discomforts of the subway, but simply cling to the human friends they have found and become attached to. There is no friend so true as the flea. He never deserts one, but digs away for softer bits of flesh, and tenderer places to bite. One man comes forward with a common remedy—simply sprinkle common table salt around the habitat of the flea and he will flee away. The trouble is that most people think the salt man is making fun of them, and they don't try it, but it is said that some of those that have tried it, find it efficacious.

The peddlers have formed an organization with certain fixed rules and orders that show that they are an intelligent set of people. They are ubiquitous, and certainly in this city the set of business men who can find contentment in the precarious craft theirs is, must be an extraordinary class. The police are a continual menace to them, and some days they appear to have no rest for the sole of their feet, policemen shifting them

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from one point to another in a melancholy procession. The convention of the New York Peddlers' Benevolent association passed certain rules, the first of which prescribes that no woman, except she is a widow, shall peddle with a push-cart. It seems that when some of the peddlers feel indisposed, they send their wives, and these sometimes outsell their neighbors of the long beards. It is also proscribed that no peddler shall shout out his wares, lest he spoil the trade of others. This is more consideration for others than we looked for in peddlers, not finding it in other dealers; but it is a good rule, and is well observed, as not a sound is heard from the peddlers in the streets from morning to night. It is a trade to be learned. Only one peddler is allowed to one corner, the best corner being given to the one giving most to the city. The pushcart business is not affected by the summer exodus, as patrons in this line do not go away to the summer resorts. The association of peddlers, though it had only seventy delegates at the meeting, is a vigorous army, and every member of it means business all the time.

This town will be a sight for sure immediately after the Bryan week expires. The Democratic club keeps open house for a full week, and liquor of all kinds, meals, lunches, and entertainment of all kinds will be free as air. Of course, nobody will be able to resist such a program as that, for it is a very long time since mankind has found itself able to resist a free blowout. Politicians may talk as they please, today, about the iniquity of free railroad passes, but set a free lunch before them, especially if it is accompanied with the very best of wines, brandies, whiskies and the likes, and every one of them will step up to the crib and be fed to the point of suffocation. The Democratic club is planning for position, and it hopes to reach by means of showering honors upon the great traveller, who is about to return from foreign shores, covered with adulation and praises from people in all lands, and especially by his own countrymen. It certainly is a very interesting political campaign that sends a candidate around the globe, and yet keeps him in touch with the ever ready telegraph with his home folk, and causes his lightest word, whether from Egypt, Japan, England, Sweden, Germany, France or mid-ocean, to be heard with the utmost respect, and taken in for all it's worth by those who propose to be his followers. And now, the crowning honor is to be a great city drunk with gladness and also with wine that giveth its color to the cup.

Both parties are gathering their campaign funds by dollar contributions, and the treasurers express their delight, but it is easy to see that they would feel very much better if they had a few more thousand gifts, checks with good names at the bottom and good round figures filled in the bodies of the checks. The campaign will be spiritless unless they find some other way to swell the receipts. Mr. Sherman, of the Republican committee, has gently hinted that there is no necessity of limiting the contribution to the dollar but so far nobody has taken the hint, though doubtless many will, when the time arrives, the psychological hour, of which we hear occasionally. Campaigns cost money, and there is no reason why solicitations should not be made for them; and they will be made by both parties. Speakers cannot go up and down the land, giving their time for nothing. They must be paid, and their expenses must be paid. This spasm of virtue to which the public has been treated, will cost both parties dear, and the first thing you will know will be that both parties will be calling out that the people are being deprived of their rights, in that they are not having the gospel of political wisdom spread before them as in olden times.

The rich residents of Riverside Drive, who went into the country, have hit upon a cute device to balk the thieves and burglars who have rioted on that avenue, and it is said to have entirely protected their valuables from disturbance. Signs appear upon many mansions, reading "Thieves and burglars take notice: Jewelry and silverware is stored with a safe deposit company." One of the first of the residences to be thus decorated is that of the late Joseph Kittie, at the corner of Riverside Drive and 122nd street, opposite Grant's tomb. Their house has been twice plundered within the last two years. Other similar signs dot the upper west side. It is alleged that of the hundreds of houses thus protected by publicity not one has been entered. The burglar fraternity think this is an infringement upon their vested rights. The practice seems to grow, and soon, next season, perhaps,

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