

PLENTY OF ROOM.

No Trouble to Find a Place for Him to Rest in Sleep.

His blanket the soldier takes along on the march, but usually not his tent. Usage soon makes the ground as soft a bed as he wants.

While we were chatting a laborer passed, shouldering a roll of blankets. The butcher had come to the door, and he pointed to the passer and said: "You see that fellow, don't you? Well, when I first reached here from the east I thought a man with a bed on his back was the funniest thing I'd ever come across."

"A rancher in this country won't take his hired man into his house. They've got to furnish their own blankets and usually sleep on the hay in the barn."

"I know a fellow who, when he'd just arrived and didn't understand the way they manage, got a job harvesting on a big wheat ranch. The help usually sleep in the straw stacks then, and it's precious little time they get to sleep anywhere. But he didn't know anything about that, and he was sitting around in the evening and finally said to the rancher, 'Where am I to sleep tonight?'"

"Why, I don't care where you sleep," said the rancher. "I've got 900 acres of land around here, and if you can't find a place to sleep on that I'll get my next neighbor to lend me a piece of his."

TOWER OF BABEL.

Traditions as to the Height of the Famous Structure.

The actual height at which the last stone of that famous structure, the tower of Babel, rested cannot, on account of the remoteness of the times at which it is said to have existed, ever become more than a matter of conjecture. Herodotus, who lived about 1,700 years after that "great spiral way to heaven" is said to have been attempted, says that he saw at Babylon a structure consisting of eight towers raised one above another, each seventy-five feet in height, but whether this ruin was the remains of the tower of Babel it was even then impossible to ascertain.

As might be expected, even in tradition, a wide difference of opinion exists as to the height of the tower. Most orientalists maintain that God did not put a stop to the work until the tower had reached a height of 10,000 fathoms, or about twelve miles. In Ceylonese tradition it is said to have been as high as 20,000 elephants, each standing one above the other. St. Jerome asserts on the authority of persons who had examined the ruins that it did not reach a height exceeding four miles. Other statements are still more extravagant.—London Saturday Review.

Happy Events.

A teacher in one of the public schools of Vienna in order to test the ability of her junior class—girls eight to nine years old—in composition writing gave each little miss a subject to be discussed "at once without consultation and without help of any kind." The articles were found to be so interesting and amusing that they have been collected for publication. One article on "My Three Happiest Days" is notable in the unique collection. In well chosen words and clearly rounded sentences the little girl says that, being lost in the woods, having to run away from a fire which broke out in their house and watching a little boat as the wind tossed it on the waves and finally vanished, it were the most "happy events" that she could think of. Another in describing "fairylund" said that it must be a place where "everything is as it is here except that the lakes should be frozen half across at all times of the year so that we could take a swim and jump out and skate."

James I. and Billiards.

James I. appears to have inherited his mother's love of billiards. Among the payments from his privy purse noted in the exchequer records is one to "Henry Waller, our joyner, for a billiards board. Twelve foote long and fower foote broad, the frame being wallnuttree, well wrought and carved, with eight great screws and of them small screws." A solitary billiard table in force in the days of the Stuarts was one to the effect that no bystander, even though he was betting on the game, should be allowed to offer advice unless asked. If he did so it was provided that "he shall for every fault instantly forfeit twopence for the good of the company or not be suffered to stay in the room."—London Chronicle.

His Early Home Coming.

"Does your husband carry a latch-key, Mrs. Homebody?" "No, I never knew him to." "Oh, then he comes in early! That must be due to your training?" "Not in the least. There is always some one up when he gets home in the morning."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Answering Little Eddie.

Little Eddie—Say, pa, do political enemies belong to different parties? Pa—No, my son; they belong to different factions in the same party.—Exchange.

BURNS WANTS ANOTHER GO WITH JACKSON

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Comment among the sporting public varied today when Tommy Burns' cablegram, received here from Sydney, to fight Jack Johnson before the July go with Jeffries is pulled off, was made public. The cablegram reads:

"If articles with Jeffries allow Johnson fight before July, will fight will fight Johnson final fight, winner take all. TOMMY BURNS."

Inasmuch as one of the clauses of the Johnson-Jeffries articles forbids either of the principals to engage in a contest prior to the championship fight on July 4, it is not considered likely that the Australian's offer will be considered.

XMAS TREE TONIGHT AT SCHOOL FOR BLIND

As most of the inmates of the school for the blind will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, relatives or some friends, in order to give them time to reach their respective homes in sufficient time to spend Christmas eve, the management of the school have decided to celebrate tonight instead of Friday evening, as first intended.

The interior of the institution has been beautifully decorated for the occasion, the work of the inmates themselves, and they are eagerly awaiting the event. The traditional Christmas tree will be in evidence, and Santa Claus will make his appearance upon the scene and distribute the many gifts with which it will be loaded down, and will see to it that each inmate will receive a present. Prior to the distribution of the gifts an entertainment consisting of songs and music and a cantata will be given.

Those who will not spend the holidays at their homes, but remain at the institution, will enjoy a good Christmas dinner of turkeys and many other delicious dishes, on Christmas day.

TYPHOID FEVER CASES ARE DIMINISHING

Dr. O. B. Miles, secretary of the Salem sanitary department, said today that the typhoid fever cases in this city were diminishing in number rapidly now, that the public is using the utmost caution in consuming the water. Although an exact estimate of the decreasing number of cases has not been made as yet, but, according to reports being handed in from time to time during the past week, but very few new cases have materialized.

Dr. Miles was not surprised at the discovery of the leak in the main which conveyed the water to Salem consumers, and several weeks ago he suggested to the company that they make an investigation and ascertain if anything is wrong with the pipe line leading from the intake in the Willamette river to this city.

"However," said the officer of the sanitary board today, "we are going to continue examining and testing the water in Salem regularly, and, by weekly tests, we can ascertain whether or not the trouble lies in leaky pipes or in the crib. It is probable that there will be no evidence of germs after the pipe has been repaired, but whether or not there are other holes in the pipe remains to be seen. If it can be actually ascertained that the pipe is free of further defect, and there is still evidence of germs, then an investigation will be in order for the crib."

"Now that the city has secured a special sanitary officer, we can proceed on a systematic plan to clean up the city and avoid much of the causes for probable sickness. Anyone in the city or suburbs finding a reasonable cause to believe that unsanitary conditions exist in their vicinity are requested to call up the special officer or myself, and we will look into the cases without delay, and if necessary take immediate steps to abolish anything that may even grow to be a menace to the public. The new sanitary officer, Mr. Long, has been busy today investigating, and his report will be acted upon at once."

This Is Worth Remembering.

Whoever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. J. C. Perry.

is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by all dealers.

Flouring Mill Starts Tomorrow.

The Salem Flouring Mills Company completed repairs on their flume yesterday, which conveys their water power from the ditch to the mills, and will start up tomorrow on several large orders. The flume was washed away by the recent high water and has delayed grinding for several weeks. The mill will grind out five carloads of flour for Southern Oregon, including a car to British Columbia, and several other smaller orders.

After exposure and when you feel a cold coming on, take Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. It stops the cough, relieves the congestion, and expels the cold from your system. Is mildly laxative. J. C. Perry.

Zero Weather in Montana.

Butte, Dec. 22.—Montana is shivering in the grip of an unusually cold wave. The temperature has fallen 14 degrees below zero in many sections of Western Montana, and stock is said to be dying from the cold.

Don't Be Hopeless.

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you have tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by all dealers.

CURED TO STAY CURED.

How a Salem Citizen Found Complete Freedom from Kidney Troubles.

If you suffer from backache—From urinary disorders—From any disease of the kidneys, Be cured to stay cured. Doan's Kidney Pills make lasting cures.

Salem people testify. Here's one case of it: N. S. Williams, foot of Gaines Ave., Salem, Ore., says: "A number of years ago the doctors told me that my kidneys were badly disordered. I came out West thinking that the change of climate would help me, but this was not the case and although I tried many remedies, I became no better. I suffered intensely from a burning sensation in the small of my back as if live coals were placed directly over my kidneys. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage and unnatural. After taking the contents of two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, I did not have the least pain in my back and my kidneys were restored to a normal condition." (Statement given Jan. 30, 1906.)

Confirmed Proof.

On Nov. 20, 1906, Mr. Williams said: "The statement I gave to publication in 1906 in favor of Doan's Kidney Pills was correct. This remedy cured me of kidney and bladder trouble and I have recommended it on many occasions."

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We are striving our best to avoid them—kindly assist. There are only four more buying days remaining, and the last two of them will be days of such tremendous activity that this great organization will be taxed to its utmost capacity. We have taken this opportunity to urge everyone to consider this condition, and make full use of the advantages the present week affords for satisfactory and comfortable Christmas shopping.

AS TO ENGRAVING—When purchasing presents we will endeavor to fulfill your orders promptly—we do ask you to bear with us by purchasing early—to those who order engraving that is not needed for Christmas presentation, kindly postpone your instructions until after the holidays.

Always keep before you our motto: "The Maximum of Quality for the Minimum of Price."

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Fancy Table Covers, Shams and Scarfs, \$1.25 to \$2.50 now 69c and up Belts worth up to \$2.50, now 69c and up Umbrellas worth from \$1.00 to \$8.00, now . . . 69c and up Sweaters, all-wool, \$1.25 to \$7.50, now . . . 88c and up Hose Supporters, 25c to \$1.00, now 17c and up Belt Buckles and Scarf Pins, 75c to \$1.50 . . . 59c to 98c Hundreds of other bargains in Suits, Coats, Dresses, Caps, Dress Skirts, Silk Petticoats, Underwear, Hosiery, Infants' Goods of all kinds, Hair Goods.

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