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SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE—When things are "the best" they become "the best selling." Abraham Hare, a leading druggist, of Belleville, O., writes: "Electric Bitters are the best selling bitters I have handled in 20 years..."

One on the Dentist. His Advertising Scheme Worked a Little too Well. It Brought Down Upon Him About the Coldest Customer He Ever Encountered and the Customer Got a Long Way the Best of It.

"I'm through with freak advertising," said the young dentist. "I've had my fing at trade secured through illegitimate tricks, and I've sworn off from further cultivation of the public in ways that are dark."

"It was about six months ago that I first resorted to irregular methods of securing patronage. Things were going fairly well with me then, but I made up my mind that I was entitled to still more business and in order to secure my just deserts availed myself of one of those idiotic advertising schemes. I wrote letters to total strangers whose names had been picked up haphazard out of directories and newspapers and inclosed bills for services rendered. These letters were all modeled on the same copy. In them I suavely expressed my hope that the cuspid and bicuspid of my unknown patrons had been in good condition since I last treated them, and I generously suggested that if they so desired I would be pleased to have them call and undergo a final dental examination as a guarantee of thorough satisfaction before the payment of the inclosed bills, which ranged from \$25 to \$50."

"Of course I never expected to get any money out of these bills. My object in sending them was to arouse curiosity among the fictitious debtors, who, having never seen the bill professionally or otherwise, would naturally be anxious to find out something about me and the strange circumstances of their unmerited bills. I had pursued this plan for about four months with tolerable success, when I sent out a bill and the stereotyped letter to a man who lived on West Twenty-third street and may be called Whitman for the purpose of the story. His bill was for \$25. That letter, like all the others, was only a stray shot fired at a very vague target, and the chance of getting a reply was only one in a thousand. In that particular case the long shot won, and two days after mailing the letter I was honored with a call from Mr. Whitman. He had a decidedly strenuous manner, and his opening remarks fairly swept me off my feet."

"'Hello, doc,' he said briskly. 'I got your letter yesterday, and I was mighty glad to see that you are disposed to be so accommodating about that work you did on my teeth last week. The fact is you did an infernally poor job. The plugs have all fallen out already, and you warranted them for ten years. That being the case, it's nothing more than common justice that you should fix me up again. I had intended to kick against paying your bill, but since you are willing to rectify your mistake, why, I'll give you another trial, and if you do all right the second trip I'll pay you the \$25 without a murmur.'"

"I stared at Mr. Whitman in amazement. Quite certain was I that never before had I met the gentleman, and consequently I was positive that I had never plugged his teeth. On the impulse of the moment I said as much."

"'My dear sir,' I gasped, 'you must be mistaken in your dentist. I have no recollection of having done any work for you.'"

"'Mr. Whitman glared at me ferociously. 'Oh, ho,' he growled, 'so you are going to try to deny your butchery, are you? You're going to try to put it off on somebody else, are you? Well, sir, you can't do anything of the kind. Fortunately I've got your bill right here to prove that you and nobody else did it. If you didn't tinker with my teeth, you have no business to send me a bill for dental services. But you did send me a bill, and for \$25, too, so you can't go back on your own work.'"

"Without a doubt Mr. Whitman was the coolest customer I ever met. If he had not been quite so brazen, I think I should have had the audacity to insist that there was some mistake, and I should have trumped up some explanation that would have seemed half way plausible; but, as it was, his nerve far exceeded my own, and his big handed attack so thoroughly undid me that for the life of me I couldn't muster the courage to invent one single lie. He saw his advantage and followed it up boldly."

"'I'm ready for you to go to work right now,' he said, 'and I see that you have no patients waiting and can soon be ready to start. We will get up at eight straight off. I always like to get a disagreeable job over with as soon as possible.'"

"As the gentleman delivered himself of this bit of wisdom he plumped himself down in the operating chair and opened his mouth to my inquiring gaze. The first look I caught I never shall forget. It was a look of teeth. Clearly somebody had been pegging away at them and quite recently, too, and the bungling the incompetent workman had been guilty of was frightful to contemplate. He had bored and filed and gouged recklessly, and the task Whitman had called upon me to do was to fill the cavities and otherwise repair the damage inflicted by my obstreperous predecessor. Whitman noted my expression of disgust."

"'I'm not surprised that you feel like kicking yourself around the block,' he said. 'You certainly must admit that it is about the sorriest job ever put under a man's mouth. Lord, I should think you'd lie awake nights, lambasted as you must be by your conscience for such diabolical butchery.'"

"'I suppose I could have denied the job even then and won out in my contention, but one glance at that infernal bill settled me, and I went over to the dentist's mouth into respectable shape. He fairly beamed upon me when the ordeal was over.'"

"'You're the right kind of chap, after all,' he said. 'I guess you do know your business in spite of your blunder. I don't know what was the matter with you the other day. You must have been rattled or something. Here, sir, is your \$25.'"

"'Mr. Whitman laid down the money and clapped on his hat and was out of the office before I could say "scat," and I sat down and went over the bill again. I had received for a difficult piece of work that would have been cheap at \$75.'—New York Times.

Substantial Consolation. A Georgia girl wrote to her lover: "Dear John—I cannot marry you: but please don't kill yourself!" To which John made answer as follows: "Dear Molly—No danger. I've just won \$50 on a horse race!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Hope. You didn't have time today, but you will find time tomorrow, to do that which will make you famous. This is hope.—Acheson Globe.

A Woman With a Will. And Just Because She Had a Will She Would Make No Will.

In his book, "Among the Northern Hills," Dr. William C. Prime introduces to his readers a judge whom he makes tell the story of a will which he did not draw up after all. The judge was summoned in a great hurry to see an old lady who had managed her farm for forty years, since her husband's death. She had two sons and a stepson, John, who was not an admirable person. After a long drive on a stormy night the judge found the old lady apparently just alive and was told by the doctor in attendance to hurry, as his patient was very weak. "I had brought paper and pen and ink with me, I found a stand and a candle, placed them at the head of the bed and after saying a few words to the woman told her I was ready to prepare the will if she would go on and tell me what she wanted to do."

"I wrote the introductory phrase rapidly and, leaning over toward her, said, 'Now go on, Mrs. Norton.' Her voice was quite faint, and she seemed to speak with an effort. She said: 'First of all I want to give the farm to my sons Harry and James. Just put that down.'"

"'No, the farm isn't yours. You have only a life interest in it.'"

"'That farm that I've run for going on forty-three years next spring isn't mine to do what I please with it? Why not, judge? I'd like to know what you mean!'"

"'Why, Mr. Norton, your husband, gave you a life estate in all his property, and on your death the farm goes to his son John, and your children get the village houses. I have explained that to you very often before.'"

"'And when I die John Norton is to have this house and farm whether I will or no?'"

"'Just so. It will be his.'"

"'Then I ain't going to die!' said the old woman in a clear and decidedly ringing and healthy voice. And so saying she threw her feet over the front of the bed, sat up, gathered a blanket and coverlet about her, straightened her gait form, walked across the room and sat down in a great chair before the fire."

The doctor and I went home. That was fifteen years ago. The old lady's alive to-day, and she accomplished her intent. She beat off John, after all. He died four years ago.

Law Points. An offer to enter into a contract must be accepted within a reasonable time to render it obligatory.

A contract by telegraph is complete only when the party making the proposition has received notification of its acceptance.

A chattel mortgage which authorizes the mortgagor to control the mortgaged property and to sell it in the regular course of business is void.

Where no date is fixed for the performance of a contract a reasonable time is intended, and no default can attach until after a demand to perform and failure or refusal to perform.

The publishing in a newspaper of an advertisement warning the public not to purchase a described note does not bind one who neither saw the advertisement nor had knowledge of its contents.

Where goods were partially destroyed before delivery and a claim made by the buyer for a deduction and the seller agreed to accept a check for a certain amount, which check was delivered and accepted, is constituted an accord and satisfaction, a settlement.

The blowing of a factory whistle at unreasonable hours in a populous community, which is entirely unnecessary and so harsh and terrific as seriously to interfere with plaintiffs' reasonable enjoyment of their habitations, is held in Hill versus McBurney Oil and Fertilizer company Ga., 52 L. R. A. 398) to be a nuisance which may be enjoined.

Stone Cake. In very unusual seasons the people of Rajputan, in India, are deprived of seeds and succulent roots of grasses. Under these very adverse conditions the barks of trees and even ground up rocks are resorted to principally to give bulk to the scanty meal and thereby to stay the pangs of hunger for a longer time.

A soft stone found on the Bikanir-Marwar border of Jaipua is largely used in that part of the country to give bulk to the meager meal.

This stone is friable and easily ground into fine powder. It contains an elegant substance which has some nutrient qualities, and the people have found that when finely ground and used in proportions of about one-fourth to three-fourths of flour it does not impair digestion for a considerable time.

A Lake of Scents. On the Mangishlak peninsula, in the Caspian sea, there are five small lakes. One of them is covered with salt crystals strong enough to allow a man and beast to cross the lake on foot. Another is as round as any circle and a lovely rose color. Its banks of salt crystal form a setting white as the driven snow to the water, which not only shows all the colors from violet to rosy red, but from which rises a perfume of violets. Both the perfume and the color are the result of the presence of seaweeds, the violet and the pink.

Domestic Repartee. Mrs. Fidgett—Are the stars shining, John? Mr. Fidgett—Did you ever know the stars to do anything else than shine? Later—Mr. Fidgett—Is the rain still coming down, Bessie? Mrs. Fidgett—Did you ever know it to do anything else than come down, John? Mr. Fidgett—Yes, I have known it to hold up.—Boston Transcript.

To the Barber. Millionaire—The count and I are not on good terms. I once mistook him for a barber who used to shave me. Friend—Did you apologize? Millionaire—No. I'd be glad to apologize, but I don't know where the barber is now.—London Fun.

At the Livery Stable. "I haven't had much experience in horseback riding." "Aw, dat's all right. Dat hoss will give you a plenty."—Indianapolis News.

Hard Luck. Remark the hard luck man: "Fame, fame, did you say? Why, if I should ever become famous fame would go out of style."—New York Times.

Officials Grew Nervous at Results of Miss Stone's Abduction.

Macedonian Committee Accused of the Act.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 1.—Bulgarian officials are verging toward fright because of the menacing attitude of the United States government regarding the abduction of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, by brigands, but they declare that they are unable to do more than they have already done to effect her release.

Mihailowsky, president of the Macedonian committee, recently made a speech at Varna, Bulgaria, in which he denounced Saratof, former president of the committee, and the Macedonians, as agitators, murderers and blackmailers. Among other crimes, he accuses them of kidnaping Miss Stone. The Macedonians of Sofia held an indignation meeting here to-day. Violent speeches were made denouncing M. Mihailowsky, and in which M. Saratof was eulogized as the hero of Macedonian youth.

Reports received to-day from Dubnitzza announce increased vigilance on the part of the authorities and the police of that place.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The report of the ordering of the cruiser Dixie from Naples, Italy, to Smyrna, Turkey, has caused a report that the ship is going in connection with the case of Miss Stone, but naval officials say that it is a mistake. The Dixie is now being used as a training ship, and has a number of landmen aboard.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—President Washington, of Robert college, Constantinople, has called:

"Stone negotiations suspended. No immediate prospect of release. Satisfactory evidence she has been well treated."

Pennsylvania Railroad Company Will Issue Clerical Orders for 1902.

The Pennsylvania railroad company announces that clerical orders will be issued for the year 1902 to ordained clergymen having regular charge of churches located on or near the line of its road.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the general office by December 31st to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the company and certified to by one of the agents.

Chance for Young Draughtsmen to Win a Prize of \$100.

With a view to developing the talent of young draughtsmen in a humorous direction, the "Century Magazine" announces a competition, with a prize of \$100 for the best original humorous drawing appropriate to that magazine, and smaller prizes for the second and third best. The competition is to remain open until the first of March, 1902.

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