"Now at this point it is necessary to say that for the following day I had a business engagement with a farmer who lived near town in an old-fashioned log house. I had driven past the place and was familiar with the house and road to it:

"The tailor proceeded with his arfellow, making passes with his hands around and above him,

In a few minutes the boy, who was pale and sickly in appearance, went into a sort of trance, and the tailor told me to take hold of one of the little chap's hands and fix my mind on some incident in my life or on some place that I had visited. The farm house I alluded to a moment ago came into my mind at once, and I thought of it intently. Almost immediately the boy's lips began moving, and in a loose, disconnected way be described the log house, the roads leading to it, and many little details as they passed through my mind, But after following me for a time he stopped, and then began speaking clears out rats, mice, rouches files, ants, bedsomething of his own volition, or rather that of which I was not thinking. He said that it was night and that the house was dark. And then he said that the door opened, and a man came out carrying a lamp in his hand. He walked out to the hen-house and opened the door while he looked into it; then closed the door, returned to the house, and all was dark again. At this point the boy seemed to be growing very th weak, and I told the tailor to rouse him, which he did by waving his hands vigor, cures dyspensia, impotence, sexual debility. - et - show in a short time, not-

started to go I asked him where he had been at 10 o'clock the previous He was surprised at the questio answered that he supposed h asleep. I told him to think abou a minute.

" 'Oh, yes," be said presently, 'I remember now. There was an animal of some kind causing a disturbance in the hen-house, and I got up just about that time to see what the matter was. Everything had quisted down when I got and de there, and then I returned to se bouse.

"I told the story to my client, who was prosaid in conclusion, and the incident made such an impression upon my mind | ants. that I wove it into the story."

They Took Seats.

Two young Detroiters, who are acquainted with a country schoolmaster having a school about twelve miles from the city, were invited out to a spellingschool a few nights since, and they took a horse and drove out. There was a large gathering of farmers and an exciting contest was looked for. Just previous to the beginning of the exercises a young fellow whose head would have bumped a six-foot mark and who weighed about one hundred and sixty pounds, called one of the Detroiters aside and asked : "Are you two fellows going to spell?"

"Purty good at it ?" "I think we can down you all,"

"You do, eh? Now you look a here! I've come down here to-night to spell this school down. My gal is here to see me do it. I hain't no objections to your spelling along till we come to the word 'catarrh' but after that you can't drop do wn any too soon! If either one o' you fel lows beat me you'd better have the wings of a dove to fly out of this, or I'll gin ye both the all-firedest licking two dudes ever got. !"

They stood up with him until all the others went down, and then at a look full of deepest meaning, both missed and left him victor. When he carried off the honors, he came around and said:

"Much obliged, and I hope you don't feel burt. Shouldn't have cared much about it, but Susan had her heart set on it, and Susan's got eighty acres and a drove of sheep, "?

Women Customers.

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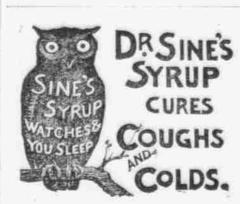


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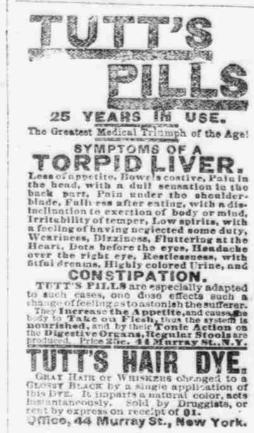
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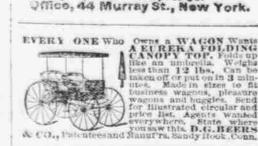
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An Insulted Fat Woman.

A woman weighing 369 pounds, wearing her hair cut short, entered the office of the President of the San Antonia street railroad company and in a voice that was a cross between a bass violin, and a boiler shop, said :

"I come here to complain of the driv er of one of your cars," "What's he beer!doing?" asked the

"In crossing the car track I had the misfortune to slip and fall, and I could not get up right away, for as you see I am not Sarah Bernhardt. I'm fat all

"Well, what next ?" "The driver of the car stopped his mule and insulted me."

"What did he say ?" "He said!that if I would get up and let him drive on that I could sit down again on the track as soon as the car had passed." "I shall have him reprimanded," said

the official.

"Thank you, sir, thank you, I'll patronize your street car line hereafter, that is if I can get in the doors. Good morning, sir,"

As she passed out, the official remarked to a clerk : "She may not be 'all wool,' but she certainly is a yard wide.

As Big as They Could Afford.

That great conflagration in Boston in 872 made the fortunes of some and destroyed those of others. The family here alluded to were severely crippled by the calamity and were forced to economize in every particular until the business that mantained them got on its feet again, They moved into a small house in the suburbs and the children of the family were denied many luxu-

ries to which they had been accustomed. A month or two after the fire a baby was born to the h usehold and was duly presented to little Ellen, a six-year-old daughter of the house.

"How do you like him, Ellen ?" she was asked.

"Oh, he's very nice, but-" "But what ?""

"Oh he's so very little. But then, I suppose he's as big as we can afford just

Progressive Christianity.

"Ah," said the Superintendent, "and here is Tommy Goodboy's missionary offering, \$27,50. That will make some little heathen hearts glad. Now tell us how you got this money, Tommy, "Yes, sir," said Tommy, speaking up loudly and distinctly, like the good boy that he was ; part of it pa won on Exchange, some of it ma won on a crazy-quilt raffle and some; sister Laura' won at progressive euchre, \$2 brother Bill won on the horse race, 20 cents I got for marbles I won playing keeps, and the rest I won in a grab bag and a prize cake at the church fair." After a brief consultation the brethern decided that they would send the money to the heathen. but wouldn't tell how it was raked in, There are some things in modern Christianity it isn't bestleven for the heathen

In the Band.

A gentleman who had recently united with the Methodist Church, was invited to play in a brass band. Determined not to bring discredit on his brethern, he called upon his pastor and asked : "Brother Higgs, can a man be a Christian and play in a brass band ?"

"A brass band ?" "Yes, Brother Higgs." "Cornet or trombone ?" "Either."

"Nice fellows in the band ?" "Yes, first rate."

"The danger, then, brother Jones, is not so much of your falling off from grace, as for the fellow who passes through the flery temptation of hearing you practice !'.

One of 'Em.

"Who are the benefactors of the buman race ?" thundered the lecturer as he brought down his hand on the desk with a thump that made a water-spout rise out of the pitcher: "who are the Fone, Touch, Workmanship & Durability, benefactors of the human race, I ask ?" "I guess I'm one of 'em," said a little

man, rising in the back seat. The lecturer was rather taken aback but after a pause, he managed to in-

"And what have you done-built a "No, sir; I've invented a bed-bug HEARTLESS ORUSLIY

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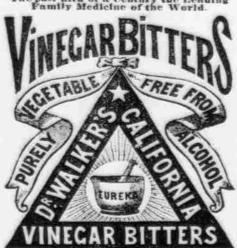
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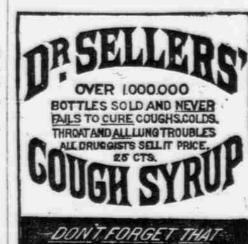
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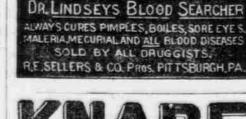
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To describe this flower one would have to paint life and motion. Mere color is not enough. As I looked the evil thing glared at me with sinister intelligence. There was nothing remarkable about the stock and the leaves of the plant. The blossom was what riveted my gaze. Black, sinuous and silmy, it looked more like assnake than anything else. As I changed my spoint of view the thing changedhits aspect. Its scales were a purplish black, then a dirty brown. Two little glassy beads in the monster's head glittered with prismatic hues and looked straight into my eyes. Was I mistaken? I could have sworn that this awesome bloom turned and twisted with the uncanny freakishness of a reptile.

"You know something of botany," said the doctor, "how do you classify

"It is not to be classified, I answered 'It is a monstrosity. There is nothing like it. Is it poisonous?"

African who found it called it a 'pizen plant,' but I renamed it." I had seen nearly every thing worth seeing in the floral world, but this singular plant blooming unnoticed in an

garden amazed me beyond expression. From the first the sickening odor of the flower had been terribly oppressive. DOUBLE WEAR, In fact, it had prevented a close examination. Suddenly my brain seemed benumed, a cold chill seized me, and, with a face of deadly pallor, I reeled and would have fallen to the ground but for the doctor's strong arm.

I was half sick, or rather in a dazed, half stupefied state, for days after my return to town. One evening a negro called at my house with a note from my friend, the Joctor, and a covered basket. The messenger was gone before I could rend the note. I glanced at the paper and then opened the basket. I did not know whether to laugh or be angry. Comfortably fixed in a big jar, the snake gerantum gave a flirty twist and snapped its wicked eves in my face. To have this floral horror in my

house was out of the question, and yet was proud of the monster. I made a servant carry it to a sunny nook in the back yard. She seturned with chattering teeth. "The lawd hab mussy !" she exclaimed,

"dat ting's alive. Hit'll bite sho's yer bawn !" I did not contradict her. In fact I

agreed with her. Sometimes I carried my friends to see my pet. I invariably had the satisfaction of hearing them swear, and generally ! had to send them home in a carriage. One whiff of the snake geranium was enough to make a tottering | EXCEL. wreck of the strongest man,

A little girl next door took a wonderful fancy to the flower. Frequently she came over when I was absent and spent an hour at a time fondling the plant and looking at it. O' all the persons who saw it she was the only one not UNEQUALED FICHERIES. affected by its peculiar odor. Sometimes I got into a deep study over the mutual attachment existing between the monster and the girl I call it mutual be- THE POPULAR ORGAN cause it was impossible to view my snake geranium without giving it credit for life and intelligence. The girl was Catalogues and the consumption runs. a queer little creature, with midnight hair and velvety eyes. She had a certain impish beauty that made me shudder. Between the girl and the geranium I came near being deviled to death.

As the weeks passed on the girl conand paler, and her eyes grew paler and blacker, More than once I overheard 66 the servants whispering that the snake gerauium was killing the child. This alarmed me, and one day I told my young neighbor that the plant was poi- IS THE BEST. BUY NO OTHER. sonous and she must not go near it. She rather shrank from me and with a sorrowfui look sped homeward without saying a word.

I came home unexpectedly one day, and found the girl paying a surreptious visit to the flower. I went to her full of wrath, but was disarmed by what I saw. The poor thing had fainted, and wriggling and squirming over the side of the jar, within a few inches of the child's face, was that diabolical geran-

I took my visitor home and told her mother all about it, We spoke with some severity to the little offender, but we thought it was for her good. I never once thought of destroying my monster. No words can express the horror I felt

the next morning when I heard that my girl neighbor was dead. She had been found lifeless and cold in bed at an early bour. Her appearance, I was told, was that of a person who had been poisoned. On the pillow was a slimy mark that resembled a serpent's trail.

ally out to the corner containing my geranium. One of the servant's divined my purpose and followed me. In the jar we saw the stalk of the plant with a few leaves attached to it, but the hor-

When I heard this I rushed frantic-

ries to make, and I wanted to bear no exclamations. I ran back to the house, but I heard the old negro cry out : "Hit's gone! Hit done crawled ober into de nex' yard. I see hit's track,

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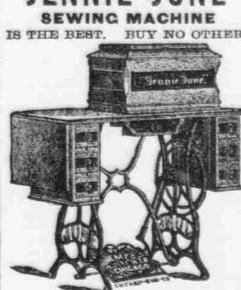
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A fat old man who should have known better, dragged himself up three long flights of stairs and entered an

editorial room. "Whew I Coming up these stairs makes me blow," he said.

> "Yes," the editor replied. "What can I do for you?" The old fellow laughed as he took a

small piece of paper from a tin spectacle case. "Here's something that I jotted down," he said. "You needn't put

The editor took the scrap of paper and read the following : "If a war should occur between Eng-

my"-laughing heartily-"my name to

land and Russsia it will be a Wall street affair: Between the Bull and the "Wall street will have nothing to do

with it," said the editor, "Oh, don't you see? It is a pun that made myself." "No, I don't see. It appears to read

have-"Hand it here!" The old fellow snatched his contribution and lugged himself downstairs.

all right, though if there were really

anything of it; the telegraph would

Conjugal 'Affection-

It is extremely common to decide conjugal affection, and to consider it as something to be made fun of, but there are exhibitons of it that are very pleas-

A very dear and loving little woman was scated by her bu-band one evening, before a pleasant fire, when she moved her low rocking chair close to him, and placed her sweet ittle hand lovingly on his arm, and mov d it quite affectionately up and down, as if smoothing out a I the wrinkles,-The good man looked graciously into her upturned eyes, expecting the aweetest of kisses when she

Said : "Husband dear?"

"What, darling." "I was just thinking"-"Yes, my love."

suit of clothes you have on would work into rag carpet!" WIFE-"Here is an item in this paper about a man who lost a thousand dellars last night at poker. I do think it is scandalous the way men squander their money; there ought to be a law against

"I was just thinking how alcely this

this gambling business. By the way. John, I would like to have some money to pay that millinery bill." Husband-"Why, I gave you ten dol-

lars yesterday to pay that bill," EVERY "Yes, I know; but I spent that mon-ORGAN ey in 'chances' at the church fair last night and wasn't lucky enough to win anything.

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