

A RACY BOOK.

Scintillating with Sarcasm and Brilliant Truth.

New York Letter.

- Chap. I. "Has Malaria;" goes to Florida.
Chap. II. "Overworked;" goes to Europe.
Chap. III. "Has Rheumatism;" goes to Ems.
Chap. IV. Has a row with his Doctor.

I have read a deal of sarcasm in my day but I never read anything equal to the sarcasm contained in the above four chapters...

"Malaria" as it states, "is the cloak with which superficial physicians cover up a multitude of ill feelings which they do not understand and do not much care to investigate."

"The patient goes abroad. The change is a tonic and for a time he feels better. Comes home. Fickly appetite, frequent headaches, server colds, cramps, sleeplessness, irascibility, tired feelings, and general unfitness for business are succeeded in due time by alarming attacks of rheumatism which flits about his body regardless of all human feelings."

"It is muscular,—in his back. Arterial,—in his joints. Inflammatory, my how he fears it will fly to his heart!"

"Now off he goes to the springs. The doctor sends him there, of course, to get well; at the same time he does not really want him to die on his hands!"

"That would hurt his business! Better for a few days. Returns. After a while neuralgia transfixes him. He bleats: cannot breathe; has pneumonia; cannot walk; cannot sleep on his left side; is fretful; very nervous and irritable; is pale and flabby; has frequent chills and fevers; everything about him seems to go wrong; becomes suspicious; musters up courage and demands to know what is killing him!"

"Great heaven!" he cries, "why have you kept me so long in ignorance?"

"Because," said the doctor, "I read your fate five years ago. I thought best to keep you ignorant of the facts." He dismisses his doctor, but too late! His fortune has all gone in fees.

But him, what becomes of him? The other day a well known Wall Street banker said to me "it is really astonishing how prevalent bright's disease is becoming. Two of my personal friends are now dying of it. But it is not incurable I am certain, for my nephew was recently cured when his physicians said recovery was impossible. The case seems to me to be a wonderful one." This gentleman formerly represented his government in a foreign country. He knows, appreciates and declares the value of that preparation, because his nephew, who is a son of Danish Vice-Consul Schmidt, was pronounced incurable when the remedy, Warner's safe cure, was begun.

"Yes," said his father, "I was very skeptical, but since taking that remedy the boy is well."

I happen to know what it was that cured the boy, for Genl. Christiansen, of Drexel, Morgan & Co.'s, told me that it was that wonderful remedy Warner's safe cure.

Well, I suspect the hero of the book cured himself by the same means. I cannot close my notice better than by quoting the author's advice: "If my friend, you have such an experience as I have portrayed, do not put your trust in physicians to the exclusion of other remedial agencies. They have no monopoly over disease and I personally know that many of them would far prefer that patients should go to Heaven direct from their powerless hands than that they should be saved to earth by the use of any 'unauthorized means.'"

The new electric type-writer relieves the operator of every duty except pressing down the keys. The carriage moves automatically to the starting point whenever the end of a line has been reached, and also moves up one notch or line at the same time. But the most important office of the new instrument seems to be its use in receiving and transmitting telegraphic dispatches. It is said at the Patent Office that the instrument can be used both as a transmitter and receiver of intelligence over a single wire, no matter how great the distance may be. The receiving instrument does not require the attendance of an operator, but prints the dispatch automatically. The instruments at both end of the line print the dispatch sent, and so a safeguard against mistakes is provided. It is claimed that the electric type-writer will be valuable as a local aid to business, and offers many advantages over the telephone. One advantage claimed for it is that no matter whether a person is called up at his place of business or not, the message can be printed through the medium of his type-writer, and will be there for perusal on his return. The dispatches printed are in letter form, and not an endless tape. The instrument has been christened the dynamograph.

Fragments of food still recognizable in the tartar of the teeth of our prehistoric ancestors include portions of corn-husks, spiral vessels from vegetables, hooks of starch, the point of a fish's tooth, supposed oval cell of fruit, barb-lets of feathers, portions of wool and bits of cartilage.

George Stephenson's "perpetual motion" machine consisted of a wooden wheel, the periphery of which was furnished with glass tubes filled with quicksilver, and as the wheel rotated the quicksilver poured itself down into the lower tubes, and thus a sort of self-acting motion was kept up in the apparatus.

Bookcases have very properly been horn of doors and curtains of piust or silk substituted.

FARM NOTES.

TREATMENT OF FOOT ROT.—Common foot rot is caused by decay of the horn or excessive moisture, and in sheep the outer crust of the foot grows so that it turns under the sole and gathers sand and gravel, which wear the softened sole and make the foot sore.

In cattle the space between the hoofs become affected in the same way, and the soft horn wears and decays. Then the tissues under the horn become inflamed and sore, and suppurate, and this is known as ordinary foot rot. It is easily cured by paring away the dead, decayed horn, washing the decayed tissues under it and applying some healing dressing. Laniger recommends for this purpose tincture of benzoin, or the green ointment made of four parts lard, one part Venice turpentine, one part spirits of turpentine and one-half part acetate of copper, all well mixed by melting the lard and well stirring.

It is a mistaken policy to feed out the best fodder of all kinds first. Cattle having been pampered with the best of the farm afforded early in the season, and there being nothing else than coarse stuff to feed them later, find it difficult to make the change, get "off their feed," and what is more, come out in the spring a sorry-looking lot. If they were intended to be sold, their price will be distressingly low, and they must undergo another summer of best pasture, another winter of more rational feeding, and come out the next spring very costly beef.

The Dairy World learned that several members of a family were made sick by drinking the milk from a young cow. An investigation was made by that paper with the following result: "In the correspondence we drew out the fact that the cow was rather a wild one and had been driven from the auction on a fast run, and that before she had been cooled off the milk had been drawn, with the results above stated. We have time and again warned readers that milk taken from a frightened or heated cow is unfit for use, and sickness in some form or other is sure to follow its use."

As a green manural crop sow four bushels of the Southern cow pea in May on an acre of ground. After it shall have begun to blossom, and become green and bushy, turn the crop under, using a two horse plow, with a chain, for pressing down the vines. It decomposes quickly, and if twenty bushels of lime be then applied the land will be suitable for grass.

QUALITY seems to be largely dependent upon the rapidity and healthfulness of growth, and a slow-acting manure will measurely produce inferior vegetables, lacking flavor. Peas, beans, radishes, carrots, etc., grown there are tough and flavorless, and likewise many fruits. The tenderness of beets, carrots, etc., depends on quick growth. Asparagus from soil rich in soluble food is full flavored, tender and luscious to the very tips.

To prevent stakes employed to sustain young fruit trees from rotting, prepare a mixture of two parts of coal ashes and one of quick-lime place some in the hole for the stake and ram more round the latter when in position. To protect young plantations from being injured by game, deer, etc., add to one part of coal tar to correct corrosiveness—two of cow dung and one of urine. Apply the mixture carefully in the middle of October.

YOUNG onions are easily destroyed by weeds or grass, and to have a full crop the patch should be examined often, especially after a rain, as rains induce growth of grass. Hand-picking is often required, and the cultivation should not cease until the crop is nearly matured.

AN ENGLISH experimenter finds that, contrary to general opinion, the growth of ivy over a house renders the interior entirely free from moisture, the ivy extracts every possible particle of moisture from wood, brick or stone for its own sustenance, by means of tiny roots, which work their way into even the hardest stone.

May to Bell. Dear Bell: I'll write you a short letter to say I'm wonderfully better; With stomach disordered—was sick unto death. I bore it a week—surely I was a dunce—Then I took a few "Pellets"—they cured me at once.

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Cut down the worn-out, worthless tree. It occupies a good place without paying rent.

If you have catarrh, use the surest remedy—Dr. Sage's.

For producing eggs give chopped clover and chopped meat, mixed and scalded.

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A New England farmer reports that cow manure produces many grub worms.

Afflicted with sore eyes use Dr. Isaac Thompson's Eye-water. Druggists sell at 25c per bottle.

THE LAND OF EXILE.

George Kennan's Trip to Siberia—His Story as Appeared in The Century.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE has inspired a number of important enterprises—the Great South papers; the articles on South America; the result of an expedition sent out by the magazine; the "War Papers," which increased its circulation by 100,000; the Life of Lincoln, for the serial publication of which Messrs. Nicolay and Hay, formerly private secretaries to the President, are now receiving \$50,000; these, and many others. But of all its enterprises and serials none will surpass in interest and in far-reaching results the papers on "Siberia and the Exile System," the publication of which has just begun.

Mr. Kennan, who writes the articles, had spent a number of years in Siberia before The Century people started him off to explore the country in their interest, and what he expected to do was to prove that the exile system was not so terrible as it had been described. Knowing that he had views favorable to them, the Russian Government gave him every facility for a thorough examination in all the prisons and mines of Siberia. The Minister of the Interior furnished him with a circular letter which admitted him everywhere, allowing him to travel with exile parties and to make the acquaintance of hundreds of "liberals."

As Mr. Kennan relates in his preface in the May Century, the result of all this inspection was to make him change his views completely, and he has returned to America fully convinced that Stepanik and Prince Krapotkin and other nihilist writers have not drawn with too strong colors their picture of the horrors of the life of a Russian exile. In these papers, beginning with the May Century, Mr. Kennan will describe his journey in the May number he crosses the Russian frontier. In June he visits the very interesting forwarding prison at Tiumen.

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Bridget—An' what would yer be wantin' wid the broom, mum?

Mrs. H. J.—I am going out to ride.

Bridget (sotto voce)—Och, mother! it's a witch she is, to be ridin' on a broom! I'll be after lavin' at once for service wid a decent family.

WHEN my little girl was about three and a half years old I was one day standing back of a sewing machine agent, who was showing off his machine and his little girl in my arms. The sewing machine man was a little bald, and the little one said:

"Oh, pa, look at that man's head; it is coming right up through his hair." My little nephew, about the same age, was sitting on the edge of his crib and fell off. His mother said: "You lost your balance, didn't you?" An hour or so after she came in the room and found him down on the floor as if looking for something. She asked him what he was looking for, and he replied, "I'm looking for my balance I lost."

NOT INQUISITIVE.—A gentleman once saw a boy peeling the bark from one of his choice trees with a hatchet. The gentleman tried to catch the boy, but the latter was too quick for him, so the farmer changed his tactics.

"Come here, my little son," he said, in a soft, flute-like voice with counterfeited friendliness, "come here to me a minute. I want to tell you something."

"Not yet," replied the recipient, "little boys like me don't need to know everything."

"What luck did you have at the farmhouse?" asked one tramp of another.

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