

The Old Friends.

Where are they scattered now, The old, old friends? One made her dwelling where the maples glow...

CHIPS CURE.

Every now and then a horseman, crowd batted and be-weaponed, with jangling Mexican spurs and leather 'chaps' legging, dismounted, tied his 'cayuse' pony to the gnawed rack...

'How's Chip?' 'No better,' Old Man Ashburn replied, each time. 'Looks to me like that that was a mighty heavy load to put onto a child like Chip,' said Santa Fe, the cowboy...

'What?' cried Posy. 'A doctor? Got yer tools an' medicine along, doc?' 'Yes, sir,' quavered the physician. 'Got them along!' cried Posy. 'Then yer jest!'

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'Certainly! Ninety-nine cases out of every hundred thus attacked succumb. Therefore I am justly accorded great credit for my almost miraculous cure. I—'

'I can't stand it,' he told them, as the ponies bounded away to the eastward. 'I jest couldn't stand to hear that pore ole case a-tellin' of little Chip a-gettin' nadder an' nadder death, an' he, her dad, not able to help her!'

and a general appearance of almost owlish wisdom, had been growing more and more uncomfortable ever since entering the stage driver, and later of Hank Bitters, had not served to allay any of his apprehensions.

'I've known 'em to shoot a statesman jest fer wearin' a plug hat.' 'My stars!' shivered the passenger. 'Knowned wuss'n that. W'y, out on the Soap River range?'

'I'll do what I kin,' returned Hank. 'But it's mighty flannicky business.' And so he worked upon the fears of his passenger till the old gentleman gazed apprehensively about, as if he expected to see a dozen fierce cowboys leap from behind every bush...

'Go in, now, an'—an' if her good-by was the last one, God forgive ye! This yer iron'—half drawing his revolver—'never misses fire, an'—Wal, you'll never go off the range!'

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No Man's Land.

Recently a very interesting picture of existing conditions of life in what is known as No Man's Land has appeared in The Sun. It is one of the few newspaper articles which is not only interesting in the highest measure, but enjoys a permanent historical value.

No Man's Land consists of a great big strip of territory which appears to have been left out of sight wholly when the boundaries of the surrounding States and Territories were being marked out. It now contains about 8,000 inhabitants and embraces about 3,700,000 acres.

There are dealers in tobacco, wines and liquors from not one of whom the Collectors of Internal Revenue ask or can ask a license fee. There is at least one distillery at which whiskey is made, the location of which is well known to the people and to the United States authorities...

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FASHION NOTES.

The tiny watches, like crystal bulbs with gold backs, are suspended from either side by short gold chains united at the top by a single bar.

A unique watch which I saw recently, was very small with an open face and fastened on a bracelet, like a clasp. It certainly is a convenient way to wear it, as all that is necessary is to glance at it and the time of the day can be seen.

Gold yellow and black is the very newest color combination, and is already supplanting the lately, so much admired, green and black. History does not tell us whether we have to thank a patriotic Austrian or a dark beauty for the above becoming composition.

Some of the new spring dresses are seen the genuine mutton-leg sleeves, much larger than those which have been worn. Their fullness extends below the elbow, and is met there by a flat plating of silk, below which is a narrow cuff of velvet made to roll back and outward from the wrists, as if wired.

A dressing jacket is of pale blue India silk; it is ornamented in front with four bands of insertion, edged on each side with feather stitching. It is finished round the neck, sleeves, basque and down the front with cream lace.

For those who cannot get a sufficient holiday the best substitute is an occasional day in bed. Many whose nerves are constantly strained in their daily vocation have discovered this for themselves.

Swiss manufacturers are busy producing great varieties of printed foulards, which are now very fashionable. Dotted, figured, flowered and striped patterns are printed in every color and on every colored ground.

The dinner gowns to be worn all through Lent are made without trains, the short skirt just resting on the floor, and its fabric being very simply draped on the foundation skirt.

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HORSE NOTES.

—Matt Byrnes has sold Marzac to C. W. Billings for \$1,600, and Winfield to Walter Olney for \$2,500.

—Prince Royal, Raceland and Terra Cotta are the book favorites for the Suburban handicap just at present.

—The Southern Hotel, \$10,000 Guarantee Stake of the St. Louis Jockey Club, will be trotted for during the meeting, October 1 to 5. The entrance is 5 per cent.

—The Driving Club of New York has stricken from the conditions of the stakes for 2:30 and 3:00 trotters the clause in which horses distancing the field or any part thereof are to receive first money only.

—Kid gloves for spring, will still be worn to contrast with the gown; tan shades prevail over all other colors. The suede glove in mousquetaire style, is fast superseding the buttoned glove of dressed kid for the promenade.

—A new material for petticoats is a fine kind of winsey, with narrow stripes of color, each one edged with a shining gold thread. They are made up with a plaited edged with linen thread lace, carrying out the colors of the skirt.

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