

I had heard about the man in Kansas who was giving away town lots free, and one day I left the train at a small station and hired a man to drive me over to the site of the future great city. I found a sixty-acre farm staked out into lots twenty feet front by fifty deep, but only one house and one person was in sight. The house was a farm cabin, and the person was the owner of it and the one I wanted to see.

"Come for a lot?" he asked as we drove up.

"Yes, in case my information is correct. Do you give them away?"

"I do."

"I had heard so."

"Go right out and select any one you like. Those selected are marked with red stakes; those not yet taken by black ones."

I took a walk around, and made a selection, and he found the number, and said:

"You want an abstract of title, of course. Here it is, and the fee is \$3."

When I had received it he hunted out a deed already signed, and filled my name in, called in the teamster and his wife for witnesses, and said:

"Here is your deed. I'll have to charge \$4 for that."

I paid the sum named, and he then got a big book, and said:

"You want it recorded, of course. I am the County Clerk. The fee for recording is \$3."

I had it duly recorded, and just then dinner was ready. He invited me to sit down, but when we were through, he said:

"My charge for dinner is 75 cents. The taxes on your lot will be due next week, and you had better leave the money. The amount is \$1.75, and my commission for recording will be 25 cents."

I paid him the sum named, and was about to get into the wagon when he said:

"The charge for bringing you over and taking you back is \$2. Half belongs to me, as I own the wagon. One dollar, please."

"Can you think of anything further?" I asked as I handed him the dollar.

"Well, you'll have to stop at the junction about four hours before the Eastern train comes along. I own the restaurant there. Please eat all you can."

"I have," I said, after a little figuring, "paid you \$13.75 for a lot you advertise to give away free. How much do you call this land worth and acre?"

"All of six dollars, sir. I've been offered five and wouldn't take it."

"Then I've paid you more than the value of two acres to get a lot large enough to bury a couple of cows on!"

"Exactly, sir—exactly, and I congratulate you on your bargain."

"Then you don't call it a swindle?"

"No, sir! No, sir! A man who will kick on buying a chunk of the glorious West for less than \$14 isn't straight, and Mr. Tompkins, I'd advise you to keep an eye on him going back, and see that he doesn't jump out of the wagon and bilk you out of your dollar!"—New York Star

"Put Your in His Place."

One can never accurately gage the trial of others without having a slight experience of them. A Boston minister, one who presides over a large and flourishing church, and "lends a hand" in all good enterprises, was to preach in Providence, and spent the night before with a friend in a village some miles distant, walking to Providence Sunday morning. On the way, feeling hungry, he stopped at a house by the wayside, rang the bell and asked the motherly-looking woman who came to the door if he could have a glass of milk and a slice of bread. "Well," she answered, "I suppose you can; but it does seem as though a big, stout man like you might earn a living by work and not beg for it." He has been very considerate of tramps ever since.

A STRANGE CASE.—Young Doctor I was just going around to see your brother. How is he this morning?

Patron—He is no better.

Young Doctor—What? No better? That is certainly very strange! The prescription I gave him contained over forty things.

CRUSHED AGAIN.—Editor—Who wrote this article.

Reporter—I edited it, sir, yesterday.

Editor—Oh, did you? Well, it is bound enough to have been indicted six months ago. Good morning.

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"German Syrup"

Here is something from Mr. Frank A. Hale, proprietor of the De Witt House, Lewiston, and the Tontine Hotel, Brunswick, Me. Hotel men meet the world as it comes and goes, and are not slow in sizing people and things up for what they are worth. He says that he has lost a father and several brothers and sisters from Pulmonary Consumption, and is himself frequently troubled with colds, and he

Hereditary often coughs enough to make him sick at Consumption his stomach. Whenever he has taken a cold of this kind he uses Boschee's German Syrup, and it cures him every time. Here is a man who knows the full danger of lung troubles, and would therefore be most particular as to the medicine he used.

What is his opinion? Listen! "I use nothing but Boschee's German Syrup, and have advised, I presume, more than a hundred different persons to take it. They agree with me that it is the best cough syrup in the market."

Out of Sorts

Describes a feeling peculiar to persons of dyspeptic tendency, or caused by change of climate, season or life. The stomach is out of order, the head aches and d-ees not feel right.

The Nerves

seem strained to their utmost, the mind is confused and irritable. This condition finds an excellent corrective in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, by its regulating and toning powers, soon restores harmony to the system, and gives strength of mind, nerves, and body.

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"NAME OLD STRUGGLE."—Now, John," said the pessimist's wife, who had persuaded him to go to the circus, "I do hope you will try to throw aside all care and enjoy yourself."

"I have, Maria," he replied as he gazed at the contortionist; "but there it is again, the same old struggle to make both ends meet."

BASEBALL NOTE.—"There is more growing done by that nine than by any other."

"What nine is that?"

"The canine."

The story that comes from St. Joseph, Mo., about a 3-months-old baby with a beard 18 inches long is not exactly a bare-faced lie, but it would be if it were shaved.

Lydia Pinkham's warning to mothers should be heeded by all, and "Guide to Health and Etiquette" headed by every Mother and Daughter in the civilized world.

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Women are ticket clerks on Irish railroads.

RUPTURE. Feb. 20, '91.—Some people do not believe that rupture can be cured, I know it can as I was badly ruptured for 25 years and Dr. J. B. Mayer, 321 Arch St., Philadelphia, entirely cured me 5 years ago. Dr. Mayer also gives treatment at the Hotel Penn. Reading, Pa., on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

There's a big mackerel run on the Maine coast.

FITS: All Fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No Fits after first day's use. Malaria cures. Treatise and 50c trial bottle free to fit cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 233 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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Through the Earth's Crust.

An eight-inch well which is being sunk near this city by the Wheeler Improvement Company in a search for oil or gas has reached, after several months of boring, a depth of 4,100 feet. Both oil and gas has been struck throughout in paying quantities. It has gone through several thick veins of coal and has traversed layers of gold quartz, iron and numerous other minerals.

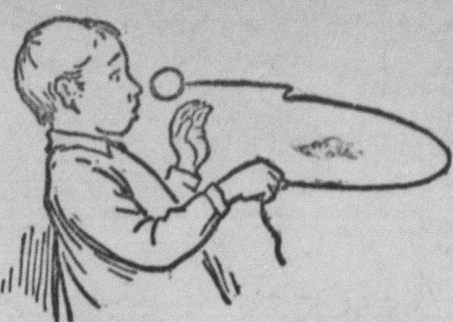
Prof. J. C. White, State Geologist, who has watched the drilling closely, has succeeded in getting the Government interested in it. The result is that after the well has been sunk to the depth of one mile the Government will take up the work and, under the direction of two expert officers of the Geological Survey, drill into the earth as far as human skill can penetrate.

The temperature and magnetic conditions will be observed as far as possible, and by means of an instrument constructed for the purpose a complete record of the drilling and all discoveries made will be kept. This record will be placed in the Geological Survey's exhibit at the World's Fair, and afterward preserved at Washington. Prof. White and the Government officers say this will be one of the most novel and important exhibits at the Fair, and will attract the attention of the scientists of the world.—Wheeler Intelligence.

Fifteen years ago there were no oranges shipped from California, while last year over three thousand carloads were exported.

A liminous buoy has been invented, the light of which is produced by phosphuret of calcium, and is visible two and a half miles away.

It takes about three seconds for a message to go from one end of the Atlantic cable to the other. This is about seven hundred miles a second.



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A yellow hen with a blue tail is the subject of an interesting lawsuit in an Alabama court.

The receipts of the French Treasury are larger than those of any other civilized country.

An Italian has invented a new fuel prepared from lignite. It has been satisfactorily used for running locomotives.

Czar of Russia (just out of bed)—What has become of my undershirt? Valet—Please, your Majesty, the blacksmith's putting fresh rivets in it.

Tired, don't weary—A wheel.

HUMOROUS.

A lawsuit about a copyright is not a look-case.

When a man pulls down the shade and jerks it off the roller he gets a curtain lecture.

"Speaking of work," said Bloggs, "it takes a blacksmith to make a fellow-tired."

The watch is no longer an emblem of modern labor. It works twenty-four hours a day.

Whenever two people find it necessary to agree on their rights, there's going to be trouble.

It is only when he brings in his bill that the physician declares himself in favor of high heels.

For every man who knows more than he tells, there are fifty who tell more than they know.

Who was the author of the saying, "There is always room at the top?" The hotel clerk, I believe.

Earth has no joy like unto that of the woman who has made eighteen calls and found everybody out.

If all the people knew what they were talking about there wouldn't be nearly so much said as there is now.

It is sometimes safer for a man to complete a round of pleasure than it is for him to make things square afterwards.

It is surprising how many good things a man reads in the course of an evening that should teach a lesson to his neighbors.

"That's what I call relief from an unexpected quarter," said the tramp who asked for a nickel and got a twenty-five-cent piece.

Clerks: After all, honesty is the best policy. Cynics: And, like the others, you can't collect on it until you are dead.

It takes a tramp a long, long time to break up a cord of wood; but it doesn't take long for a cord of wood to break up a tramp.

A married man should always make it a rule to give his wife an allowance. She always has to make a good many allowances for him, you know.

He—Well, it is growing late; I fear I must go. She—Oh, stay a little longer and see the sun rise.

"My youth has flown," remarked the girl after witnessing the fence jumping contest between the young man and her pa's bulldog.

Wife—John, you often think of your bride during business hours, don't you? Husband—I did today. A button came off my vest.

First Student—You said you had a marvelous manuscript and then show me a receipted tailor's bill. Second Student—Well, isn't that a marry 't!

"The policemen are getting so they will arrest anything." "What have they done now?" "Why, one of them pulled in a fire alarm this morning."

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I asked a maid if she would wed, And in my home her brightness shed; She faintly smiled and murmured low, "If I can have SAPOLIO."

In Church.—Ethel—How harmonious the color of everything is. Margaret—Yes, excepting the sexton. Why doesn't he wear stained glasses.

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