

FRANCIS SPEER'S Breezy "THAT" Column.

THAT when we speak of a man in Bellefonte being a six-footer we don't mean that he has four feet too many. THAT girls in Bellefonte with slim ankles have the consolation of knowing that they are not that way all the way. THAT the man in Bellefonte who deliberately thinks that he will be saved by a death-bed repentance will go the devil's sure. THAT entirely too many mothers in Bellefonte don't know where their daughters are after 9 o'clock at night. This is only too true. THAT Dr. "Sid" Krumrine, the Bellefonte druggist, says that even a billiard ball will catch cold. Its ball appearance would suggest the susceptibility. THAT the typewriter girls in Bellefonte ought to be more successful than most anybody else, because they always have their business on their fingers end. THAT it is said that a lady entered the Index book store in Bellefonte the other day looking for a new novel. She couldn't just tell its name but said it told all about war. Dorsey Hunter, the obliging proprietor, ran his fingers through what hair he has on his head and reaching up to a shelf pulled down a volume entitled, "When a Man's Married," "maybe that's it" he said. THAT Friday afternoon a representative of the Centre Democrat went into Olewine's hardware store and found smoke curling up from the office. Upon making an investigation he found that the proprietor was running the typewriter, and he began operating it without first oiling it up, thus the bearings were red hot. If he looks there may be blisters on his fingers. THAT a crowd of good-natured Academy boys stood in front of Kiseley's pool room the other day when a very pretty school marm dropped a check on the pavement. The whole push grabbed at it at once, reminding one of a rush in a game of foot ball. You can imagine their look of surprise, better than we can tell it to you, when they picked it up and found that it was blank. It was thus an April Fool, coming about six months ahead of time. They wanted to turn the joke off on some one else, but like a balky mule it wouldn't go worth a cent. THAT they say that since DeLaun Stuart, Al. Irwin, and Horton Ray, of Bellefonte, were over in the Seven mounds hunting, the game is as scarce as hen teeth. They really ought to be run in and fined for scaring the game off during the season. Then, how about that cock-and-bull-story they tell about the rabbit that simple committed suicide by running up to the point of Ray's gun barrel and knocking its brains out. The party returned with eight rabbits and six pheasants, but how many silver dollars figured in the game is not known. THAT the other day a young man in Bellefonte who is quite prominent in financial and social circles in attempting to put his best foot forward seemed to have put his foot in it. It came to pass in about this way. He asked a bright young lady if she would have any objections if some evening he would call on her and bring a friend with him. The young lady quickly assented, but politely informed him that her playthings of former days were packed away on the attic, and it would be a difficult task to get them out. He then remembered that he "hadn't" his age yet, and when he walked away he felt as if his spinal cord was frozen. Cheer up old man. Every cloud has a silver lining.

PREVENTION OF FIRES.

How Common Sense Rules Would Save Your Property.

It is an old maxim that fire is a good servant, but a hard master. Shakespeare wrote, "A little fire is quickly trodden out, which, being suffered, rivers cannot quench." Fires are the results of accident, of spontaneous combustion and of design. If they have been accidental the cause can generally be discovered, and it will be found they might have been prevented. If the following precautions are taken fires from accident or spontaneous combustion will seldom occur: Keep your house, store or factory clean. Never allow rubbish, such as paper, rags, cobwebs, old clothing, boxes, etc., to accumulate in closets and unused rooms. Never keep gasoline or benzine about the premises. Never fill your coal oil lamps after dark or near an open fire. Never run four stove pipes through a wooden partition or through the roof without proper protection. Never allow your furnace, steam or hot water pipes to come in contact with wood. Never put up gas brackets so they can be swung against the wooden window casings or against or immediately under curtains. Never put ashes in a wooden receptacle in or about your premises. Never keep matches in any but metal or earthen safes, and when you light one never throw it on the floor. Never allow smoking in proximity to inflammable merchandise or materials. Never take an open light to examine a gas meter or into a closet. Never read in bed by candle or lamp light. Never close up your place of business without going over the entire premises to see that all fires and lights are safe or extinguished. Never forget that carelessness and negligence are the cause of over two-thirds of all fires. Never forget to have pails or buckets and water near at hand for immediate use in case of emergency.

How to Put a Patch on a Tire. It is highly important, of course, that when a patch is to be put on a tire it

shall be done in the best style. It is equally important at times to remove a patch, and then the better the work was done in the first place the harder it will be to undo it. One of the best agents to use for this purpose is an ordinary saltpeter. It should be heated through, but should not be made too hot, and the best way to get the proper temperature is to immerse it for a time in boiling water. This will not make

Assuming a Virtue. What Can Be Done by Right Thinking and Self Control. Zopyrus, the physiognomist, said, "Socrates' features showed that he was stupid, brutal, sensual and addicted to drunkenness." Socrates upheld the analysis by saying, "By nature I am addicted to all these sins, and they were only restrained and vanquished by the continual practice of virtue." Emerson says in effect, "The virtue you would like to have, assume it as already yours, appropriate it, enter into the part and live the character just as the great actor is absorbed in the character of the part he plays." No matter how great your weakness or how much you may regret it, assume steadily and persistently its opposite until you acquire the habit of holding that thought or of living the thing not in its weakness, but in its wholeness, in its entirety. Hold the ideal of an efficient faculty or quality, not of a marred or deficient one. The way to reach or to attain to anything is to bend oneself toward it with all one's might, and we approximate it just in proportion to the intensity and the persistency of our effort to attain it. If you are inclined to be very excitable and nervous, if you "fly all to pieces" over the least annoyance, do not waste your time regretting this weakness and telling everybody that you cannot help it. Just assume the calm, deliberate, quiet, balanced composure which characterizes your ideal person in that respect. Persuade yourself that you are not nervous or excitable, that you can control yourself, that you are well balanced, that you do not fly off on a tangent at every little annoyance. You will be amazed to see how the perpetual holding of this serene, calm, quiet attitude will help you to become like your thought.—Success.

GERALDINE FARRAR. "Coming Jenny Lind of America." Admired by a Crown Prince. Geraldine Farrar, the operatic singer who has won so many honors in Europe and who is one of the leading members of the Metropolitan Opera company this season, is the daughter of Sid Farrar of the old Philadelphia baseball club. She is a native of Massachusetts and was singing with the Savage Opera company when her voice attracted the attention of the Metropolitan company's manager. He sent her to Europe to study with Jean de Reszke, and last summer, when he



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heard her sing in Paris, he became convinced that the time had come for her to make her debut in America. Miss Farrar is twenty-four years of age and has been regarded as a vocal wonder since childhood. She made her debut in Melrose, Mass., in 1894, and in 1898, when she was sixteen, she sang before President and Mrs. McKinley at the service in Washington on receipt of the news of the battle of Manila Bay. A short time afterward Mrs. Melba heard her sing and called her "the coming Jenny Lind of America." She is one of the most beautiful women on the operatic stage and while singing in the Royal Berlin Opera is said to have won the heart of the German crown prince. The story is that he even contemplated marrying her and forfeiting his succession to the crown. At any rate, the singer, though she entertained a platonic affection for the prince, would not take the chance of her good name being injured by further relations with him and cut the friendship short, thus allaying the fears of Emperor William that his son would disgrace the imperial family by a union with a person not of noble birth.

TWO CUBAN LIBERALS.

Generals Guerra and Castillo of the Late Insurgent Forces. Governor General Magoon of Cuba does not find his pathway strewn with flowers, and his diplomatic ability is put to the test. This is due in part to the desire of the politicians for office and the rivalry for the fat places between the Liberals and the Moderates. When the Americans took charge in Cuba for the second time the Moderates held practically all the offices. It was the hope of the Liberals that they



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would come into their share, if not more than their share, under American control. They have been disappointed because more Moderates have not been turned out in the cold. They think Governor Magoon is too slow in making places in the public service for them. Meetings of protest have been held by Liberals and ex-insurgents. Prominent among them are Generals Loma del Castillo and Faustino Guerra, the latter being generally known by the nickname of Pino Guerra. General Guerra was one of the foremost of the insurgent leaders in the recent insurrection. He was born about thirty-five years ago in Pinar del Rio province and belongs to a well known family. He has been engaged in farming and as a tobacco broker. He fought under Maceo in the final Cuban war for freedom from Spain and was a colonel in the conclusion of peace. On the constitution of Cuba as a republic he was chosen a member of congress, being re-elected in 1904. He was a leader of the Nationalists and later of the Liberals. In the late insurrection he held his forces well in hand and co-operated with the Americans when intervention by this country came.



DER PENNSYLVANIER. Richter Drucker!—In Neijort war emol en deitscher Mann, was Gerhard geheisse hot. Viel Zeit hen ihn juchst d'r Vatter Gerhard geheisse, weil er schun ardig alt war. Er hot en Buch-Stoher gehat un hot ah allerhand Buecher gedruckt. Gens vun seine selwert gemachte Buecher hab ich emol gefehne un es hot mir so gut gefalle, dah ich fiddler schun oft bei unnerschiedliche Gelechehete dran gedenkt hab. Es hot d'r Titel gehat: "Watter Gerhard's Christbaum for seine liebe Kinder in America." Worn im Buch war en Kerchbaum abgepikert, voll vun reife Kerche. Es war en Buehemann ufem Bahm, so dah die Vogel net soite an die Kerche gefe. Amer do sen en Flock junge Spage tumme un uf d'r Bahm gefloge. Die alte Spage hen nachst bei ufem Scheurdach gehodt un sen ferchterlich angange. Geht weg, hen se getrifliche; selder Kerl fanget sich un machi sich tobt. Amer die junge Spage hen nix drum geve, se hen Kerche gefresse un zuleichst hot enen der Buehemann uf die Ras un rufft: "ehh! eh! eh!" Rau war's ferrig. Die alte Spage sen dann ah bellumme, hen schmurt dreiegeudt un gefahrt: "des is en alte W'ischicht, dah en Mann aus Stroh net heisse kann!"

Worum ich desdo verzeh, wolle ich net wisse? Ei, erschtens mol for zu weisse, dah des alt Sprichwort: "Wie die Alte funge, girbe die Junge," net affort nohr is. Die Junge hen schun manches ausgehifst, was die Alte nie nix der-vun gedrahmt hen un so se nocher gedenkt hen, die Bume ware doch Deifelskerle. Es soll zugeme werre, dah die Alte mehner denke un iwerlege. Amer for was hen sie denn des Sprichwort gemacht: "Wer net waag, gewinnt net?" Wann ebbes gedru is, dann kann mer's leicht nochmache, fell hot "Worn d'r Columbus gefahrt. So is es mit alle Sache. Des Alter hot nix dermit zu thun. Guad juchst, was des jung Land America schun alles ferrig gedrahmt hot! Ei, es hot jo den Name kriegt: "des Land der unbegrenzte Weeg-sicherte." Des meent, dah bei uns alles meglich is, schier alles, enbau. Dent juchst emol, was d'r Jesse James for Strecken gemacht hot — ganz fingelhändig en Wieselwegtrehn gefstappt un all die Paffen-sichers ausgehah! Do hot es dann als in Deitschland geheh: se ebbes fann juchst in America dor-tumme. Amer in die leifste Johre hen se in Deitschland viel vun uns abge-guadt, un terzlich is dort ebbes gehap-pent, was bei uns net vorfumme fenn, befols es war Niemand so bumm. Wer-leicht hen Jhr den Spag gehert. Wann Jhr net hen, dann woll ich en verzehle. Juchst en bar Weile vun d'r deitsche Kaiserstadt Berlin is en Stadt, was Kopienis heest. Wenig Zeit do hen selder Name frieher gehert, aver alle-weil is er weltberiehm. In des is so gefumme: Kerlich hen dort in d'r Nocherkhaft en Dugde Soldate Schiepsbrattis gehalte. Wie se dann mit eme Gerschant uf em Heimweg nach Berlin ware, is en Mann uf se zugange, was die Uniform vum Kop-ten angehot hot. Er hot en Rabier aus em Sad gezone, wo's druf gehesse hot, dah er die Orde's hat, hen Vorner-meechster un Schatzmeeschter vun Kop-nitz zu rechte un nach Berlin zu bringe un dah er drum dene Soldate befelhe dat, mitzugehe un die Keris Prissoners zu nemme. So en Rabien is in Deitsch-land schun en groh Thier, un die Sol-date sen eme mit ohne lang zu froge. D'r Vornermeeschter un Schatzmeesch-ter hen bisschur grohe Abge gemacht, wie sie gehert hen, se michte abgese-lich nach Berlin, aver se sen eme gangt — fedsch Soldate hen se in die Mitt-ge-nomme. D'r Rabien hot dann dem Schatzmeeschter sei Geldschublad ge-seert, ebaut en Daused Dabaler in sei Sad gefelht un dann zu die annerer fedsch Soldate gefahrt se fette dobletwe un waische, dah nix forstam; er dat hal wiederfumme. Mit sellem is er ab. Wie se des dem Kaiser verzehlt hen, hot er sich gefschlittet vor Rache un hot gefahrt: "verdohlt sei, des is aver gut; des biet d'r Jesse James!" Amer es dhat net. D'r Jesse James hot tee Dugde Soldate gedraucht, wann er en ganzer Wieselwegtrehn ausgehahndert hot. Die Alte hen den Runge des Ding net recht abgeguadt. Amer en W'ipah war es doch, wie er in America net vorfumme fenn. Bei uns dat en Vor-germeeschter mit eme Gunthabel gehe, wann er ihm en Warrant weisse dat, amer sei Weue net mit em Rabien, noch net emol mit eme General. Des is d'r Unnerschied. Worniert noch emol! D'r Hansjörg.

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