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DON'T LEAN OUT OF PLUMB.

Did you ever observe in your rambles about the political scene of the day, how often references are made to the plumb line? Their conservatism always reminds me of those who, to the best of my inspection have come, attempting to strike a magnificent pose, have overdone it in an out-of-plumb line.

A PACKAGE OF OLD LETTERS.

At home once more! I call it my home. My mother had died when I was very young, and my father married again. When I was fourteen years of age my father died, leaving my step-mother and two children that were hers. Still, there was a sum set apart by my father's will for my education, and it had been placed in the hands of my Aunt Dorcas, who was to see that it was properly applied; and from that time I regarded my aunt as my protector and guide, and her house became my home.

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Not everything in our stock at 50c and 25c on the dollar, but what is!—even the newest and staple every-day goods are marked so low you can come hundreds of miles to buy and still save money.

Queen Victoria's Throne.

The throne of England, so splendid in its rich trappings of silk, velvet and gold-wire lace and tassels, is simply an old-fashioned, high-backed chair. It has been in use for more than 900 years, but the early history of the old oak chair and the name of its maker are both unknown.

Sing for Half a Mustache.

A singular story is reported in the Gallopian Messenger from St. Calais. A few days ago several persons were sitting at a table in a local hotel when the splendid mustache of a horse dealer became the subject of conversation.

Running the Clock Backward.

This apparently impossible feat is easy to the watchmaker, but more wonderful is the necromancy which makes the old young again. Yet that is very much the effect Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has on multitudes of prematurely worn-out, broken-down women.

he would not have been far out of the way. One day Mr. Dismore, a friend of my aunt, called to see us. He was going to Europe on business, to be gone several years; and he wanted a clerk. Would I go with him? Eagerly I embraced the opportunity, and went away with Dismore. At the end of three years, as I said at the beginning: "At home once more!" There had been changes during my absence. I found Aunt Dorcas as well as ever, but my stepmother had been dead a year, and Leona had found a home with my aunt. She was not the Leona of old. I had left a rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed, joyous maiden, and I found a pale, melancholy woman, who seemed to be suffering under the weight of some great calamity.

When my aunt and I were alone I asked her about Walworth; and she told me he was dead. He died about a year after I went away. And that, I thought, was the cause of Leona's sorrow. After Leona had gone to bed my aunt and I sat up and talked, and among other things she told me that John Walworth had left a bequest for me.

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them in turn according as they were called. On, blessed letters! As I read them I cast my eyes towards her, and she was reading my first letter—the one in which I spoke of marriage. In her second letter she wondered why I did not write. Was it possible she had forgotten her? Oh, no. She could not believe it. In her third letter, written when she had walked her way weeks for an answer to her last, she wrote me that her heart was crushed, and joy was no more for her. She had heard of my love for my cousin Hitty, and though only sorrow could be hers, yet she hoped we might be happy. And then she asked me to write only one line to her—just one line—that she might know her doom.

"Great heavens!" I gasped, "how that man's villainy has caused us to suffer! Leona! Leona! after these many years the veil is lifted, and we know that our hearts have been true all the while!" I remember that she hung on my neck and that we laughed and wept by turns; and I remember that my cousin when she had learned the whole story, went away and left us by ourselves; and I remember that when Aunt Dorcas came she was much surprised upon finding the girl nodding upon my bosom. Hitty returned to the parlor, and I began to sob.

"And now," cried Hitty, clapping her hands, "what a happy, happy time we will have. You and I, Leona, will be married on the same day with Charlie and me—won't you Lionel?" "You must ask Leona about that," I said, with a light laugh.

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REMINISCENCES.

People who live to-day can form no idea of the condition of society, or of the way things were done during the time the National Road was in process of construction, unless, indeed, they may have lived somewhere near when a railroad was being built. In this connection, though, it would be necessary to remember the difference between the time now and eighty or more years ago, when work on the pike was commenced. In the early days, when the work was under full head-way, and workmen were in demand, and flocked in vast numbers, in quest of work, it naturally followed that someone had to keep boarding-houses for the accommodation of the hands. Sometime after the work was commenced, an old Scotch-Irish woman named "Granny" Kinmer, came to this country, with her children, and her "old man," but as he was always "second fiddle" to her, very little or nothing is known of him, except the mere fact that there was such a person. "Granny" Kinmer was the active member of the co-partnership, the "old man" being only a silent member. She came to this country, after looking about a little, concluded she would keep a boarding-house, and the writer's grandfather, "Squire Mitchell," agreed to let her occupy an old house standing in the meadow not far from the pike, close to which was a spring. The old lady, without very much previous notice, announced herself ready for business, and, as the class of custom she expected was something like herself, not very particular, regarding either the surroundings or the accommodations, she soon had as many boarders as she could comfortably care for.

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Centennial of the Potato. Centennial celebrations being one of our most popular pastimes, we thought the approaching bicentennial of the introduction of that popular and valuable article of food, the potato, go unmentioned asks the London "News." Mr. Kincaid, the chairman of the agricultural bureau of North America, has directed attention to the fact that it was in the year 1815, just upon three centuries ago, that the Scotch, English, and Irish, first planted potatoes in his garden at Holburn, a pleasant suburban town in those days. It is believed that he obtained tubers or seeds from Sir Walter Raleigh, who had then lately brought from South America samples of that hitherto unknown vegetable, and planted them on his estate at Yorkland, near Cork, Ireland, however, recommended them only as a delicate dish, and it is recorded that the tubers were sometimes roasted and steeped in sack—that is, sherry and sugar—or baked with mutton and spices, and even preserved and candied. Shakespeare's references to potatoes—in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and in "Troilus and Cressida"—but he seems to have regarded them as a curiosity of the matter, rather than as an article of food. It is curious now to note how slowly the potato made its way to the tables either rich or poor. In a house-keeping book kept by Anne of Denmark, wife of King James I., an entry has been found of the purchase of a small quantity of potatoes, from which we learn that the price was then two shillings a pound.

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