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Astray.

I traveled a forbidden road. Which first appeared so flowery fair. That onward eagerly I strode. Till—to my horror and despair!— All buds and blossoms blooming there, All tender boughs and twigs of green Stood changed to burrs and nettles keen, Whose angry points my garments tore, And pricked my hands if they were sore.

Unlocking the Shackles.

The sun was just setting at the close of a long, hot day in June, when Ernest, Black and myself drove our wagons up the bank of Red river, on the Indian Territory side. We were hauling freight for the United States government, and were on our way to Texas for a load. We signaled the ferryman, living on the Texas side, and as soon as he came over began to cross. The boat was too small to put over both wagons at once, so I crossed first and came back to assist Ernest.

"He has killed a man in the Choctaw nation, is trying to get away, the woman with him, and I want to arrest him. If you help him to get away it will be the worse for you. I believe he is under that sheet anyhow." And he stepped on the ferryboat. The other remained on the bank with his hand on a pistol, ready to assist his brother. The one on the boat approached the wagon and was about to raise the sheet, when Ernest, with his eyes gleaming dangerously, spoke to him: "This wagon is in the employ of the United States government, and no one but a regularly authorized official can search it."

"I turned, and there stood one of the other brothers, with leveled rifle bearing directly on me. I attempted to speak, but he would not allow it. "March straight to the house, and if you try to get away I'll kill you like a dog. I would shoot you now, but for the pleasure of having you hung!" My own protestations, Lily's tears and entreaties, were of no avail, and to avoid immediate violence I thought it best to comply. "On the way to the house we were joined by the other brother, and, after a few words in some language unknown to me, they both hurried me on. The old man was not at home when we reached the house, and after another consultation they chained me securely, and then made preparations for a journey.

longer possible, rode away at full speed. "They saddled and came hard after us. We kept our distance; but on account of the double burden which our horse carried were never able to get far out of hearing, while they followed with a persistence worthy of a better cause. Not caring to stop in the Indian Territory among the Chickasaw nation, I rode for the river, which I fortunately reached just in time to meet you and battle them. Our horse, good as he was, was nearly exhausted, and could not have carried us much farther. Thanks to you, I hope we are safe now." The story was ended and we were soon asleep. In the morning we took Herndon and Miss Lily to the railroad, where they took the train for Fort Smith. We received a letter from him afterward. He stood his trial, came out clear, and married Miss Lily. The Williams boys were soon afterward both killed in a drunken frolic ending in a fight.

A Norwegian Table. The Norwegians, writes a correspondent, are not epicures, not even what might be termed good liver. They have but little variety on their tables; the food is not always of good quality; and even if the original material is good, it is pretty certain to be spoiled in the cooking. The Norwegian manner of preparing and dressing victuals I must emphasize as especially bad. Fish and potatoes may be called the staple diet of the whole country. A cup of coffee is usually taken upon rising in the morning. Then at about 9 o'clock comes breakfast. This meal is usually preceded by a very small glass of brandy, flavored with caraway seeds. Upon the table are many small dishes of cold ham, tongue, sausage, anchovies, sardines and several kinds of cheese. Sometimes these dishes are served upon a sideboard, to which periodical visits from the table are made. Then some warm fish and potatoes are brought in. These are ravenously attacked, and next the cold dishes are apt to be pounced upon again, and the most outrageous dainties are unblushingly perpetrated. Beefsteaks and mutton chops are rarely seen. Dinner is usually served at 2 o'clock. It consists of soup, fish, meat and pudding; there is rarely any fruit but a kind of pickled currant, which is eaten with the meat. Good beer and claret, which is rarely good, are the popular drinks.

Iron---Silver---Gold. THREE RULES. Question: What is the Iron Rule? Answer: The rule of savage men: If evil is done unto you, Evil do thou again. That is the Iron Rule. Question: What is the Silver Rule? Answer: The rule of worldly men: If good your neighbor does to you Do good to him again. That is the Silver Rule. Question: What is the Golden Rule? Answer: The rule of righteous men: If evil is done unto you, Return thou good again. This is the Golden Rule. —The Children's Hour.

HUMOR OF THE DAY. TO A PERSON SNOOKING. You, who the world in a tumult keep With open mouth whene'er you sleep, In muree some at nement make, And keep it shut when you're awake. —New York Hour.

As a young shaver of five or six years was reading at school one day, he came upon the passage, "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from guile." Master Hopeful drawled out, "Keep—thy—tongue—from—evil—and—thy—lips—from—girls." Little Freddie, when visiting a neighbor's house, was offered a piece of bread and butter, which he accepted, but without any show of gratitude. "What do you say, Freddie?" hinted the lady, expecting him to say "Thank you." "I say it ain't cake," was the response. "Mr. Brown, do you eat mush?" asked a four-year-old friend of his sister's beau. "Why, Johnnie?" responded Mr. Brown. "Cos sister says she wishes you wouldn't talk like you had a mouthful of mush." Sister faints and Brown remembers that he has an engagement in Australia. —Kookuk Gate City.

A small-sized office boy hung a thermometer out in front of the Press office on Tuesday to "see how it would go down." When he went out to look for it in five minutes he found that it had gone down to Burlington slip and was still going. A newsboy had taken it in charge. —New York Press.

Some surgeons demand almost as much to remove a cataract as Niagara hackmen charge to show you one. —News. Well, if the cataract removed by the surgeon is as large as the one shown you by the Niagara hackmen, his charge is not any too steep. And, besides, you might not be able to see the one if the other was not removed. —Newiston Herald.

LETTER LANCAGE. The farmer feels the bleating u, The sailor sails the c c, The gardener plants the p p, he does, The printer takes his e e. The owl looks very y y At everything he z z, The schoolboy dots his i i And crosses all his t t.

A Racine county farmer had 250 bushels of oats stolen from his barn, and he is offended. When it gets so a farmer has got to have a burglar-proof safe to keep his oats and wheat in, the profit on farming will be small. There should be a senatorial courtesy among farmers to such an extent that a bin of oats or a straw stack is safe enough without being stored in a vault. —Peck's Sun.

HEALTH HINTS.

Educate the stomach. When it is once accustomed to simple food, voracious appetite, distress and disease will disappear. There are no two substances known that can furnish better sustenance to the body and brain than whole wheat, unleavened bread and cow's milk. On matters of life pertaining to health, there is at present no coexistence with the people, but there should be one, and you and I ought to help create it. A five minutes' nap is often better than a hour's sleep, because you do not wake up with that half-dead feeling which some people complain of when we urge them to rest, and the sleeplessness is gone. Whooping cough has been successfully treated by turpentine vapor. The theory was discovered by allowing a child, sick with the disease, to sleep in a room freshly painted, when a noticeable improvement took place. Seven rules by which to get well and keep well:—1. Keep the head cool. 2. Keep the skin cool. 3. Keep the feet warm and dry. 4. Keep bowels open. There is no such provokative cause to disease as constipation. 5. Rest regularly and profoundly. Empty the brain at night of all the day's proceedings. Train the will to help to do this. 6. Be careful in the choice of associates. Do not be demagnetized or vampired by people. 7. Go to bed and get up at regular hours, thus cultivating the habit of sleep. Invalids need to be reconstituted. Genius and intelligence should be locked up and laid away while the process of reconstruction is going on. No human being can get well in defiance of God's law. The custom of employing artists to paint the outside of houses with artistic designs, which formerly prevailed not only in the south of Europe, but also largely in Germany, has lately been revived in Munich. Two houses recently treated in this manner are exciting much admiration from the beauty of their decoration.

How the Indian Jockey Won.

The first horse-race in this country occurred just twenty-five years ago between a white man named E. Kuhn and an Indian belonging to the numerous camps of red men in this country. Kuhn put up twenty-five dollars in gold, and if Mr. Indian would cover it he would let his horse run. This was arranged, and three hundred and fifty yards agreed upon as the distance. A naked savage was then bound to a pony, with each wrist encircled with rattle-boxes of ingenious device. Everything being in readiness, word was given and away they went, the Indian in the lead. When they had passed about half the distance Kuhn thought he would show how easily he could pass. As Kuhn urged his horse alongside the savage let forth an unearthly yell, and at the same time flourishing whip and rattles in the eye of the white man's horse, causing the affrighted animal to wheel and run in the opposite direction, leaving to the savage a free field and no favor. —Kinggold (Iowa) Register.

Statistics show that women commit suicide most frequently on Sunday.