

OUR MERRY MISCELLANY.

LAUGHABLE YARNS GLEANED FROM THE NEWSPAPER PRESS.

Struck a Bonanza—Occupation Gone—Just for the Principle—The Result of Imagination, Etc.

Smith—"Brown, I am glad to see you looking so well and prosperous. Big change since I saw you three months ago. Have you struck a bonanza?"

Brown—"Yes. You know I am one of the heirs to the Hyde estates in England, worth over three hundred millions of dollars?"

Smith (excited)—"Certainly. You don't mean to tell me that the thing is settled?"

Brown—"Yes, so far as I am concerned, I've dropped all claims, and am now giving close attention to business. I should say I had struck a bonanza!"

Occupation Gone.

Broker (to friend)—"You remember that very bright young fellow who used to shine my boots?"

Friend (thinking a moment)—"Yes; smart boy that."

Broker (dubiously)—"A little too smart. He's run off with old R——'s daughter."

Friend (with a whistle)—"The young rogue! So nothing but an heiress would suit him?"

Broker (reflectively)—"Well, he's got plenty of money and has married into a fine family, but I fear it's a terrible misalliance."

Friend (chuckling)—"Ah, I suppose you're afraid he won't shine in society?"

Just For the Principle.

A man in Copiah county, Mississippi, came out of his cotton field one day at noon and turned his plow-mule in the yard and threw her a bundle of fodder, and then entered the house to eat his own dinner.

A mungy, half-starved cat that was grazing in the yard wandered over to the mule and fodder and began eating. The mule backed her ears and heels and kicked the calf so severely that it fell to the ground and died.

The children called to their father: "Oh, papa! Old Bet's done killed Billy."

The father immediately seized his gun and rushed into the yard, and, seeing what the mule had done, in his rage discharged both barrels of the gun at the mule, killing her almost instantly.

A neighbor passing along about that time inquired:

"Jones, don't you think it mighty poor business to kill a \$100-mule all about a \$2-calf?"

"Hundred-dollar mule! Thunder, it's not a money-matter with me. It is the principle of the thing."—Detroit Free Press.

Result of Imagination.

My health-god run down, I failed in trade and I thought I would go to farming. I bought me a piece of land in Aroostook, built myself a cabin and set to work clearing it.

This was forty years ago. It was in the fall. I didn't have time to build much of a house, so I just clapped shingles over the cracks.

It was rather cold for us—my wife and me. We didn't sleep very comfortable nights. A friend told us to get an air-tight stove, put a big chunk of wood in when we went to bed, and the coals would keep us warm all night and warm the cabin.

These round sheet-iron air-tight stoves had just come into fashion then. I got me one and set her up. A short time before I turned in, I put in a heavy chunk of beach wood that I sawed right off a log. We turned in early and began to talk over our prospects in our new life.

"What a grand thing that air-tight stove is for us, Mary Ellen," says I.

"Yes," says she, "but ain't it getting a little too hot for comfort?"

I told her I didn't know but it was, and so I turned down one quilt. Before we got to sleep we had to turn down another quilt. It was a cold night but that new air-tight seemed to heat up tremendously.

"I never saw such a heater, Jerry," says Mary Ellen.

"Natcher did I," says I.

In the night I woke up and it was so warm that I turned down another quilt and left nothing but a sheet over me.

Well, in the morning I got up and went to the stove to stir up the coals and put on some more wood. Coals! Bless ye, there wasn't a spark in the stove! That big chunk wasn't even charred.

There hadn't been enough fire in that stove, all night, to tech off my pipe with. The beach log was so soggy to warm us up, but that new air-tight stove and our imagination did the business just as well.

—Old Settler, in Leviston Journal.

Don't Like the Special Delivery.

The old gentleman walked into the office Tuesday morning, and he was not looking like a man who had much to live for.

"Ah, good morning, Mr. Elderberry," greeted the bookkeeper, "you don't appear happy this morning."

"Nor am I," replied Mr. E.

"What is the difficulty, malaria?"

"Malaria, the deuce!" interposed Mr. E.

"Of course not. It's that new-fangled postage stamp."

The bookkeeper looked at Mr. E. with grave suspicion.

"I can't understand," he said, "how that should make you look so perfectly broken up."

"You haven't a grown daughter or two, have you?" asked Mr. E.

Again the bookkeeper's face wore a look of suspicion.

"No, sir; I can't say that I have," he admitted.

"Then you don't know anything about it?"

"May I ask you to explain?"

"Certainly you may, and I hope when your daughters grow up there won't be any special postage stamps. You see, my girl's got a bean somewhere out West, and he's been in the habit of writing to her fourteen or fifteen times a week. A two-cent stamp answered the purpose very well, until the new ten-cent style came in, and since that date I believe that young man has used all his salary in stamps, and my girl has wasted a half a ton of ink and worn out a peck of steel signing for the blamed special.

last night, and that's what hurts me now. Everybody went to the theatre and left me home in charge, and at a o'clock I went to bed. I was tired and went to bed for purely business purposes, and not to answer door bells or keep house, and in a few minutes I was sound asleep.

After a while I thought I heard the breakfast bell. I rolled over to take another nap. You see it struck me that the breakfast was a little early, and I proposed to let 'em wait. Ting-a-ling went the bell again; it kept wanting until I discovered that it was the door bell. I wasn't going to be fooled that way though, and I thought I could stay in bed longer than anybody would stay at the front door, so I didn't pay much attention to it. It kept ringing, however, and after half an hour's hard work to go to sleep again, I got up and poked down through the dark to see what the dickens was the row.

When I got the door open, one of those United States postal messengers was there, grinning at me, with a special stamp letter, and I had to chase around over the house, hunting for ink and pen to sign for it. I got that part attended to after barking my shins in half a dozen places and falling over all the rocking chairs on the ground floor, and then I went up to my room to see who the mischief had such important business with me as to send me a letter at that hour of the night, and the light revealed a letter to my girl from that fourteen-times-a-week dude, and all the good I got out of it was an hour's anxiety and a whole night's sleep completely wrecked.

That's what's the matter with me now, and that's what makes me feel that Cleveland's administration is a delusion, and civil reform is a snare as big as a hay-mow. You said malaria a while ago. Well, give me malaria and I'll give you the special mail delivery and two dollars to boot."

Mr. E. picked up the morning paper and refused to be comforted.—Merchant-Traveler.

HEALTH HINTS.

Every one should keep a bottle ready of equal parts strong lime-water and sweet oil well shaken together, to use on burns and scalds, or for chapped hands.

Essence of peppermint painted on a burn causes the pain to cease at once.

To exercise in weariness, increased by every step, is not only not beneficial, it is useless and worse than useless; it is positively destructive.

Bathe a sprain with arnica diluted with water, and bandage with a soft flannel moistened with the same. A sprained wrist thus treated will grow well and strong in a few days.

Every one has a cure for sore throat, but simple remedies appear to be most effectual. Salt and water is used by many as a gargle, but a little alum and honey dissolved in sage tea is better. An application of cloths wrung out of hot water and applied to the neck, changing as often as they begin to cool, has the most potency for removing inflammation of anything we have ever tried.

It should be kept up for a number of hours; during the evening is usually the most convenient time for applying this remedy.

A Thrifty Swain.

A remarkable case has been before the courts at Chatham, New Brunswick. A young gentleman who, after many months of industrious courting, was ousted from the young lady's affections by a more enterprising rival, brought suit to recover the following:

2 handkerchiefs.....20c
1 silver ring.....25c
1 pearl.....25c
1 pair slippers.....30c
Horse hire.....50c
1/2 pound candy.....20c
1 pound raisins.....15c
3 pound cotton chain.....40c

Presented given to Elizabeth Dorion during courtship with Gustavus Frigault, and for which he received no value.

The plaintiff seems to have been an eminently prudent and economical suitor. Handkerchiefs at ten cents each is almost a famine quotation. The raisins and candy they no doubt ate together. What was done with the "two pound cotton chain" it is impossible to conjecture, except it were to keep the defendant employed while the plaintiff lingered and loved. How he could have conducted a whole summer's courting on "Horse hire, 50 cents," is a positive marvel.

By judicious advertising the recipe could be made to yield him a fortune in a short time. The price at which the ring was obtained would "make" a second-hand store if properly employed as a bait to catch customers. Against the plaintiff's claim the defendant entered a contra account. The chief items were three gallons of oil, used during the courting, and time lost by the lady's mother sitting up at nights to watch the couple. The jury took the view that value had been received, and gave a verdict for defendant.

—Toronto Globe.

An Ancient Custom Still in Vogue.

Lately, in accordance with an ancient custom, the cloth annually sent to the great officers of state and others by the corporation of London was inspected and selected at Guildhall (London) prior to the meeting of the court of aldermen.

Four and a half yards of the best black cloth were forwarded to the lord chancellor, the lord chief justice, the master of the rolls, the lord chamberlain, the vice chamberlain, the lord steward, the treasurer and controller of the household, the home secretary, the foreign secretary, the attorney general, the solicitor general, the recorder and the common sergeant, while six yards of black cloth and six of green were sent to the principal clerk and four of each to the principal clerk in the town clerk's office. In the early periods of history the retainers of great lords and wearing their liveries were so numerous as to be dangerous both to the sovereign and to the preservation of order. Many statutes of 1377 to 1504 were passed for the purpose of compelling them to keep the peace, an exception being introduced in the prohibition in the favor of guilds and fraternities and men of the mysteries of cities and boroughs.

The Influence of the Weather.

The plumber walks along the street With a dejected air, The saddest man of all you meet, When days are mild and fair.

The plumber walks along the street, His eyes with joy aglow, The happiest man of all you meet, When the mercury's ten below.

—Boston Courier.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Elbow sleeves are much worn.

Fans are of all sizes and descriptions. Fleece-lined merino hose are in demand.

Parisian women wear tiny lace muffs in ballrooms.

Picot and pearl edged ribbons are revived in spring millinery.

San Francisco has a firm of women engravers, Chamberlain & Ingalsbe.

Mrs. C. J. Hines has set up in business in Buffalo as a professional duster.

Broad laces are in demand for collars, cuffs, borders and revers of dressy frocks.

Bangs are to go, that is, if those to whom they are becoming will allow them.

A Belgian gun drummer says that all the guns sent out from Liege are made by women.

When evening gloves are not cream or light color they harmonize in color with the toilet.

Combinations of silk and velvet form the bulk of the toilets imported for early spring wear.

At a recent wedding the dresses of both the bride and bridesmaids were trimmed with fur.

Wicker-work tables are more popular than ever, and are much improved when ornamented with colored ribbons.

During the busy season Worth employs over a thousand assistants, who eat in his establishment, but lodge elsewhere.

Pearls are very popular, and many women possessed of specimens append them to their solitary diamond earrings.

The New York dressmakers are said to be waging war on the tailor-made suits that are just now so much worn by the ladies.

A young lady of Oxford, Chenango county, N. Y., has been made totally blind from the sting of a bee upon her finger.

Women's rights have been recognized in New Brunswick, a lady having been appointed to the registrarship of Gloucester county.

The Drover's Journal notes that a single London deer last year sold nearly \$90,000 tropical birds of gay plumage for the trimming of hats and costumes.

A sort of nun's veiling of striped goods on a cream ground, with a hood and burnous ends, is very odd, but is not so youthful as other styles for young girls.

Jeweled or Rhine-stone side combs and hair pins are stuck about capriciously in the coiffure, and fancy-headed hair pins are shown in marvellous variety and audacious designs.

The fair Vassar students are going in for physical culture, and the Alumnae have raised a fund of \$30,000, which is to be devoted to the organization of an athletic department.

Mrs. L. M. Wilson, superintendent of public schools at Des Moines, Iowa, has under her charge eight buildings, eighty teachers, and about 4,000 pupils. Her salary is \$1,800 a year.

Mrs. McClelland and other artists, all women, have carried out the entire decoration of some of the dining-cars on the Great Northern Railway, running between Leeds, London, Manchester, etc.

Coiffures with full-dress toilets follow the contour of the head closely, and may be in coils of one or two figure eights in shape, or else they may be half low in a braided coil of the hair in very small plaits of three tresses.

Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland is getting a reputation for bon mots; such as this: A Western visitor remarking, in his free-and-easy way, "You hail from Buffalo, I believe?" she replied, "Yes, we hail from Buffalo, but we reign here!"

The apprehension of evil is many times worse than the evil itself; and the ill, a man fears he shall suffer, he suffers in the very fear of them.

Old age is the night of life, as night is the old age of day. Still night is full of magnificence, and for many it is more brilliant than day.

DR. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS—a medicine that expels disease without weakening the patient, exhilarates the spirits without the aid of alcoholic poison—cures every phase and consequence of indigestion, restores the shattered nerves, regulates the bowels and the liver, and imparts to the constitution new strength and elasticity. Let the sick rejoice!

Somebody has discovered that the Egyptians wore jerseys in the sixth century.

Husbands! take the hint. Your wife or your children are liable to take colds from drafts. Keep on hand Allen's Lung Balm, the best and purest remedy for coughs and colds. It contains no opium and is harmless. Price, 25c. 50c. and \$1 per bottle, at Drugists.

It is claimed that 800,000 pounds of willow leaves disguised as tea were shipped from Shanghai to this country last year.

A Terrible Fire.

arouses the apprehensions of a whole city. And yet the wild havoc of disease started no one. Sad to relate, women suffer from year to year with chronic diseases and weaknesses peculiar to their sex, knowing that they are growing worse with every day, and still take no measures for their own relief. Dr. P. E. Rogers' "Feminine Prescription" is the result of life-long and learned study of female complaints. It is guaranteed to cure.

The surprising statement is made that Mexico supports 10,000 public schools, with facilities equal to any of our colleges.

Becky of the Honors.

with some debility and kindred diseases, mark the progress of the terrible disease known as catarrh. It advances from stage to stage of fearful annoyances, and if neglected, is certain to end in general debility, and possibly in consumption or insanity. Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy will cure it at any stage. This medicine has been long before the public, and thousands have been restored to health by its invigorating virtues.

The rainfall in New York city for the year 1885 was forty-two inches, against fifty-four inches in 1884.

Fremont's decline of many powers, nervous debility and kindred diseases, radically cured. Consultation free. Book 10 cents in stamps. Address, confidentially, Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

GENOVA, Italy, which has enjoyed the reputation of being the birthplace of Columbus, has found a rival claimant in Corsica.

To Soldiers & Vets. Send stamps to Soldiers' & Vets. Dispensary, 112 N. 10th St., PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

Pensions. Write for ANTIMONY KIDDER'S PASTILLES. Write for ANTIMONY KIDDER'S PASTILLES. Write for ANTIMONY KIDDER'S PASTILLES.

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Dry and gray hair will become moist and soft by the use of Hall's Hair Restorer.

For sudden colds, hoarseness, or irritation of the throat, take Asa's Cherry Pectoral.

The first official recognition of female practitioners in Italy has just been made.

Recovered from Death.

Wm. J. Loughlin, of Somerville, Mass., says: "In the fall of 1871 I was taken with BLEEDING OF THE LIVER followed by a severe cough. I lost my appetite and flesh, and was confined to my bed. In 1872 I was admitted to the Hospital. The doctors said I had a hole in my lung as big as a half dollar. At one time a report went around that I was dead, I gave up hope, but a friend told me of Dr. Wm. HALL'S CATARRH FOR THE LIVER. I got a bottle, when to my surprise, I commenced to get well, and to-day I feel better than for three years."

Can Consumption be Cured?

We have an effective and fatal result follow the declaration that it can be cured, that we have unconsciously settled down in the belief that this disease must necessarily prove fatal.

It is true that occasionally a community has witnessed an isolated case of what may appropriately be termed spontaneous recovery, but to what combination of favorable circumstances this result was due none have hitherto been found able to determine.

We have now the gratifying fact to announce that the process by which nature effects this wonderful change is no longer a mystery to the medical profession, and that the changes brought about in the system under favorable circumstances by intrinsic causes may be made as certainly and more expeditiously by the use of the proper remedy. In other words, nature is limited and assisted.

Tuberculosis matter is nothing more or less than a nourishment imperfectly organized. Now, if we can procure the organization of this food material so that through the process of elective affinity it may take its place in the system, we can cure the disease. This is just what Piso's Cure for Consumption does. It arrests at once the progress of the disease by preventing the further supply of tuberculous matter, for while the system is under its influence all nourishment is organized and assimilated. It thus controls cough, expectoration, high fever, hectic fever, and all other characteristic symptoms of Consumption.

Many physicians are now using this medicine, and have shown fully up to its recommendations and makes Consumption one of the diseases they can readily cure.

The forming stage of a disease is always the most favorable for treatment. This fact may induce persons to resort to the use of Piso's Cure when the cough is first noticed, whether it be a consumptive diathesis, or its cause or not, for this remedy cures all kinds of coughs with unequalled facility and promptness. In coughs from a simple cold, two or three doses of the medicine will be found sufficient to remove the trouble, so in all diseases of the throat and lungs, with symptoms simulating those of Consumption, Piso's Cure is the only infallible remedy.

The following letter recommending Piso's Cure for Consumption, is a fair sample of the certificates received daily by the proprietor of this medicine:

ALBION, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1885.

I had a terrible cough, and two physicians said I would never get well, I then went to a drug store and asked for a good cough medicine. The druggist gave me Piso's Cure, and it has done more good than anything I ever used. I do not believe I could live without it.

LEONORA VERMILYEA.

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Backache, aching sides, kidneys, sore muscles, stiffness of joints, neuralgia, rheumatism. The relief of some in medicine is shown by the popularity of Hop Forons Plasters for pains.

Relief is immediate, and a cure sure. Piso's Remedy for Catarrh. 50 cents.

Flowers That Bloom.

In the spring will be here before you know it, and you should be prepared to enjoy the most delightful season of the year. To escape the depressing, debilitating effects of the changing season you should purify your blood, and keep up a good appetite and good digestion by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. A single dollar for this reliable medicine may save you a good deal of money later in the year. Take it now.

"When I bought Hood's Sarsaparilla I made a good investment of one dollar in medicine for the first time. It has driven off rheumatism and improved my appetite so much that my boarding school says I must keep it locked up or she will be obliged to raise my board with every other boarder that takes Hood's Sarsaparilla."—THOMAS BURELL, 57 Hilary Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Cleanses the Head. Allays Inflammation. Heals the Sores. Restores the Senses of Taste, Smell, Hearing. A POSITIVE CURE. CREAM BALM.

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Price 50c. per bottle. Sent by mail on receipt of 50c. to ELY BROTHERS, Druggists, Orange, N. Y.

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