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EDGAR ALLAN POE.

His Dainty Hands. Tropical Countenance and Good Digestion.

Poe's arms and hands were slender and tapered very gracefully and gently down to the ends of his fingers, which were very tender, gentlemanly and ladylike. In fact, his hands were truly remarkable for their rosy softness and lily white, feminine delicacy. You could have judged of his nobility by his hands.

His face was rather oval, tapering in its contour rather suddenly to the chin, which was very classical, and especially when he smiled, really handsome. His countenance was tropical in its aspect, precisely the reverse of his heart, which, like the fountains of Solomon, had long been kept sealed up as something sacred from the vulgar gaze of the world, his face whenever he wrote long at any one time putting on a sickly, sallow and rather pallid hue, but never to such an extent as to indicate indigestion. His digestion was always good, which is prima facie evidence that he was never a student.

His dress was always remarkably neat for one in his circumstances. But I do not believe that it would have done him to have had money. He was ruined in his youth. His college life in Virginia was the cause of all his after infelicitations. That was the infernal whirlpool into which was driven the beautiful milk white ship of his soul, never to be reclaimed. Is it not one of the most remarkable things in the world that any man of his abilities should have been so amenable to the dictations of others?—*Poe-Clivers Papers in Century.*

Spending From Experience.
"Blanche, dear," said the watchful aunt to her niece, "don't you think that Fred spends too much money upon you?"

"Do you think so, aunty?"
"Indeed I do, Blanche. I've been noticing, and I think he's really extravagant. You ought to check him and tell him to save his money. You begin to spend a good deal when you go house-keeping, and it is far better for him to put in the bank the money he is now spending on carriage rides and luncheons and tickets to this thing and that than to be squandering it. Think over the matter a minute or two, dear, and you will see it as I do."

"Oh, I've thought about it already, aunty. I'd take your advice if I were absolutely certain that he shall be married, but I've been engaged before, aunty, and I don't intend to advise a young man again to economize for some other girl's benefit."

Reading and Talking.
Reading will be of little use without conversation and conversation will be apt to run low without reading. Reading fills the lamp and conversation lights it. Reading is the food of the mind and conversation the exercise, and as all things are strengthened by exercise so the mind by conversation. There we shake off the dust and stiffness of a retired scholastic life. Our opinions are confirmed or corrected by the good opinions of others, points are argued, doubts are resolved, difficulties cleared directions given and frequent.

Proved!
"Your son is a philosophical student. I hear."
"Yes, I believe he is. I can't understand what he's talking about."—*Detroit Free Press.*

ly hints started which, if pursued, would lead to the most useful truths, like a vein of silver or gold which directs to a mine.—*Washington Times.*

City of Three Kings.
Do you know what city has been given the name of the City of Three Kings? It is Cologne, in Germany, and the reason is that it is in Cologne that the three "kings," or "magi," or "wise men" who came to Bethlehem to offer gifts to the infant Jesus are supposed to be buried.

According to an ancient legend, their bones were brought from Milan to Cologne by the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa in 1162 and presented to the archbishop of Cologne.

Visitors to the cathedral are shown the supposed skulls of the magi, studied with diamonds and inscribed with the wise men's names in rubies.

Love Plants.
Plants used in love divinations are common. In many parts of England and Scotland the familiar southern wood is known as "lad's love," "lad's loveless" or "lads' love and lassies' delight." Another British name for the plant is "old man's love" or simply "old man" from its use recommended by Pung. In Woburn, Mass., this herb is called "lady's love," and it is said that if a girl takes a bit in her shoe she will marry the first boy she meets.

He Understood.
"And after I got off the cars," said young Markley, who had asked and received permission to call, "which way do I turn to get to your house?"
"Why," said she, "right in front of you, on the corner, you'll see a candy store—a very nice candy store—and—er—when you come out you walk two blocks east."

The Gravedigger.
A gravedigger, walking in the streets the other day, chanced to turn and noticed two doctors walking behind him. He stopped till they passed and then followed on behind them. "And why this?" said they. "I know my place in the procession," returned he.

A Beautiful Bull.
An Irish editor being unable to obtain a sufficiency of news for his daily paper, made the following extraordinary announcement: "Owing to an unusual pressure of matter we are today obliged to leave several columns blank."

English as She Spoke.
Tourist—Say, my good fellow, am I on the right road to the town?
Native (after a pause)—Ya-as, stranger, but I reckon you're goin' in the wrong direction.—*Lippincott's.*

A Cold.
There are some things in the world that one can't understand. One is that you catch a cold without trying; that if you let it run it stays with you, and if you stop it it goes away.

MAN'S LITTLE TOE.

Scientists Declare That It Is Doomed to an Early End.

Eminent scientists assert that the small toe of the human foot will be crowded out of existence by the end of the present century. Such is the view of chiropodists generally and of physicians who have given the matter more than passing consideration, says the Philadelphia Press.

Just as, according to Darwin, the tail was crowded out of the human body skeleton many ages back because it had no useful functions to perform, just as the vermiform appendix, the only apparent function of which is to necessitate dangerous and expensive operations, will eventually find no place in human anatomy, so, according to present indications, the little toe must ultimately disappear altogether.

Whether or not the big toe is all that is needed in walking and running is a question which has not yet been satisfactorily answered, but the fact remains that athletic instructors and coaches have universally striven to develop the big toe at the expense of the others in the training of fast runners and football players, and to that end the shoes have been made so narrow that any possibility of using the little toe has been precluded.

Between the modern method of walking and the wearing of tight fitting shoes the little toe is doomed to an early end.

Her Blessing.
There is always a possibility that the person whom we regard as a proper object for sympathy may look upon himself in another light. This interesting and instructive surprise often awaits the well meaning bearer of condolence.

When Mrs. Hastings learned that her old friend, Mrs. Warren, had become "stun deaf," she went with a long face to see her.

"It must be an awful cross, Lavinia," she wrote on the slate which Mrs. Warren presented to her as soon as she was seated.

"Tain't ether," snapped the afflicted one, who, though deaf, was by no means dumb. "Folks that have got anything to say can write it on that slate, and Henry Warren, that's had to put a curb on his tongue for upward of thirty years on account of the high temper he took from his mother's folks, is now able to say anything he likes and no feelings hurt. I count my deafness a real blessing. How's your rheumatism?"

Scarcer Eggs.

The eggs of some common birds of the present day have never been found. There is the robin snipe; its eggs have never been seen. An English zoologist kept a man going up and down the coast of Labrador for weeks purposely to get a robin snipe's egg, but it was in vain. The bird is known by thousands of people, but it breeds so far north and so remote from any civilization that no scientific observer can ever get to its nest ere the young are hatched and have taken to wing. The frigate bird that is so commonly seen at sea on the Pacific and off the West Indies is such a solitary bird and is so seldom seen in its nest during the hours of daylight that its egg is rare. It seems strange, but the eggs of so well known a bird as the sandpiper have never been found and are almost priceless.

The Wrong Suggestion.
A good planter's wife "befo' de war," was teaching a jet black house girl, just fourteen and fresh from the plantation, the letters of the alphabet. Betsy had learned the first two, says Harper's Magazine, but always forgot Harper's Magazine, but always forgot the letter "c."

"Don't you see with your eyes? Can't you remember the word see?" said her mistress.
"Yassum," answered Betsy. But she could not. Five minutes later Betsy began again bravely. "A—B"—and there she stopped.

"What do you do with your eyes, Betsy?"
"I sleeps wif 'em, mis'."

The Redwoods.

A remarkable peculiarity of the redwood (Sequoia sempervirens) is its manner of increase, which is from dormant buds at the base of the stump as well as from the seed. When a tree was blown down or fell, as its period of extension was reached, several shoots pushed upward from the circumference of the stump and, of course, in a circle. These in time became fully grown, six, ten or a dozen feet in diameter. In after years, as these trees have fallen, each would have a circle of trees surrounding it.

A Great Discovery. Not Made by Accident.

Great discoveries are not always made by accident but often by perseverance, constant study and experience. Such was the case that resulted in the discovery of Thompson's Barossa which is remarkable for its cure in Kidney, Liver and bladder troubles, also Sciatic Rheumatism. Barossa is remarkable also in the fact that the cures it makes are Permanent.

A Serious Case Easily Cured.

The third case of Thompson's Barossa made me feel like a new man. I suffered about a year with pain in the back, side and groin. My hands, arms, and side of face became numb; would wake up numb all over; had to get out of bed and go through gymnastic exercises to get asleep. I made up my mind to sell out the jewelry business, as I lost thirty pounds of flesh in one year. I am very thankful I took Thompson's Barossa and should remain in Titusville. Any person afflicted as I was can call on J. J. Borne, jeweler, 29 West Spring street, and learn what Barossa, Backache, Liver, Kidney and Lambeago Cure did for me. It is a valuable remedy. The above cure was effected five years ago and I have been well ever since. J. J. BORNE.

Cured in Four Days.

About twenty years ago I contracted a sprain and lambeago, causing numbness in my back and hips, which coiled me to my bed. Capt. S. R. Smith called on me and said: "Get a bottle of Thompson's Barossa," which I did taking large doses and to my surprise in about four days I rolled out of bed a well man. Although this was twenty years ago, I have had no return of the symptoms since. (Signed) JOHN P. PIEPPER, Sept. 1st, 1900. Selkirk, Pa. All druggists, \$1.00 a bottle or six for \$5.00.

County Auditors' Report For Year 1902.

F. A. KELLER, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To balance.....	\$18,985 35
To seated returns, 1901.....	553 39
To seated tax 1902.....	18,553 35
To unseated tax, 1902.....	6,036 15
To additional seated returns 1901.....	95 72
To 5 per cent. added to Col's bal.....	249 77
To 5 per cent. added seated returns.....	17 77
To interest on unseated tax.....	294 76
To 60-day list.....	56 50
To 4-14 of 8902.50 County orders.....	361 00
To State Poor fund.....	48 01
To fines.....	3 00
To election ex. P. Haines, refund.....	168 50
To costs in Knight vs. Casin case.....	254 75
To land redeemed.....	32 05
To interest from L. S. Clough.....	24 77
To old sidewalk sold.....	2 00
To grant sold.....	7 75
To land sold.....	18 25
To lumber sold.....	9 88
To oil right sold.....	2 25
To amt't from Barnett twp for er-.....	2 10
To jury fees.....	12 00
To amt't from L. Mayer.....	11 68
To amt't trans'd from license act.....	114 00
To balance.....	\$45,663 82
To balance.....	\$20,578 99
F. A. KELLER, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with County Poor Fund for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To balance.....	\$ 3,002 08
To seated returns for 1901.....	142 21
To seated tax for 1902.....	7,422 15
To unseated tax or 1902.....	2,414 46
To 5 per cent. added to seated tax.....	7 11
To 5 per cent. added to Col. bal.....	99 90
To interest on taxes.....	81 01
To seat of S. J. Hood house.....	51 00
To rec'd from horses sold.....	102 50
To rec'd from board at County.....	38 25
To rec'd from Mrs. Albaugh.....	2 00
To rec'd from hay sold.....	203 48
To rec'd from pigs sold.....	52 00
To rec'd from veg. sold.....	5 88
To rec'd from oil barrel sold.....	5 00
To rec'd from Jones, acct funder.....	5 00
To rec'd from R. L. Haslet, acct.....	91 25
To balance.....	\$13,739 50
To balance.....	\$ 2,924 59
F. A. KELLER, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with the State of Pennsylvania for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To mercantile tax.....	\$ 1,069 30
To State tax on Col. indebtedness.....	80 00
To brokers' license.....	4 50
To State personal tax.....	909 55
To peddlers' license.....	30 00
To eating house license.....	20 00
To billiard and pool license.....	210 00
To balance.....	\$2,323 35
To balance.....	\$1
F. A. KELLER, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with Redemption Fund of said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To State tax on Col. indebtedness.....	\$ 425 21
To rec'd from individuals.....	1,068 45
To balance.....	\$1,513 67
F. A. KELLER, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with the Dog Tax of said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To balance.....	\$ 290 00
To tax for 1902.....	654 00
To balance.....	\$854 00
To balance.....	\$420 93
F. A. KELLER, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with Liquor Licenses of said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To rec'd from L. E. Branch.....	\$ 100 00
To rec'd from J. J. Young.....	100 00
To rec'd from J. H. Fidler.....	100 00
To rec'd from J. H. Powers.....	100 00
To rec'd from Gerow & Gerow.....	200 00
To rec'd from Chas. Weaver.....	200 00
To balance.....	\$800 00
The COMMISSIONERS of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To County orders drawn.....	\$ 670 94
To Poor orders drawn.....	437 50
To balance.....	\$1,108 44
R. M. HERMAN.	
To County orders drawn.....	\$ 551 94
To Poor orders drawn.....	546 00
To balance.....	\$1,097 94
J. T. DALE.	
To County orders drawn.....	\$ 572 94
To Poor orders drawn.....	462 00
To balance.....	\$1,034 94
J. H. ROBERTSON, Prothonotary of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To orders drawn.....	\$ 539 23
To balance.....	\$ 539 23
J. W. JAMIESON, Sheriff of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To orders drawn.....	\$ 1,069 36
To balance.....	\$ 1,069 36
S. D. IRWIN, District Attorney of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To orders drawn.....	\$ 7 00
To balance.....	\$ 7 00
J. W. MORROW, Coroner of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 5, 1903.	
To orders drawn.....	\$ 14 38
To balance.....	\$ 14 38
FOREST COUNTY, ss.	
I, W. H. STILES, County Auditor, do hereby certify that we met at the Court House in Tionesta, said County, according to law, and did audit the several accounts of the Treasurer, Prothonotary, Sheriff, District Attorney, Coroner and County Commissioners for the year ending January 5, 1903, and we found the same as set out in the foregoing report. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 26th day of January, 1903.	
Attest, J. D. DAVIS, Clerk.	W. H. STILES, [SEAL] County Auditor.
	B. A. MCLOSKEY, [SEAL]

EXPENDITURES of Forest County for the year ending January 3, 1903.	
Judicial fees.....	12 35
Constables pay.....	291 23
Witness fees.....	152 06
Sherriff's fees.....	1,082 26
Prothonotary's fees.....	543 23
District Attorney.....	7 00
Stenographer.....	193 92
Telephone and telegraph.....	54 60
Retaining office.....	1,150 80
Indigent soldiers.....	105 00
Extinction of forest lines.....	29 45
Road view.....	122 80
Attorney fees.....	53 75
Medicine.....	100 00
Election expenses.....	1,245 58
Western Penitentiary.....	487 78
Reform school.....	293 51
Reform school.....	15 42
Bridge accounts.....	7,274 88
Fuel, lights and water.....	394 50
Stationary for Com'r's office.....	128 01
Stationary for Prop'r's office.....	75 96
Stationary for Treasurer's office.....	6 05
Total.....	\$25,226 22
FINANCIAL STATEMENT of Forest County for the year ending January 3, 1903.	
ASSETS.	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$20,578 99
Seated returns.....	439 76
Due from Hickory twp.....	249 67
Total.....	\$21,268 42
EXPENDITURES of Forest County Poor District for year ending January 3, 1903.	
Salaries, wages, medical attend.....	\$1,512 35
Provisions and supplies.....	380 06
Fuel and lights.....	659 28
Clothing and shoes.....	121 63
Medicine.....	61 50
Travelling expenses.....	56 95
Farm expenses.....	646 83
Incidental expenses.....	119 91
Conveying papers to Co. Home.....	29 88
Stock expenses.....	13 56
Tuition for children.....	126 40
Repairs on S. J. Hood house.....	24 90
Buildings and improvements.....	165 73
Total.....	\$3,002 08
FOREST COUNTY, ss.	
I, CONRAD BURBENN, County Auditor, do hereby certify that we met at the Court House in Tionesta, said County, according to law, and did audit the several accounts of the Treasurer, Prothonotary, Sheriff, District Attorney, Coroner and County Commissioners for the year ending January 5, 1903, and we found the same as set out in the foregoing report. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 30th day of January, 1903.	
Attest, S. M. HENRY, Clerk.	CONRAD BURBENN, [SEAL] County Auditor.
	ALPH. H. SHEDDEN, [SEAL]
	HENRY WEINGARD, [SEAL]

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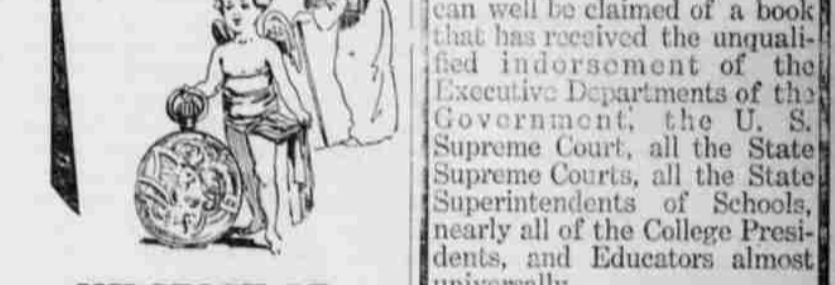
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