

Seeking Information.

A New York lady, who makes it a rule to answer instructively every question her young son asks, was confronted with a problem in geography recently which called for a lengthy exposition. The youngster was curious to know...

"This is North America," she explained, "and this is South America. You see that South America is shaped something like a pear, and it is fastened to North America by this stem or isthmus. Now the Panama Canal is to be cut across there..."

"But, mother," her son interrupted, "if they cut the stem won't South America fall off?"—New York Times.

Long Life of an "Ad."

A contract for an advertisement in a Chicago newspaper, which has run continuously for ten years, two months and twenty-one days, was terminated recently only because the advertiser wished to make a new contract for both daily and Sunday. During the term of the contract the only change made in the wording of the "ad." was when the place of business was moved.

Hair Splits

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for thirty years. It is elegant for a hair dressing and for keeping the hair from splitting at the ends."

Hair-splitting splits friendships. If the hair-splitting is done on your own head, it loses friends for you, for every hair of your head is a friend.

Ayer's Hair Vigor in advance will prevent the splitting. If the splitting has begun, it will stop it.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

All goods are alike to PUTNAM FADELESS DYES, as they color all fibers at one boiling. Sold by all druggists.

The United States produces about four-fifths of the total of corn reported for the whole world.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

If you write thirty words a minute you are traveling at the rate of 900 yards an hour.

Best For the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache or a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. Cascarets help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back.

Nothing makes a woman quite so mad as to be told that some other woman is sorry for her husband.

Brooklyn, N.Y., Jan. 20th.—For many years Gardfield Tea, The Herb Cure, has been earning a reputation that is rare—it is universally praised! This remedy presents unusual attractions to those in search of health...

Many School Children Are Slightly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms.

At the Italian restaurants a small dish of Parmesan or grated cheese is put on the table with the soup tureen.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

Numbers of men like to lean on other men.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. ENDISLEY, Vanburner, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

A miser's face is like a bank note, every line of it means money.

A ROADWAY.

Let those who will stride on their barren roads And prick themselves to haste with self-made roads. Unbending as they struggle day by day...

THE COURAGE OF A COWARD.

Two officers of a British regiment stationed in India were scattered in front of the hotel near their quarters. "I can't tell for the life of me, whether that fellow's really a coward or not."

"What fellow?" Capt. Medwin asked his companion. "Why, this new doctor of ours. Hackett—nice name for a surgeon, by the by," said Lieut. Vane.

"The first night he dined at mess, just before you came back, the colonel offered to send a man with him, lest he should miss the road home to his quarters in the dark, and he answered quite eagerly, 'Oh, thank you, Col. Carr; I don't at all like being out alone after dark!'"

"Well, do you know," said Capt. Medwin, "that's just what would make me think he wasn't; for no man who was really a coward would own it as plainly as that."

At that moment a tremendous noise was heard within the little hotel in front of which they were sitting, and out rushed three or four Hindoo servants, yelling with fright.

Both drew back rather hastily, and no wonder; for coiled around the doctor's right arm, with its writhing neck firmly clutched by his fingers, was a large and hideous cobra di capello, the deadliest snake in all India.

"One thump of Capt. Medwin's heavy sword hilt pounced the flat, shining head to a jelly, and the doctor, seemingly immensely relieved, went back into the house again.

"No mistake now about his being afraid, anyway," said Harry Vane, triumphantly.

"Hum!" rejoined Medwin, "if I were a coward, I should hardly begin by catching up the deadliest snake I could find and running about with it. There's something in all this that I don't understand."

Nor did any one else understand it; and the question of the doctor's courage or cowardice soon became a one of contention for the whole regiment. But the officers had something else to think of. For now reports began to get abroad of a grand picnic that was about to be given by the head officials of the adjacent town of Begunabad.

The day came at last, or rather the night, for the entertainment was to be held by moonlight, a day picnic in Bengal during the hot season being very much like getting up a party in a baker's oven.

"Hello, doctor!" cried Vane, "are you going to fight a duel?" "One can never tell what may happen," answered the doctor, with a nervous shake of his head.

With the gay dresses and bright uniforms, the bright moonlight, the dark faces and Oriental costumes of the attendants, the wide clearing lit up by the glare of an immense fire in the centre, and the black, shadowy masses of forest all around, the scene was wonderfully picturesque and striking.

Instantly all was confusion. Ladies fainted, children screamed, native servants ran hither and thither, while the English officers secured their guns and started in pursuit of the tiger, though with little hope of saving his victim.

"Who is it?" asked Lieut. Vane, as he and Capt. Medwin sped along side by side. "Hackett, poor fellow," answered the captain, sadly.

"Poor fellow," echoed Vane, remorsefully. "I wish I hadn't made fun of him so."

A sharp crack, like the report of a pistol, followed by a short, angry roar, was heard a long way ahead. The next moment came another shot, and all the officers rushed at full speed in the direction of the sound.

"Thank fate, you're safe, doctor!" cried Col. Carr, grasping the little man's hand warmly. "We never expected to see you again. But how did

you contrive to finish that tremendous beast single-handed?" "Well, you see," answered Hackett, as composedly as if he were delivering a lecture at home.

"The perfect coolness of the doctor's tone was too much for his hearers, and the silence of the night was broken by a roar of laughter.

"You didn't take out your watch to count the pulsations of the heart, did you, doctor?" inquired Col. Carr. "No," said the doctor, with unbroken gravity.

The officers exchanged significant glances, and Harry Vane, catching Medwin's eye, felt positively ashamed as he thought how he had once set down such a man as a coward.

"The shot evidently told," continued the doctor, "for the beast gave a growl that almost deafened me, and shook me in his jaws as a terrier shakes a rat; but still he trotted on. I saw there was not a moment to lose, so I whipped out my other pistol, and placing it close to his heart fired again."

"Well, doctor, we'll have that tiger skin taken off and dressed for you and hung up in your room. But don't you think it was rather too bad of you to let us go on thinking you a coward when you've got courage enough for a dozen of us?"

"Well," answered the doctor, laughing, "I must confess that, having heard of your fondness for playing jokes on newcomers, I've played a little one on you, but I hope you bear me no grudge for it."

"Not in the least," cried the colonel, heartily, and the rest echoed him. From that day forth no one ever doubted Dr. Hackett's courage.

RAISING VALUES. What Are the Possibilities of Bars of Iron. Placed in Hands of Different Artisans? Success contains an interesting article showing what may be produced from a number of bars of iron, one each being placed in the hands of various mechanics.

The man who takes the first bar may be a rough blacksmith, who has only partly learned his trade, and has no ambition to rise above his anvil. He thinks that the best possible thing he can do with his bar is to make it into horseshoes and congratulates himself upon his success.

When his work is done, he shows the astonished blacksmith \$2000 worth of knife-blades where the latter only saw \$10 worth of crude horseshoes. The value has been greatly raised by the refining process.

Along comes a cutter, with a little better education, a little more ambition, a little finer perception, and says to the blacksmith: "Is this all you can see in that iron? Give me a bar, and I will show you what brains and skill and hard work can make of it."

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Still another workman, whose processes are so almost infinitely delicate, whose product is so little known, by even the average educated man, that his trade is unmentioned by the makers of dictionaries and encyclopedias, takes but a fragment of one of the bars of steel, and develops its higher possibilities with such marvelous accuracy, such ethereal fineness of touch, that even main springs and hair springs are looked back upon as coarse, crude, and cheap.

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Just as each artisan sees in the crude iron some finished, refined product, so must we see in our lives glorious possibilities, if we would but realize them. If we see only horseshoes or knife-blades, all our efforts and struggles will never produce hair springs. We must realize our own adaptability to great ends; we must resolve to struggle, to endure trials and tests, to pay the necessary price, confident that the result will pay us for our suffering, our trials, and our efforts.

American Must Be Professionals. Ours must be, not "a nation of amateurs," but a nation of professionals, if it is to hold its own in the coming struggles,—struggles not merely for commercial dominance, but for the supremacy of political and moral ideals.

The new epoch will place a heavy handicap upon ignorance of the actual world, upon indifference to international usages and undertakings, upon contempt for the foreigner. What is needed is, indeed, knowledge, and the skill that knowledge makes possible.

The spirit with which we confront the national tasks of the future should have the sobriety, the firmness, the steady effectiveness, which we associate with the professional.—The Atlantic.



New York City.—Norfolk styles are in the height of fashion, both for young girls and their elders.



MISSIE'S NORFOLK WAIST. exemplifies one of the latest designs, and is desirable for many materials.

The original is made of velveteen in a black and white Shepherd's plaid; but flannel corduroy, and all the season's waist cloths are equally appropriate.

The lining is simply fitted and terminates at the waist line. The fronts and backs of the waist are smooth at the upper portion, but drawn down in gathers at the waist line.

Antique Lace as Trimmings. Antique lace and embroidery form the trimmings of the up-to-date woman's costume.

Materials For Dressy Waists. The fashionable materials for dressy waists are the colored Swiss lawns, white dotted and figured Swiss, Persian lawn and the soft Pongee silks.

Use on Gowns and Millinery. Delicately tinted velvet appliques in artistic Persian effects, and likewise black velvet designs, to be used alike

clothes that have seen better days it is very comfortable to draw round one's bare shoulders between dances, or when the doors are on a continuous swing.

A tendency to stripes appears in the foulards, though this is not pronounced, but quite a side issue, like the dots on some of the other designs.

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A SMART BLOUSE WAIST. teen years of age, three and five-eighths yards of material twenty inches wide, three yards twenty-seven inches wide, two and one-fourth yards thirty-two inches wide, or two yards forty-four inches wide will be required.

Woman's Shirt Waist or Blouse. The smart blouse waists are acknowledged favorites of fashion and grow in favor and variety with each change of season.

Some Pretty Combinations. Beautiful and effective combinations of lace and spangles are in black and steel combinations.

Pretty Petticoats. Those white or delicately colored brilliantine petticoats are pretty and serviceable.

Five-Gored Flare Waist. The skirt that fits snugly about the hips and flares freely at the feet is in the height of style for young girls as well as for their elders.

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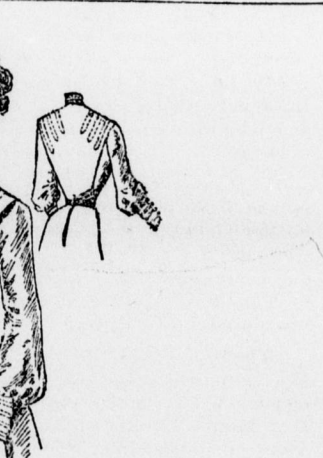
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This admirable May Manton model includes all the latest features and will be found very satisfactory in every way. As shown, the material is broadcloth in tobacco brown, but all cloths and chevrons, as well as the lighter weight wools and silks are appropriate.

The skirt is cut in five gores, the being found the most becoming of all styles. Each gore is carefully shaped, and widens as it approaches the fashionable flare.

To cut this skirt for a girl of fourteen years of age, four and three-fourth yards of material twenty inches wide, four and one-half yard



MISSIE'S FIVE-GORED FLARE SKIRT. thirty-two inches wide, two and three-fourth yards forty-four inches wide or two and one-half yards fifty inch wide will be required.

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Whether of ostrich feathers, tulle, chiffon, ribbon, rose petals or some two or three of those fabrics in combination, if it be truly beautiful and becoming it may cover a multitude of sartorial sins. Or, if one is not burdened with any

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