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Sand.

I observed a locomotive in the railroad yards one day.

It was waiting in the roundhouse, where the locomotives stay;

It was panting for the journey; it was coiled and fully manned,

And it had a box the fireman was filling full of sand.

It appears that locomotives cannot always get a grip

On their slender iron pavement, 'cause the wheels are apt to slip,

And when they reach a slippery spot their tactics they command,

And to get a grip upon the rail they sprinkle it with sand.

If your track is steep and hilly, and you have a heavy grade,

And if those who've gone before you have the rails quite slippery made,

If you ever reach the summit of the upper tableland,

You'll find you'll have to do it with a liberal use of sand.

If you strike some frigid weather and discover to your cost

That you're liable to slip on a heavy coat of frost,

Then some prompt, decided action will be called in demand,

And you'll slide clear to the bottom if you haven't any sand.

You can get to any station that is on life's schedule seen

If there's fire beneath the boiler of ambition's strong machine,

And you'll reach a place called Richmond at a rate of speed that's grand

If for all the slippery places you've a good supply of sand.

A woman is considered bright by the other women by the number of kinds of a fool she can make of a man in five minutes.

Some people would hitch better and pull more evenly if they had but one tongue between them like a team of horses in a wagon.

The girl or woman who keeps her hat on at a place of amusement is a relic of the nineteenth century. Twentieth century ladies take them off.

Every time a woman sits up half the night acting sweet to a lot of men, she wakes up the next morning and acts ugly to the one she is married to.

The grip makes one feel as though all one's friends had gone back on him, and they just want to give him a kick and inform him to get off their track, and you feel like doing it, too.

Edward Everett Hale gives the following three good rules for life: First, live as much as possible in the open air; second, touch elbows with the rank and file; third, talk every day with a man you know to be your superior.

"I notice," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "a couple of our learned professors have found the secret of long life. It is simply to have plenty of salt in the system. If that's true—and I'm not saying it isn't—Lot's wife ought to be alive to-day. Which I believe she is not."

Parents should see that their children attend school regularly and only when it is imperatively necessary should they be permitted to miss a session. Remember that an education is a legacy you can leave your children that adversity cannot deprive them of.

Senator Binkley, of the Indiana state senate, says that never in his life has he been in need of money, and never has he needed anything that he could not buy. He attributes this to a rule he has of never spending all that he earns, and to the economy of his wife.

In traveling now days and stopping at almost any of the leading hotels, if you desire to be nicely cared for, you want to cough up a dime or a quarter for the porter or waiter among one of the first things you do, so as to insure quick service and good attention.

Life a Century Ago.

One hundred years ago a man could not take a ride on a steamboat.

He could not go from Washington to New York in a few hours. He had never seen an electric light or dreamed of an electric car.

He could not send a telegram. He could not talk through the telephone, and he had never heard of the hello girl.

He could not ride a bicycle. He could not call in a stenographer and dictate a letter.

He had never heard the germ theory or worried over bacilli and bacteria.

He never looked pleasant before a photographer or had his picture taken.

He never heard a phonograph talk or saw a kinetoscope turn out a prize fight.

He never saw through a Webster Unabridged Dictionary with the aid of a Roentgen ray.

He had never taken a ride in an elevator.

He had never imagined such a thing as a typesetting machine or a typewriter.

He had never used anything but a wooden plow.

He had never seen his wife using a sewing machine.

He had never struck a match on his pants or anything else.

He couldn't take an anesthetic and have his leg cut off without feeling it.

He had never purchased a ten-cent magazine which would have been regarded as a miracle of art.

He could not buy a paper for a cent and learned everything that had happened the day before all over the world.

He had never seen a mower, reaper or a self binding harvester.

He had never crossed an iron bridge.

In short there were several things he could not do and several things he did not know.

Improvement of Public Roads.

Three public road bills to carry out the provisions of the act of 1897 came to the Senate from the State Highway Commission, composed of Hibberd B. Worrell, president; A. J. Cassatt, William L. Elkins, H. N. Breckenridge, James A. Beaver and H. C. Snavely.

One bill appropriates \$1,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture to construct and maintain roads in accordance with that act. Another bill makes the act take effect in January, 1902, and orders distribution of the money among the townships in proportion to the number of miles of roads, no township to get more than shall be raised by local taxation including work and money tax. The third bill prescribes petitioning from the township authorities and consequent investigation by the Agricultural Department concerning sharing the money.

The Commission's report details results of correspondence with all the townships on the best means to the desired end.

Typical Weather in February.

February will mete out severe winter weather, according to the weather-wise in general and Rev. Hicks in particular. The storm periods will be as follows, according to the latter's forecast: 2nd to 7th; 10th to 11th; 14th to 18th; 21st to 23rd; 27th. Wintry disagreeable weather will follow after these storms. The hardest storms may be expected from about Monday the 18th to Wednesday the 20th. As counter-parts to tropical storms southward, no one need to be surprised and overwhelmed by blizzards in the north and west.

The month goes out with falling barometer, higher temperature and rain and snow advancing from western and north-western extremes.

Like bad dollars, all counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are worthless. The original quickly cures piles, sores and all skin diseases. Trout's drug store.

An exchange says: When you run across a man who is continually criticising a county newspaper, you will find he is a man who couldn't write an article one inch long, describing a dog or a prize fight, and that he nine times out of ten borrows his neighbor's paper to read.

A Perpendicular Traveler.

Think of traveling approximately 5,105 miles a year and yet not moving out of your tracks, so to speak, says the St. Louis Republic.

Impossible?

It may be verified by asking an elevator operator in any of the large office buildings of St. Louis. Take the Union Trust building for an illustration, and the figures presented are interesting.

I. B. Spencer, the starter, has them down very pat. In speaking of the total distance covered each year by the six cages under his charge, he said:

"Our average working time is nine hours a day. We run one elevator on Sunday, so, to get a fair average I should say that each elevator has 312 working days. It is really more than this, but I want to be on the safe side, so I will make a low estimate.

"The speed of the elevators under full pressure is 200 feet every 14 seconds. Of course the cages do not make this speed, for they have to make many stops each trip, but it is the time that they could make if there were none.

"I will take only one elevator to show my figures. It is required to make a round trip every 2 1/2 minutes, or two of them every five minutes. This gives us a better basis to figure on, for if the cage travels 800 feet in five minutes, we have 9,600 feet for one hour, and since there are nine hours in the day's work, the total is 86,400 feet, or over 16 miles a day. The way I get the figures to make my calculation on is by taking the distance from the ground to the sixteenth floor of the building, which is 200 feet.

"Since each cage works steadily for 312 days, there is a grand total of 26,956,800 feet for the year. Reducing this to miles we have, in round numbers, 5,105 miles, and since we operate six cages, the total is 30,630 miles. It is something to think over. The distance is sufficient to belt the globe and go nearly one fourth of the way round again."

Ram's Horn Blasts.

Great works are but small ones greatly done.

The muzzle does not cure the dog of madness.

The absent Christ makes the present salvation.

It is always easier to preach doubt than faith.

The best activity in politics is shown at the polls.

Only the pure in heart can be powerful and brave.

Dignity depends not on the task but on the master.

Moral diseases breed in the swamps of the impure heart.

A man shows his character most often by what he laughs at.

The future and the past are the powers that determine the present.

Men say that they die as brutes because they want to live as beasts.

If God gives death it will not be less precious than any of his other gifts.

Dwarfed Christians are liable to find their way into the devil's menagerie.

Only he can do God's work in the week who finds his rest on the Sunday.

The mistake of the christian soldier is in seeking peace without instead of within.

Many troubles may be God's spades digging deep for the foundation of the temple in our lives.

A license is the string we try to put on the devil by placing it about our necks and in his hands.

The church that is forever figuring how to raise money will not cut much figure in raising the world.

A powerful engine cannot be run with a weak boiler, and we can't keep up the strain of an active life with a weak stomach; neither can we stop the human machine to make repairs. If the stomach cannot digest enough food to keep the body strong, such a preparation as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure should be used. It digests what you eat and it simply can't help but do you good. Trout's drug store.

Twentieth century grip is not much improvement on the nineteenth century kin.

Josh Billing's Proverbs.

Bashfulness is ignorance on a fraid. Conscience is our private secretary.

Poverty is the stepmother of genius.

Economy is the first mortgage on wealth.

An aristocrat is a Democrat with his pocket filled.

Pastidiousness is merely the ignorance of prosperity.

Honest men are scarce and are going to be scarcer.

Prudery is nothing more than coquetry going to seed.

Pleasure is like a hornet—generally ending with a sting.

Hope is a hen that lays more eggs than she can hatch out.

Success is a coquet and a bashful lover never wins her.

Flattery is like cologne water, to be smelt of, not swallowed.

Bliss is happiness boiling over and running down both sides of the pot.

Conceited people are like eggs, too full of themselves to hold anything else.

The cross man goes through life like a sore headed dog followed by flies.

Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it in one spot.

A "gentleman about town" is one who pays everything but his debts.

Rumor is like a swarm of bees—the more you fight them the less you get rid of them.

Marriage is an altar on which man lays his pocketbook and woman her love letters.

Honesty is like money; you have got to work hard to get it, and then work hard to keep it.

Anxiety is milking a kicking heifer with one hand and holding her by the tail with the other.

Incredulity is the wisdom of a fool; it is only a wise man who can afford to be credulous.

The positive man bets his last dollar on a card and loses, then tells you he knew he shouldn't win.

The monkey is a human being a little undersized, covered with hair, hitched to a tail, and filled with the devil.

Curiosity is the germ of all enterprising—men dig for woodchucks more for curiosity than they do for woodchucks.

Kiss—the only way to define a kiss is to take one and then sit down, all alone, out of the draft, and smack your lips.

Friendship is like earthenware, if it is broken it can be mended; but love is like a mirror—once broken that ends it.

Adversity is a poultice which reduces our vanity and strengthens our virtue—even a boy never feels so good as when he has been spanked and set away to cool.

Contentment is a kind of moral laziness; if there weren't anything but contentment in this world man wouldn't be any more of a success than an angle-worm is.

There is no absolute cure for laziness, but I've known a second wife to hurry it a little.

Slood Death Off.

E. B. Munday, a lawyer of Henrietta, Tex., once fooled a grave-digger. He says: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice. I persuaded him to try Electric Bitters, and he was soon much better, but continued their use until he was wholly cured. I am sure Electric Bitters saved his life." This remedy expels malaria, kills disease germs and purifies the blood; aids digestion, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney troubles, female complaints; gives perfect health. Only 50c at W. S. Dickson's drug store.

A curious idea has just been put in operation in Berlin. Arrangements have been made whereby parents of the poorer classes in the city and country may temporarily exchange their children, in order that the city children may learn something of country life and profit physically by their outings, while the country children may secure the liberal education which town life affords. Thus far the scheme has worked smoothly.

What Ants Can Do.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"There are a good many ants of different varieties on the lot at my country place near Covington," said a New Orleans business man, "and last year I began to make a systematic study of their habits. I found it most fascinating pursuit, and have resumed it with much enthusiasm during several visits this year. A little investigation will convince almost anybody, I think, that the ant approaches nearer to man in point of intelligence than any of the lower animals. Some of the things I have seen are so marvelous that I would hesitate to speak of them if similar wonders had not been fully recorded by trained scientists. Near a flower bed is a colony of small red ants that are extremely industrious in collecting food, and they frequently performed the most astonishing engineering feats in transporting heavy burdens to their homes. Not long ago I watched a party of about a dozen that had found the body of a small spider and were dragging it toward the nest. The spider had hairy legs, which stuck out in every direction and caught on obstacles, greatly retarding progress. For several minutes the ants rolled away with their awkward booty and then stopped and seemed to hold a council. A minute fragment of dry leaf was lying on the ground; presently they all laid hold and pulled the spider on top of it. They then seized the edges and slid it along without difficulty. On another occasion I saw a large body of the same ants start out for a raid on another colony. They marched like an army with scouts thrown out at the sides, and when several feet distant from the nest divided into two parties. One kept straight on and was soon engaged in fierce combat with the other tribe, while the second detachment made a detour and fell upon the hill from the rear. The result was a great victory for the invaders. Anybody who feels interested in the subject and who will put in a little time at close study will be certain to witness exploits fully as astonishing as those I have described."

"A Night of Terror."

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she would die from Pneumonia before morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, which had more than once saved her life, and cured her of Consumption. After taking, she slept all night. Further use entirely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at W. S. Dickson's drug store.

Rabbits Leaving.

Farmers and huntsmen state that the rabbits are coming down out of the mountains and are leaving in droves. They are migrating south. A farmer coming into town the other morning, says Cumberland Alleganian, met a drove of the little animals in the road. They skipped into a thicket until the men passed and then continued on their journey.

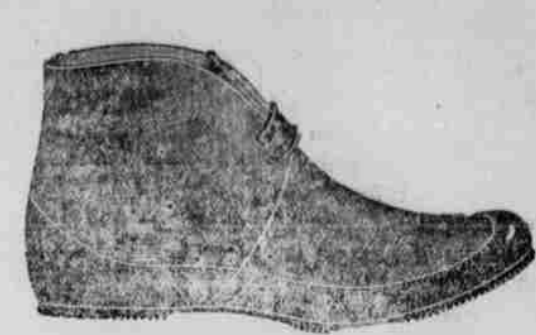
It is said by the old people that this is a sign of a late cold spring, that the winter having been such an open one, the rabbits have eaten everything upon which they are accustomed to feed and knowing that a severe spell of winter is yet to come are searching for new fields and pastures green.

The extent to which women have invaded the occupations at one time almost exclusively occupied by men is one of the most remarkable occurrences of the past half century. It has been estimated that fifty years ago but one woman was at work in gainful employments to every ten men; to-day the ratio is one to four. Thirty years ago two-thirds of all the self-supporting women were employed as domestic help; at the present time not more than one-third are so employed. Has the latter change been for the better? Many think not.

People who have plenty to occupy their minds are seldom heard gossiping.

J. K. Johnston's Mid Winter Sale.

Special Bargains in OVERSHOES.



Men's Buckle Arctics \$1.00 Women's Buckle Arctics 80c. Felt Boots \$1.75.

A few Ladies' Capes and a few Men's and Boy's Overcoats will be

Closed Out Quick

to make room for new stock. Men's and Boy's Heavy Caps.

We still have a few of those cheap Blankets and Bed Comforters—will not carry them over.

Underwear, Gloves and Mittens.

P. S. Ask to see the cheapest double-bit axe in town.

"Duckology."

A Kansas duck which had so faithfully stuck to her business during the summer and laid several dozen of large fawn-colored eggs complained that she was not appreciated. "See that hen over there," said the duck, "she hasn't laid as many eggs as I have nor as big, but the books written about her and verses written in her honor, while nobody is saying a word about me." "The trouble with you is," said the rooster that was standing near, "that you don't tell the public about what you have done. You lay an egg and waddle off without saying a word, while that sister of mine never lays one without letting everybody in the neighborhood know it. If you want to cut any ice in this neighborhood you must learn to advertise."

Harmony in Nature.

Naturalists say that when examined minutely with a microscope it will be found that no creature or object in nature is positively ugly; that there is a certain harmony or symmetry of parts that renders the whole agreeable rather than the reverse. So the most disagreeable tasks in life, when viewed in their proper proportions, reveal a poetic, an attractive, side hitherto undreamed of. Turn on the sunlight of good cheer, the determination to see the bright as well as the dark side, and you will find something pleasant, even in the most dreaded task.

Recent experiments show that all classes of foods may be completely digested by a preparation called Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which absolutely digests what you eat. As it is the only combination of all the natural digestants ever devised the demand for it has become enormous. It has never failed to cure the very worst cases of indigestion and it always gives instant relief. Trout's drug store.

SALT RHEUM CURED BY Johnston's Sarsaparilla

QUART BOTTLES. JUST SEEN IN TIME.

Slight Skin Eruptions are a Warning of Something More Serious to Come. The Only Safe Way is to Head the Warning. Johnston's Sarsaparilla is the Most Powerful Blood Purifier Known. Nature, in her efforts to correct mistakes, which mistakes have come from careless living, or it may be from ancestors, shoots out pimples, blotches and other imperfections on the skin, as a warning that more serious troubles (perhaps tumors, cancers, erysipelas or pulmonary diseases) are certain to follow if you neglect to heed the warning and correct the mistakes. Many a lingering, painful disease and many an early death has been avoided simply because these notes of warning have been heeded and the blood kept pure by a right use of JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. Miss Abbie J. Hande, of Marshall, Mich., writes: "I was cured of a bad humor after suffering with it for five years. The doctors and my friends said it was salt rheum. It came out on my head, neck and ears, and then on my whole body. I was perfectly raw with it. What I suffered during those five years, is no use telling. Nobody would believe me if I did. I tried every medicine that was advertised to cure it. I spent money enough to buy a bottle of it. I began to improve right away, and when I had finished the third bottle I was completely cured. I have never had a touch of it since. I never got a thing to do me the least good till I tried JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. I would heartily advise all who are suffering from humors or skin disease of any kind to try it at once. I had also a good deal of stomach trouble, and was run down and miserable, but JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA made me all right." The blood is your life and if you keep it pure and strong you can positively resist disease or face contagion fearlessly. JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA never fails. It is for sale by all druggists, in full quart bottles at only one dollar each. MORGAN DRUG COMPANY, DETROIT, MICH. at Trout's Drug Store.