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The Pessimist.

J. W. BURGESS.

But yesterday the grass was green, And all the world looked gay; But now that grass so fresh and bright Has all been turned to hay. The maiden spreads the pretty flowers Upon her new spring bonnet; But soon 'twill in the attic hang With not a posy on it. The bicycle comes smiling out All bright, and clean, and trim; But soon a header breaks its back, Likewise its spokes and rim. To-day a baby comes to earth To smile, and crow, and caper; But all too soon its little life Is blown out like a taper. The boy secures a ball and bat, His joy no tongue can tell; That bat will soon be broken, And the ball lost in the well. The editor writes a little joke, 'Twill do to pigeon-hole it; He drops it in the copy drawer— His readers say he stole it. The preacher studies three long days To make his sermon strong; The critics say "Twas pretty good, But just a mile too long." The profound lawyer goes to court To trot a legal race; An upstart buys the jury, and His client wins the case. Today we shovel in the coal, Tomorrow ashes carry; Today the lovers gush and spoon, Tomorrow they will marry. Man struts about, while lofty thoughts Go surging through his head; Appletitts lays him low And next you know he's dead. We squirt the water on our lawn To cause the grass to grow; Then tug the mower back and forth That self-same grass to mow. The peanuts that in youth we craved But lacked wherewith to buy; In manhood, when we have the cash, The nuts we dare not try. Thus all the pleasures of this life Cloy on our taste, and spoil; And when we want the water cold It always wants to boil. And so, for years, the thing we want Our efforts will defy; And when at last the prize is ours, We're old enough to die.

Well Met.

Not long since, in a certain New England city, four commercial travelers met for the first time at the hotel table. They were soon engaged in conversation. In a few moments one of them said: "Gentlemen, suppose we being all strangers, with the gentleman opposite me, to introduce ourselves and our firm's business." This was unanimously agreed to. Said number one, "I am Dash, and I represent the house of Payne & Co., selling glass bottles." Said number two, "Well gentlemen, perhaps it is no chance that I come next for I represent Davis & Co.; I am Davis, and I sell stuff that goes into bottles. I sell wines and liquors." There was a moment's silence as number three said, "That gentlemen, but perhaps there is a fatality about this. I am Jones, of the firm of Justin & Co., dealers in undertakers' goods." Number four was silent, and suggested that it would be well not to pursue the subject further and that it had been well never to have started it. After much urging to complete the chain, he said, "Gentlemen, it is indeed, a fatality. I am Dean, of Hecker & Co., and I am taking orders for grave-stones."

"Last winter I was confined to my bed with a very bad cold on the lungs. Nothing gave me relief. Finally my wife bought a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure that effected a speedy cure. I cannot speak too highly of that excellent remedy."—Mr. T. K. Houseman, Manatowney, Pa.—Trout's drug store.

Shelby, Iowa.

March 16, 1901.

DEAR EDITOR:—As I have nothing else to do today I thought I would write you a few lines for publication to let my friends and relatives back in little Fulton know that I got back to my Iowa home safe and sound, after spending a couple month visiting with my mothers, sisters, brothers, and other relatives at Fort Littleton. I enjoyed my trip east very much, and could have spent a couple months more very pleasantly. I think the next trip I take will be farther west. If nothing prevents, I want to go to Seattle, Washington, this fall to see the country.

We have had some very rough weather here this spring. We have had three very hard snow blizzards the last month, and they have been awful hard on the stock. The roads are in a terrible shape at present—men that have lived here for years say they are worse than they have ever seen them. The mud is so deep in places that you can hardly get a team through. The farmers have not got anything done in the field yet. Last year we had our wheat sowed before this time.

There won't be much rest for awhile when it once gets so we can go to work in the field. But we are making our money easy this month and can afford to work a little harder, once we get at it. I commenced to work the first of March, and have not done a thing but the chores since, about three hours work a day. Wages is good here this year. They run from \$23 to \$25 a month till corn picking, then we get three cents a bushel. Last year I picked thirty-seven hundred bushels in thirty-six days and a half, and made one hundred and ten dollars. I want to pick four thousand this year. Lots of the farmers do not have hands for this summer and can not get them because there are none to be had. I am going to work for the same man that I worked for last year. I will close by wishing my friends back in old Fulton health, wealth and a good time. Yours truly, BERT ORTH.

You will waste time if you try to cure indigestion or dyspepsia by starving yourself. That only makes it worse when you do eat heartily. You always need plenty of good food properly digested. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the result of years of scientific research for something that would digest not only some elements of food but every kind. And it is the one remedy that will do it. Trout's drug store.

Five Toasts.

A story is told that recently in Los Angeles, five prominent gentlemen of foreign birth chanced to meet. One a Russian, one a Turk, one a Frenchman, one an American and the other an Englishman. The gentlemen became bosom friends and finally a champagne supper was proposed at which each gentleman to be in keeping with the times was to give a toast to his native country, the one giving the best toast to be at no expense for the wine. The Russian—"Here's to the stars and bars of Russia that were never pulled down." The Turk—"Here's to the moons of Turkey, whose horns were never clipped." The Frenchman—"Here's to the cock of France, whose feathers were never picked." The American—"Here's to the stars and stripes of the United States of America, that were never trailed in defeat." The Englishman—"Here's to the rampin', roarin' lion of Great Britain that tore down the stars and bars of Russia clipped the horns of Turkey, picked the feathers of the cock of France, and ran like h—l from the stars and stripes of the United States of America." N. B. The Englishman paid for no champagne.

"I had piles so bad I could get no rest nor find a cure until I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. After using it once, I forgot I ever had anything like Piles." E. C. Boice, Somers Point, N. Y. Look out for imitations. Be sure you ask for DeWitt's. Trout's drug store.

Postal Fraud.

United States Marshal Peter D. Helm came to Chambersburg on Friday evening on a mission which will compel a town attorney to appear before the United States District court for the northern district of Illinois. Last August a Montgomery township citizen received a letter signed Hitchcock & Co. in which it was promised that all money invested through them in Metropolitan stock would yield a return of 100 per cent.

The Franklin county citizen placed \$100 in Mr. Noble's hands with the request that he send it to the company for investment. The attorney sent the money by his own check and nothing further was heard in the matter until several months later the check was returned by the United States postal authorities, who requested that all letters from Hitchcock & Co. be sent the government. The letters were sent and nothing further developed until Mr. Noble was summoned to attend the trial in the case against the Hitchcock people for using the mails to defraud. It is reported that several other citizens in the county have been victimized in the transactions—Opinion.

He Kept His Leg.

Twelve years ago J. W. Sullivan, of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire. Inflammation and blood poisoning set in. For two years he suffered intensely. Then the best doctors urged amputation, "but," he writes, "I used one bottle of Electric Bitters and 1-1-2 boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and my leg was sound and well as ever." For Eruptions, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Sores and all blood disorders Electric Bitters has no rival on earth. Try them. W. S. Dickson will guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Only 50c.

To Punish Bachelors.

A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature to encourage marriage. The bill provides that a male citizen of Pennsylvania over 40 years old making application for a marriage license shall pay to the clerk of courts a license fee of \$100, which is to be turned into the State treasury for the purpose of maintaining homes for old ladies over 40 years old who have not had a suitable opportunity or offer of marriage and have not means sufficient to keep themselves in clothes and spending money. Any bachelor over 40 years old who shall go outside of the State for a wife shall pay \$100 into the State treasury.

"I have been troubled with indigestion for ten years, have tried many things and spent much money to no purpose until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken two bottles and gotten more relief from them than all other medicines taken. I feel more like a boy than I have felt in twenty years." Anderson Riggs of Sunny Lane, Tex. Thousands have testified as did Mr. Riggs. Trout's drug store.

From advices received at the Treasury Department at Washington, it seems that it was high time that some means were taken to break up smuggling by passengers in vogue at New York and presumably at other ports of arrival from Europe. The new inspection rules, although bitterly complained of mostly by people whom they hit, are now said to be more stringent than those adopted in other countries—except Great Britain of course where free trade prevails—and their enforcement has brought in something like \$7,000 a day more than during the time when they were not enforced. In fact, the extent of the smuggling disclosed by them has almost dumfounded the Treasury officials, and steps are being taken to apply the New York system, as far as practicable, to other ports of entry. Investigations resulting from these disclosures has revealed the fact that a large number of trans-atlantic passengers, supposedly women of wealth and fashion were in fact milliners and dressmakers regularly smuggling goods from Paris and other European capitals. It is asserted that the disclosures are likely to result in the near future in some radical changes at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other large cities whence trans-atlantic liners sail.

Angora Goats.

Forty Angora goats have been received by Mr. E. P. Cahill, says the Hancock Star, who will put them on his farm near Lock 53, and experiment in their breeding. The goats came from a car lot that arrived in Pittsburg from a sheep and goat raiser in Now Mexico, who is trying to introduce the beautiful little animals in the Western Pennsylvania mountains.

A remarkable fact in regard to these little animals is the large preponderance of females, the male animal in a flock from which these were taken costing \$5,000 and if any of them should bear a male the value of the flock would be very materially increased. There are many advantages in the keeping of these animals over sheep, as they feed upon at least five hundred different kinds of weeds and graze on ground that would not be accessible to sheep. The clippings, which are of a short mohair, are very valuable, selling for more than \$1 per pound, and is used in the manufacture of fine fabrics. A sheep-stealing dog will have no time with these goats, as any of them can "lick" a dog in the most approved style in less time than it takes to tell about it.

A Raging, Roaring Flood

Washed down a telegraph line which Chas. E. Ellis, of Lisbon, Ia., had to repair. "Standing waist deep in icy water," he writes, "gave me a terrible cold, and cough. It grew worse daily. Finally the best doctors in Oakland, Neb., Sioux City and Omaha said I had Consumption and could not live. Then I began using Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles." Positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Lung troubles by W. S. Dickson. Price 50c and \$1.00.

What one Woman Thinks.

Women who do mean things put them down to the credit of economy. Breath is the most useful thing in the long run. Doctors are supposed to be healthy because they never take their own medicine. Men who go to church on Sunday generally do it to please the feminine portion of the family. Women waste the best part of their lives going through the big shops hunting for trifies. Women never think they ask men foolish questions. Men have but little trouble in being fitted for clothes. A woman loves to draw public attention to the sweetness of her babies. It is not always wise to disturb a man when he is reading his paper. Nor to ask a fat man for anything when he is pulling on his boots. Nor to discuss business with a man who is hungry. A true face is more desirable than a handsome one. It is foolish to be chary with your remarks of appreciation. Hearts are hungry for it. Very often the people who say they hate conventionalities are those who observe them most. A good skin is the result of cream and philosophy. Cream during sleep and philosophy all day. The minute the girl is given an engagement ring she generally flies to the store to look at lingerie. Since the war is over in the Philippines, the institution of civil government here on June 30 will be followed by arranging to have all the troops home by February 30 next year.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat. Artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps and all other results of imperfect digestion. Price 50c and \$1. Large size contains 25 times as much. Book all about Dyspepsia mailed free. Prepared by E. C. DEWITT & CO., Chicago. Trout's drug store.



"For a Republic We Must Have Men."

For a successful business there must be buyers. A well equipped store, a well assorted stock of goods, efficient clerks, all attract buyers; but no matter what the store, no matter what the stock, no matter how agreeable or efficient the help, buyers will not be attracted unless they know the facts.

Telling the facts in regard to your business is advertising. That method which will tell them to the largest number of prospective buyers is the best method.

It is obvious that the best method of telling the facts to the buyers of this community is through the advertising columns of this paper. Are you employing this method to the best advantage?

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Presbyterian—Rev. W. A. West, D. D., Pastor. Sabbath school, 9:15. Preaching service—each alternate Sunday morning counting from Aug. 12th, at 10:30, and every Sunday evening at 7:30. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:00. Christian Endeavor at 6:00. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00. Methodist Episcopal—Rev. H. M. Ash, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching every other Sunday morning, counting from August 12th, at 10:30 and every Sunday evening at 7:00. Epworth League at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:00. United Presbyterian—Rev. J. L. Grove, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching every Sunday morning at 10:30, and every other Sunday evening counting from August 19, at 7:30. The alternate Sabbath evenings are used by the Young People's Christian Union at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00. Evangelical Lutheran—Rev. A. G. Wolf, Pastor. Sunday school 6:15 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:00. Preaching morning and evening every other Sunday, dating from December 9, 1900. Reformed—Rev. C. M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:00.

Concerning Girls' Feet.

"Girls between the age of sixteen and eighteen generally have big feet," said a fashionable shoemaker, "and they are at such periods of their lives disposed to fat and flabby, but at twenty-two a remarkable change takes place. The foot then completely subsides, the flabbiness disappears, the flesh of the foot becomes firmer, the muscles and tendons get stronger, and the bones become well set. Altogether a great difference is noticeable. Yes, we have great difficulty with girls of about seventeen or thereabouts, for then they require a shoe large enough for a full grown woman. When they get older and the foot becomes settled new boots made on the old last will be found too large, and it is only when the young ladies complain their new shoes are too large, that we know the foot has undergone the change just described. Then explanation has to be given but the shoemaker doesn't mind that so much for a woman as she grows older she likes to be told that her foot is getting smaller. After forty the feet of a woman go back to the fat and flabby state, and herein grows the trouble of the shoemaker, who has to state in explanation, why the last pair of shoes do not fit; that the cause lies in the fact that her feet are getting bigger. No, I don't think that eyeing increases the size of a girl's foot. True, one or two of our lady customers have asked us to make their new boots a shade larger, but this difficulty is gotten over by making them 'full. We have never altered the length'—Washington Star.

J. K. Johnston's.

This Store will Offer Many Bargains During March.

The mild weather of the past few days reminds us that we have entered upon the first spring month, and but little time will elapse before the warm days of Summer will be upon us.

Much of our winter stock that remains unsold, must, when spring comes, be packed away, or sold at a very low price. For want of room, we prefer that you shall take them away. Quick sales and small profits is our motto.

Odds and ends from our heavy shoe sales this winter at prices that will surprise you

Felts, Arctics, Rubbers at lowest prices.

Blankets, Wool Underwear, Mittens and Wool Gloves at a great reduction.

A large lot of splendid Suits for men and boys, very reasonable and at great bargains.

The Hunt for Errors in Magazines.

Editorial vigilance is the only safeguard against errors in magazines-making. Every article that is published in 'The Ladies' Home Journal, for instance, is read at least four times in manuscript form, and all statements of fact verified before it goes to the printer. Then it is read and revised by the proof-readers; goes back to the author for his revision; is re-read by the editors three or more times, at different stages; and again by the proof-readers possibly half a dozen times additional. Thus each article is read at least fifteen and often twenty times after leaving the author's hands until it reaches the public eye. But with all this unremitting vigilance errors, of the most obvious kind occasionally escape observation until perhaps the final reading, but it is rare, indeed, that an inaccuracy hides itself in the pages securely enough to go through a magazine's edition.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

When a woman isn't saying more than she means she is meaning more than she says. One of the funny things about living in the country is that if your clothes fit you, half of the old women will believe you are living an evil life. There is only one thing that can look as contented as a woman with a new silk dress on sitting in a front pew in church with her husband. That is a cow. When a married man goes out and gets full he is smart enough to get an old bachelor to take him home, because he knows his wife will blame it on the old bachelor. Six thousand Mormons are going to move to Mexico, where they can practice polygamy without restraint. It must be a queer sort of religion that will induce a man to leave his country that he may wed more than one wife.

SEVEN RUNNING SORES CURED

Johnston's Sarsaparilla

THE GREAT SPRING MEDICINE. JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA as a Blood Food and Nerve Energizer, is the greatest SPRING MEDICINE ever discovered. It comes as a rich blessing from heaven to the "worn out," the run down, the overworked and debilitated. That "tired feeling," those "sinking spells," the languor and despondency which arise from badly nourished nerves, from thin, vitiated blood and an underfed body, vanish as if by a magic spell. The weariness, lassitude and nervous prostration which accompany the spring, time and the heat of summer, are conquered and banished at once. For every form of neurasthenia, and all ailments of the brain and nerve, insomnia, hysteria and nervousness generally, it is almost a specific. It furnishes the very elements to rebuild worn-out nerve tissues. It feeds brain, nerve centers and nerves, calming and equalizing their action; it makes rich, red, honest blood. Newness of life, new hope, new strength follow its faithful use. It makes the weak strong, and the old young again.

It was the antiquated (but now happily exploded) method in the good old times, to treat SALT RHEUM, SCROFULA, Cancer and other troublesome disorders arising from BLOOD TAINT with powerful alteratives, such as mercury, arsenic and other mineral agents. It was expected by this treatment that the poison could be killed while the blood was left to course through its channels holding in its circulation the specific germs of the disease. But in this way, every part of the body became more or less diseased. Nothing can be more terrible than a horribly destructive blood taint. It not only attacks virulently the different structures of the body, but many times the bones are honey-combed and destroyed. It often seeks out the nerves and spinal cord, and again it will bring decay and death to some vital organ, as the kidneys, liver or stomach. There is only one scientific method for the cure of blood taint. That is, PURIFICATION! Every particle of the blood must be removed through the excretory channels, the lungs, kidneys, bowels, liver and skin. First pure, then peaceable. The great restorative, reconstructive and vitalizer of the blood, JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA, not only radically and exhaustively removes the taint, but also removes all mercury, calomel and other minerals, and fills the veins and arteries with the ruby, glowing current of vitality. "The blood is the life." Good health means pure blood. The old and reliable remedy, JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA, is universally regarded as the greatest Blood Purifier ever discovered. This fact is now established beyond question or cavil.

BLOOD POISON CURED BY JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA.

Byron, Mich., October 31, 1894. William, Davis, Brooks & Co., Detroit: Gentlemen—In April last I began using JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA for Blood Poison, caused by an eruption of one of my arms. I had SEVEN RUNNING SORES on my legs. I used two bottles and was entirely cured. I know it is what cured me. Yours truly, G. W. LUTHER. MICHIGAN DRUG COMPANY, DETROIT, MICH. For Sale at Trout's Drug Store.