

# A Poetess' Child.

## WEDGED MICHIGAN WOMAN TELLS OF A STRANGE RECOVERY OF HEALTH.

### Frail, Helpless Little Sufferer was Changed into a Bright, Rosy-Cheeked School Girl.

From the Huron Tribune, Bad Axe, Mich.

A Michigan poetess, whose literary gifts have given pleasure to thousands, has just given a detailed statement of one of the most remarkable recoveries of health in her life and the strange manner of her recovery. The author is Mrs. M. Mages, of Port Austin, Mich., and her remarkable statement is given in her own words as follows:

My daughter, Joan Mages, was fourteen years old last August. She was always a frail child, had stomach trouble, nervousness and general weakness. From the age of five years she had been subject to distressing and frequent sick headaches. She was taken out of school and kept from attending for nearly five years.

She was so extremely nervous that life at times almost unbearable. She said: "Oh! mamma, if I could only get as soon as she fell into a dose of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, I would be able to get on my feet again." Her dream would awaken her so early in the morning that she was unable to get up. At the age of ten years she was taken to Dr. R. C. Flower, of Boston, who had spinal trouble and gave her seven months of treatment. The spinal trouble was not the nervousness and stomach troubles which she had, but she was so miserable that she had seen Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People advertised in the Huron Tribune.

### GEN. ROSSER'S UNIFORM.

In a Flannel Shirt, Shoulder Straps and a String Around His Hat, He Rides a Mule.

Among the Virginians who have recently visited Washington there has been no more striking figure and none on whom more eyes were turned in admiring gaze than the stalwart form and sunburned, swarthy countenance of Gen. Thomas L. Rosser, says the Richmond (Va.) Times. A newly appointed officer asked Rosser where he was going to have his uniforms made. "They will cost you a lot of money," said he. "I have had six suits made and they cost me \$700."

"I will only need," responded Rosser. "a flannel shirt which I can buy here anywhere on the avenue; a pair of shoulder straps, and a string or piece of braid around my hat to designate that I am an officer."

"You will have to get a fine horse, general," continued the interlocutor. "Gen. Butler has had a \$400 black stallion presented to him, and other generals have secured fine horses."

"Well," replied Rosser, "I have some good stock down on my farm; but from what I can learn a horse will not be the suitable thing in Cuba; I think a mule will be best, and it is my expectation to ride a mule."

It may be that this confederate veteran with his flannel shirt and string around his hat, bestriding a mule, will not be exactly in trim to court an amorous looking glass or caper nimbly in a lady's chamber to the lascivious pleading of a lute, but for a Black Douglas ready for the devil's own work in desperate encounter commend us to the "Prince of Albemarle."

### KAISER'S SONS CONFIRMED.

An Impressive Occasion in the Family of Germany's Emperor.

At the kaiser's express wish the confirmation of his two eldest sons took place on a recent Sunday at the Friedenskirche, in Potsdam, the scene of the kaiser's own betrothal, special trains conveying the imperial family and its guests (about 70 in number) from Berlin to Potsdam. The empress had, with her usual thoughtfulness, invited her son's masters to be present at the confirmation, and the princes themselves had been allowed to bring seven cadets, the companions of their studies and games, with them for this event. The Friedenskirche, adjoining which is the mausoleum where Kaiser Friedrich lies at rest, had been beautifully decorated with shrubs and flowers for the important service, which was a choral one. The young princes wore officers' uniform of the First foot guards, with the orange ribbon of the order of the Black Eagle, and, as is the custom at the confirmation of the royal family, each read in a clear voice a confession of faith composed by himself. After this service a congratulatory reception was held at the stadtschloss in Potsdam, which was followed by a breakfast there. In accordance with another German custom, the princes were the recipients of numerous presents in honor of their confirmation, and several high decorations were conferred on the crown prince.

### KEEPING STEP WITH THE MUSIC

Men Who Never Get Their Left Foot Hooked to the Heavy Tap of the Drum.

It is a curious fact, says a veteran, that some men never learn to keep step perfectly. There are some men, old soldiers perhaps, who can't help falling into step when they hear martial music—the left foot down at the heavy tap of the drum. The very great majority of men can learn to keep step, but there are men who can't keep step, or, as likely as not, march with the right foot down at the heavy tap. Somehow their left foot never gets hooked on to that heavy tap as it should. Every old soldier will recollect such men—anybody can see such men at a military parade, and this not as a result of confusion due to two bands of music, one ahead and the other at the rear, but lack of the exact time keeping instinct.

The commanding officer of a company may be seen marching within clear sound of his own music, with his right foot down at the heavy tap, while the company will be all right. I have seen a commander of a grand army post marching in time with the music, but with his right foot down at the heavy tap, and, as likely as not, he was a man who served from one end of the war to the other.

The simple fact appears to be that there are some men, as I said, who never get their left foot fully and unfailingly hooked on to the heavy tap of the drum.

### PREACHING AND PRACTICING.

The Boston Transcript tells a school story which enforces the lesson that preaching is of little use without practicing. In a school in Boston not far above the primary grade, the teacher was one day reading a story the subject of which was borrowing. She supplemented the reading with some remarks of her own, which she closed with this parting admonition: "Above all things, children, when you have occasion to borrow, never forget to return the borrowed article. Do not put the person who was kind enough to accommodate you to the trouble of sending for it." While she was still speaking, a knock was heard at the door. "Come in," said the teacher, as soon as she had finished her sentence. A pupil from another department entered, and stood waiting. "Well, what is it, please?" said the teacher. "Miss Blank says," the visitor called out, in a voice loud enough to be heard all over the room, "will you be kind enough to

### AN INSPIRATION.

"You're a splendid actress," said the manager encouragingly. "But I must confess that in that big emotional scene you don't quite fulfill our expectations. Realism is what we want. Couldn't you manage to shed a few genuine tears?"

"Well," she answered, "I never made a specialty of genuine tears, but I'll try. When I come to that scene to-night, I'll think of that back salary you owe me."—Washington Star.

### ENEMY IN DISGUISE.

"So you used to know your wife's first husband?"

"Yes, and I thought he was a friend of mine; but I know now that he deceived me."

"How was that?"

"He used to tell me every time he got a chance what a lovely, sweet woman his wife was."—Cleveland Leader.

### SAFER THAN USUAL.

Chawles—Are you going to the seashore, this summer?

Augustus—Oh, no; they say it will be dangerous there, this season.

"Nonsense! Not near so dangerous as usual! All of the mothers with marriageable daughters are afraid to go down there this year!"—Yonkers Statesman.

### HER VALUE.

The one with the diamonds and precious stones looked the other over patronizingly.

"How is it you never wear any ornaments?" she asked at last.

"I do not find it necessary to add to my value in that way," was the reply, and thus the feud began.—Chicago Post.

### SUBSTITUTE.

"You want a trip to the seaside? Nonsense, Jones! Put a little salt in your morning tub, eat fish at every meal, walk up to town and back so as to tire yourself out, sleep on the floor and let the house be dirty, and you'll fancy you're at Margate."—Pick-Me-Up.

### NOT THAT KIND.

Mrs. Hardeash—I want you to get me a divorce from my husband, and an allowance of \$1,500 a year.

Lawyer—How much is his income?

Mrs. Hardeash—It's about that. I wouldn't ask for more than a man makes. I am not that kind.—N. Y. Weekly.

### SHE HAD AN IDEA.

Professor—In China criminals are often sentenced to be kept awake until insanity and death result. Now how do you suppose they keep them from falling asleep?

Little Girl (oldest of a small family)—I expect they give 'em a baby to take care of.—Tit-Bits.

### NOT AFRAID THEM.

Little George—Do your folks ever have family prayers before breakfast?

Little Albert—No; we only have prayers when we go to bed. We ain't afraid in the daytime.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### IN A KENTUCKY TOWN.

Visitor—What was the strength of the regiment you sent to the front here?

Native—Four hundred and eighty six colonels, 50 generals, 140 majors and six privates.—N. Y. Truth.

### THE OLD STRUGGLE.

Lives of wealthy men remind us that no matter what we're worth, Each succeeding day will find us Striving on to get the earth.—Cleveland Leader.

### A DEFINITION.

Chimmie—Wot kind of a ting is dis gorilla warfare?

Billy—Aw, dat's de Spanish style when dey makes monkeys of derselves.—Collier's Weekly.

### HIS GORY RECORD.

He for his country nobly bled, And never hesitated; A doctor he, I should have said—The troops he vaccinated.—Town Topics.

### A CARIC.

Browne—They make those folding beds to resemble everything now.

Towne—Yes; I even saw one the other day that resembled a bed.—Brooklyn Life.

### A GENTLE HINT.

He—Your sweet face is my book of life. I swear it.

She—But your oath is not valid until you have kissed the book.—N. Y. Journal.

### NICE AND ROUND.

Amy—He gets a nice round sum every week.

Mamie—Yes; eight silver dollars.—Up to Date.

### HELPING HIM OUT.

Mr. Wallace—A woman has more changes of mind than—

Mrs. Wallace—Than she has of dresses, dear.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### RUNNING HIGH.

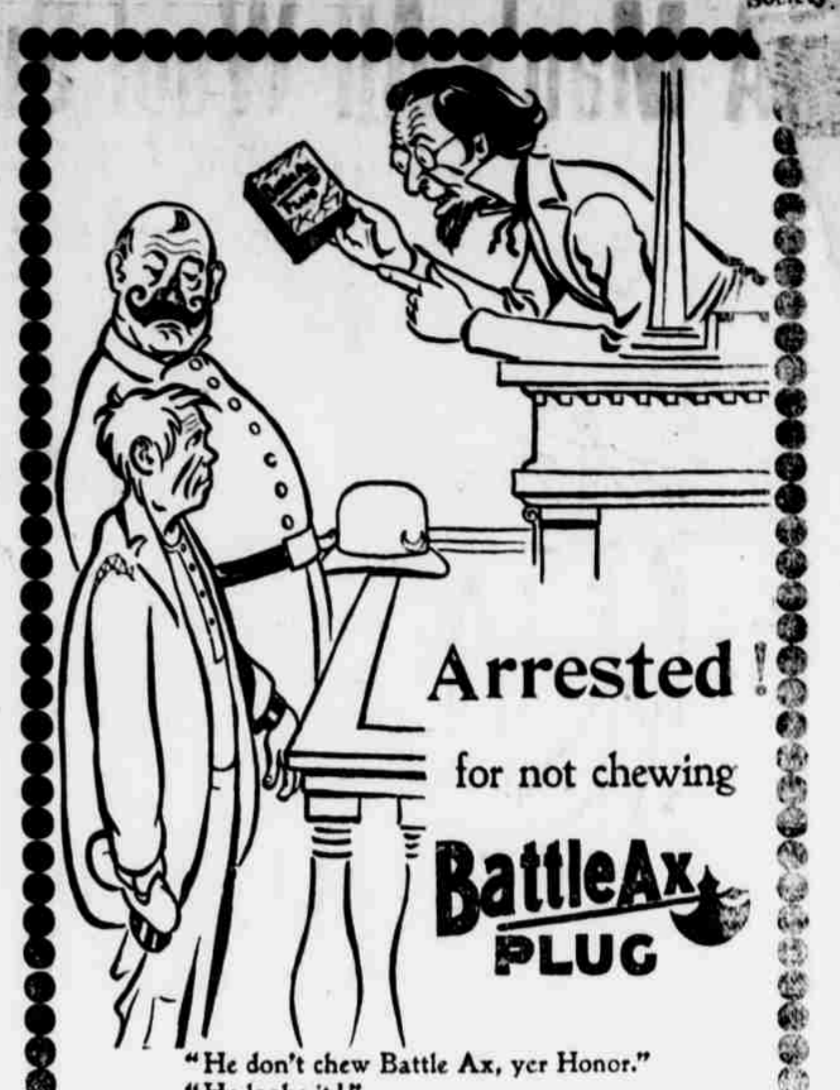
Doctor—Your pulse is racing alarmingly.

Patient—Yes; I am thinking of your little bill.—St. Paul's.

### DIM AS YET.

"Have you any expectations, Jack?"

"I can tell you better, Julia, after I



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