

### THE LAST STRAW.

These are the letters she sent me—  
Bad little spendthrift of ink—  
Vowing her love to content me,  
Fifty times over, on pink.

These are my foolish old letters—  
All that I wrote her—returned,  
Shackled in dainty silk fetters,  
Captives condemned to be burned.

Pleas for forgiveness or pity,  
Questions and tender replies,  
Missives inclined to be witty,  
Downs, and none of them wise.

Stay! Here's a sensible billet.  
Ah, 'tis here written in gold!  
"We have been long enough silly,  
Please return all that I wrote."  
—Cleveland.

### THE TRACER.

#### How He Follows Up Dishonest Purchasers on the Installment Plan.

One of the most important men in the employ of a firm that makes a specialty of selling goods on the installment plan is the "tracer." His duty, as his name signifies, is to find out the whereabouts of delinquent customers, who think to get out of the trouble of future payments by quietly moving away and neglecting to leave their new address.

Nothing could be more foolish than such a course, for this is a feature of the business that the installment houses have reduced to a science. It is obvious that in this city the great majority of those who purchase goods on weekly payments live in flats. This makes it a comparatively easy matter for the dealers to keep them under surveillance, for one of the first things the collector does is to see the janitor and inform him which families in the house have bought goods on the installment plan. It pays to see the janitor for this service, for he is in a position to know when any moving is about to take place, and the information he gives the collector has been the means of nipping in the bud many a well laid scheme to get out of paying a furniture bill.

Sometimes, of course, it happens that a dishonest family will move away in such a hurry that the janitor is unable to inform the firm in time. In such an event the "tracer" is put on the case. He sets about his work with the method of the trained detective. He is familiar with the name and address of every furniture mover in the city, and his acquaintance among the helpers is so extensive that it is more than likely he has a personal friend among the men who moved the family he is seeking. With such advantages his task is not nearly so hard as the uninitiated would imagine, and there would be fewer attempts made to "beat" the installment dealers if it were better known how little chance a person has to succeed.—New York World.

#### Ministering to a Quiet Kentucky Flock.

In a pleasant, social little Kentucky town not long ago a new minister arrived. Fervent in his mission against the world, the flesh and the evil one and not duly considering the points of his compass, he delivered from his pulpit the first Sunday a tirade against card playing. On Monday the wealthiest member of his flock called on him and said:

"Oh, dear Brother Parker, your sermon was very unwise. You will offend half your people if you talk against cards. We are just a little quiet community all by ourselves here, and we play cards whenever we want to. Don't say anything more about card playing."

So the next Sunday the new preacher launched out on dancing. Again the wealthy member visited him to say that his church people had always danced all they wanted to, and he must not say anything more against dancing. The evil of horse racing was his subject the following Sunday, and this brought the rich member to him in great distress of mind.

"Great goodness, Brother Parker, this is one of the finest horse sections in the state! You are beside yourself when you try to put down horse racing."

"Well," said the deponent preacher, "if you say so I'll have to let these evils alone. Next Sunday I'll abuse the Jews."

"All right," remarked the wealthy member, "but don't overlook the fact that I'm the only Jew in your congregation."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

#### Dolasses.

The dolasses of the Kafirs and Hotentots used for divination are not our dice, but substitutes for them. Precisely the same things served in the most ancient time for dice, and these are knuckle bones, which, under the name of astragi, children played with in old Greece and Rome. We have today a beautiful antique statue of a girl playing with knuckle bones. The Mashonas use something made of bone which resembles the Roman tali. These dolasses do not bear numbers, but peculiar, small incised pictures. Mr. Bent, in his "Ruined Cities of Mashonaland," describes these dolasses.

#### When Solid Iron Floated.

Experiments lately made in England show that if a ball of solid iron is lowered into a mass of liquid iron by means of a metal fork the ball at first sinks to the bottom with the fork. But in a few seconds it leaves the prongs and rises to the surface, where it continues to float until it melts. The rising is explained by the expansion of the ball, due to heating, whereby it becomes, bulk for bulk, less dense than the molten metal.

#### Nemesis.

Nemesis is lame, but she is of colossal stature, and sometimes, while her sword is not yet unsheathed, she stretches out her huge left arm and grasps her victim. The mighty hand is invisible, but the victim totters under the dire clutch.—George Eliot.

The Cydippe, a peculiar water insect, propels itself with a pair of paddles which both in shape and general appearance closely resemble those in use by man.

The Vapour Symp produces juice that is nearly all treacle is a deadly poison.

### Marsh Gas Under Ice.

An interesting chemical experiment, quite new to me, was performed by a party of skaters in the neighborhood of Baltimore. It is possible that it has been performed before, but I have not yet found any one who has seen or heard of it. The skaters were on a large artificial lake upon which remarkably clear ice had formed. In various places white spots were noticed in the ice, suggesting, as one of the skaters said to me, "air bubbles." Some one bored a hole through one of these white places and applied a flame to the gas, which took fire. This led to further experiments, and it was found that by boring a small hole a long thin jet of flame could be obtained, and this continued for some time.

The gas was of course marsh gas, formed by the decomposition of the vegetable matter at the bottom of the lake. The above method of demonstrating the formation of this gas in nature is, from the aesthetic point of view, a great improvement on the usual method described in the textbooks, which consists in stirring a pool of stagnant water with a stick and collecting the gas that rises to the surface. Skating ponds illuminated by natural gas are among the possibilities of the future.—Letter in Science.

#### Watched Himself Die.

"Our village doctor, good man that he was," says a woman visiting in the city from an interior town, "has just died. He was very much absorbed in his profession and studied every case, from a run of typhoid fever down to an attack of measles, as if it were his first patient. When his own mortal illness prostrated him, he died. He clearly watched his symptom and the effect of the remedies used, and warned the attending physician several days before his death of the hopelessness of his condition, as evidenced by certain feelings no one but a professional patient, with every sense alert, could have discovered. He was conscious up to the last, and as the end approached had himself bolstered among his pillows into a half sitting position. He kept the fingers of one hand on the pulse of the other, and though he said nothing, the expression of his face showed that he was interested professionally in watching himself die. As he drew his last breath the fluttering at his wrist must have indicated it, for he let his fingers drop, looked around the group gathered about him with as clear and intelligent expression as any that ever shone on his face, said aloud and distinctly, 'Dead now,' and was."—New York Times.

#### The Court Smiled.

Some years ago, in a suit which turned on the state of mind of a lady who had been a member of a sisterhood, the late chief justice, then Mr. Coleridge, was cross examining a witness, who gave evidence as to the plaintiff's behavior while an inmate of the sisters' home. Among other things it had been deposed that plaintiff had been guilty of a breach of discipline in eating a certain plate of strawberries.

Mr. Coleridge—Eating strawberries, really?

Witness—Yes, sir. She was eating strawberries.

Mr. Coleridge—How shocking!

Witness—It was forbidden, sir.

Mr. Coleridge—And did you, madam, really consider there was any harm in that?

Witness—No, sir, not in itself, any more than there was in eating an apple, but you know, sir, the mischief that came from that.

The court smiled, and Mr. Coleridge seemed to lose the thread of his ideas for the moment.—Household Words.

#### One of His Tricks.

Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, Hannibal Hamlin's father, was a man who put considerable faith in human nature. He also owned sheep when he lived on Paris Hill, and he took considerable pride in them. One day when a neighbor brought in a particularly fine wether and offered to sell it at a reasonable figure the doctor took the neighbor's word that he had raised it and purchased. He was later informed by his observant son that he had bought one of his own sheep that the speculative neighbor had purloined. So the doctor hunted up the scamp, made him disgorge and then asked him what he meant by such actions. The neighbor was wholly unabashed, and looking the doctor shrewdly in the eye he stated, "Dad-dud-dud-doctor, y-y-you know I'm tricky as the dud-dud-devil, 'n that's one of my tut-tut-tricks."—Lewiston Journal.

#### Widener's Advice.

According to a voracious Pittsburg contemporary, P. A. B. Widener of this city was holding on to a strap as a Broadway cable car in New York swung around the Fourteenth street curve. The car was crowded to suffocation. "Never invest your money in a cable car company, my boy. It won't do you a bit of good," said Mr. Widener to the young man who was with him. "Why not?" was the reply. "I should think this line must be a gold mine. Do you mean to say they don't pay you dividends?" "Oh, yes, I get my dividends all right, but I never get a cent."—Philadelphia Record.

#### No More Managers.

There are no more managers in the theatrical business—at least, if there are, they are back numbers. Nowadays we have only directors. It is Modjeska, direction of Frank L. Perley; John Hare, direction of Clarence Fleming; James O'Neil, direction of William F. Connor; Stuart Robson, direction of William Hayden. It is only the man with a diamond globe in his shirt front and a howitzer sized cigar between his fingers that "manages."—Theatrical Tidings.

#### A List That Might Be Extended.

Shakespeare was never laureate, nor Milton, nor Pope, nor Crabbe, nor Burns, nor Byron, nor Shelley, nor Coleridge, nor Keats.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

When you are troubled with dizziness, your appetite all gone, and you feel bad generally, take a few doses of Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, and you will be surprised at the improvement in your feelings. Every bottle warranted to give satisfaction. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

Said a noted man of 60 years, "my mother gave me Downs' Elixir for coughs and colds when I was a boy." For sale by H. A. Stoke.

Rheumatism is quickly cured by using Arniea & Oil Liniment. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

County Superintendent.  
FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT—  
PROF. R. B. TEITRICK,  
OF BROCKWAYVILLE.  
Subject to the decision of the Jefferson County School Directors' Convention, May 5, 1896.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—  
SAMUEL STATES,  
OF BELL TOWNSHIP.  
Subject to the Democratic primary election, held June 13, 1896.

I have bought the  
Finest and Best  
line of Goods ever  
brought to Reynoldsville.

A line of novelty goods from 10 to 50 cents a yard; dress goods in all colors and at all prices; plaids from 8 to 75 cts a yard; Shepherd plaid from 12½ to 75 cts; cashmeres in all colors and at prices to suit the times; forty-five inch Henrietta in black, blue, green and rose at 48 cts a yard; former price \$1.00.

A large line in wash goods; Dimity, Percale, Gesmonda and Moire Esistal, Dotted Swiss in white, blue and pink at prices lower than ever; white goods at all prices; satines in plain, striped and figures.

Large line of embroideries from 2 cts up to 75 cts a yard.

Ladies' waists from 48 cts to \$1.25.

### CLOTHING.

You will save money by buying your clothing at Hanau's. Men's all wool cheviot suits at 6.50, worth 10.00; men's all wool cheviot suits at 5.00; men's clay suits from 6.50 to \$14; youth's suits in cheviots, worsteds and clay, all colors, at all prices.

Boys' and children's suits from 75c up to 5.00.

A large line of laundered shirts, white and colored, from 50c to 1.25.

A fine line in neckwear, hats and caps.

Please call in before buying elsewhere. No trouble to show goods.

N. Hanau.

### New Price List!

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Best flour, in cotton,              | \$1 00 |
| Fine Cal. apricots 13c., or 2 cans, | 25     |
| " Tomatoes 7c. a can, 15 cans,      | 1 00   |
| " Syrup, per gallon,                | 30     |
| " Head rice, per lb.,               | 05     |
| " Raisins,                          | 05     |
| " Pure tapioca, per lb.,            | 05     |
| " Tea, extra quality, per lb.,      | 20     |
| " Lima beans,                       | 05     |
| " Navy beans 8 lbs. 25c., 35 lbs.   | 1 00   |
| " Coffee cakes, 5 lbs.,             | 25     |
| " Peas, 10 lbs.                     | 25     |
| Absolutely pure pepper, per lb.,    | 18     |
| " baking powder,                    | 20     |

The above is price on a few articles in our immense stock. We have the goods and our prices are right all along the line. We can save you money on GROCERIES, FLOUR and FEED.

Robinson & Mundorff.

HALF A CENTURY OLD,  
**DOWN'S' ELIXIR**  
AND YET AS GOOD AS NEW.  
100,000 COUGHS AND COLDS  
CURED ANNUALLY.

Is a sure remedy for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, and all Lung diseases when used in season. Fifty years ago, Elder Downs was given up by his physicians to die with Consumption. Under these circumstances he compounded this Elixir, was cured, and lived to a good old age. You can try it for the price of one doctor's visit. For sale everywhere.

For sale by H. Alex Stoke.

### First National Bank

OF REYNOLDSVILLE.  
CAPITAL \$50,000.00.

C. Mitchell, President  
Scott McClelland, Vice Pres.  
John H. Kaucher, Cashier.

Directors:  
C. Mitchell, Scott McClelland, J. C. King,  
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Does a general banking business and solicits the accounts of merchants, professional men, farmers, mechanics, miners, lumbermen and others, promising the most careful attention to the business of all persons.

Safe Deposit Boxes for rent.

First National Bank building, Nolan block

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L. M. SNYDER,  
Practical Horse-shoer  
and General Blacksmith.

Horse-shoeing done in the neatest manner and by the latest improved methods. Over 100 different kinds of shoes made for correction of faulty action and diseased feet. Only the best make of shoes and nails used. Repairing of all kinds carefully and promptly done. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. Lumbermen's supplies on hand. Jackson St., near Fifth, Reynoldsville, Pa.

### THE PEOPLE'S Bargain-Store

has an immense stock of  
Spring and  
Summer Goods

that are being sold at remarkably low prices. A big variety of men's pants from 68 cts. up; a very nice assortment of men's clothing from \$4.00 a suit up; a handsome line of boys' suits, from 6 to 13, from \$1.00 a suit up; big line boys' knee pants from 18 cts. a pair up; handsome line of gentlemen's percale spring shirts, laundered, formerly 50, 55 and 60 cents, now 38 cents; a good working shirt, formerly 35 and 40 cents, now only 25 cents; a nice line of lace curtains, fine patterns, from 45 cents a pair up; assortment of embroidery from 3 cents a yard up; oil cloth, 50 inches wide, first-class goods, only 15 cents a yard; ladies' gauze shirts from 5 cents up; gentlemen's spring and summer neckties, nice line, from 10 cents up; assortment of sweaters, good quality, from 25 cents up; fine suspenders from 5 cents a pair up; ladies' fast black hose, formerly 10 cents, only 5 cents; a large assortment of shoes, hats, umbrellas and notions always to be found at the People's Bargain-store.

All these goods are first-class; call and see the goods and we guarantee them at prices quoted. Our motto is quick sale and small profit.

A. Katzen, Prop'r,

Main St., Reynoldsville

## BON TON BAKERY

A new bakery was opened in the Evans Building, Main St. on Tuesday morning, April 21st where at all times you will find a full supply of fresh

Bread, Pies,  
Cakes and  
Pretzels

All Kinds of Fancy Cakes made to order on short notice.

A share of the public patronage is solicited. We have had years of experience in a bakery and feel confident that we can please all who will give us a trial.

L. R. HUTH,  
Reynoldsville, Pa.

### Price of Flour Advanced



Owing to the advance in the price of Wheat, and the arrival of a car of Flour

### Golden Sheaf

has advanced to \$1.00 sack; 3.90 per bbl.

### PERFECTION

95c. per sack; \$8.70 per bbl.

### MEEKER BROS.,

REYNOLDS BLCK., REYNOLDSVILLE, PENN.

## BELL & LEWIS

Have just received a Nice Stock of

Dry Goods, Notions,  
Gents' Furnishing Goods;  
Shoes for Everybody

especially for the babies. Call and see them. You will find anything you want at our store and at prices that will make you feel RICH.

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