

WHY DO WE WAIT?

Why do we wait till ears are deaf Before we speak our kindly word...

The Story of a Forest Fire.

By Raymond S. Spears.

For more than six weeks no rain had fallen along the southwest side of the Adirondacks. The ground was parched. In every direction from Seaberry Settlement fires had been burning through the forest...

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

No man is wise at all times.—Pliny. A loving heart is the truest wisdom.—Dickens. Let them obey that know not how to rule.—Shakespeare.

The Origin of Fear.

By GEORGE L. KNAPP.

The average man would sooner face a 200-pound human antagonist than a fifty-pound dog which he could choke to death in three minutes. I have seen a charging ram scatter half a dozen men, any one of whom could have mastered the brute in a moment...

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

There is a noticeable increase of Japanese servants in the rural homes about New York City on account of the unwillingness of the others to live in the suburbs. A New York woman who is a member of seven card clubs estimates that every day in New York City there are four thousand women playing bridge.

POPULAR SCIENCE & INVENTION

A French chemist has invented a tablet which, dissolved in a glass of water, will clarify the air in a room as well as a window left open an hour. A combination of a lump of soap of the size of a hickory nut, a pint of boiling water and four tablespoonfuls of turpentine is the familiar solution used to transfer newspaper cuts to another piece of paper or to cloth.

feet on an average, and twenty feet at the widest pools, over which the flame and sparks would quickly jump. There were many trout in the stream, and Will knew the pools by heart. When Sol Cardin was planning to make a fish-pond above the settlement the summer before it was Will who had advised him to dam the gorge.

VIRGINIA CITY TODAY.

The Gold Seekers Have Gone and the Town is Dilapidated. Virginia City is indeed a strange town—a living skeleton. In the height of its opulence it boasted a population of 30,000. Today there are less than one-tenth that many.

THE WOMAN INTERFERED.

She Wasn't Going to Let Any Flirtation Go On in Her Presence. "I saw an odd case of interference with other folks' business the other day in the subway," said a young man. "A very pretty and young girl got in a local train on the upper West Side.

Daniel Webster's Oxen.

Of oxen Mr. Webster was always fond, and was as good a judge of them as could anywhere be found. He knew all his own by name, kept track of their ages and peculiarities. On his return from Washington they were among the first objects of his thought.

Potato Crop in England.

The counties of Yorkshire and Lancashire, England, both of them in the Hull consular district, are the eastside potato fields of England. Thousands of acres are planted with potatoes there every year, and in a good season heavy crops are grown.

The Sailor and the Parrot.

"We are a bluff lot," said Capt. Pritchard. "Did you ever hear about the sailor and the parrot? Well, an old lady was returning from abroad with a parrot of which she was very fond. She intrusted the bird with many admonitions, to a sailor for the voyage.

Too Many For Him.

An American traveling in Germany was much bewildered at the large number of distinct and apparently independent countries through which he went. Just as he became accustomed to Bavaria, with its blue-and-white national colors, he would find himself, without warning, in Wurtemberg, where they have an entirely different king, and entirely different military uniforms, and a strikingly different dialect.

He Consented Then.

Passenger on pay-as-you-enter car: "Conductor, can't that newsboy get on?" Conductor—"Not unless he pays." Passenger—"Then how am I going to get a paper?" Conductor—"I guess if you can't fish one through the window, you'll have to go without."

Killing Time.

She—I heard you singing in your room this morning. He—Oh, I sing a little to kill time. She—You have a good weapon.—Boston Transcript.

What the Detective Didn't Know.

Even the lowliest may be able to show you that your fund of information is sadly incomplete. "I well remember," said H. K. Adair, a detective, "a walk I once took down Market street. As I strode along, proud and happy, a rose in my buttonhole and a gold-headed cane in my hand, a drunken man had the impudence to stop me. 'Ain't you Mr. Adair?' he said. 'Yes,' said I; 'what of it?' 'Mr. Adair, the detective?' he bellowed. 'Yes, yes. Who are you?' I asked impatiently. 'Mr. Adair,' said the untidy wretch, as he laid his hand on my shoulder to keep himself from falling, 'I'll tell you who I am. Mr. Adair, I'm—hic—the husband of your washerwoman.' 'Well, what of that?' said I. My scorn brought a sneer to the man's lips, and he said: 'You see, you don't know everything, Mr. Adair. 'What don't I know?' I demanded. 'Well, Mr. Adair,' said he, 'you don't know that—hic—I'm wearing one of your new white shirts.'"—San Francisco Argonaut.

Alphabetic States.

New Mexico, with Arizona, admitted under its present name, there will be eight States with an initial M and eight Ns, the News and Norths being chiefly responsible for the latter list. There will also be four Ws, four Is, three Os, three As, three Cs and two each of Ks, Ts, Ss and Vs, while the seven remaining letters of D, P, R, U, G, F and L will be represented by a State each.—Boston Transcript.

Sharks and Fruit Trees.

The use of fish fertilizers has proved a success for the large apple orchards in Tasmania. Other fertilizers are scarce and fish are unusually numerous in the waters around the island, and are caught in immense numbers. The directions for use have a novel appearance. One writer recommends "three sharks or ten barracouta" for each tree. The growers have been in the habit of using the fish almost as caught, but the objections to this plan are evident, and a company is now formed to work up the fish, extract the oil and grind the waste for fertilizer.—American Cultivator.

Among the Missourians.

"A most peculiar effect was produced by the announcement in the advertisements of a county fair to be held in my state," says Congressman Champ Clark. "Among other things, the announcement said that 'attractive features of this great fair will be highly amusing donkey races and pig races.' Then to the amazement of the judicious, this note was added: 'Competition in these two contests will be open to citizens of the county.'"—Lippincott's.

His Successes.

She—I understand that drinking is one of your failings. He—You have been misinformed. It is one of my most pronounced successes.—Chicago Journal.