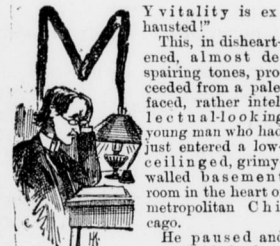


AN ANCIENT RIDDLE.

Adam, God made out of dust,
But thought it best to make me first,
So I was made before the man.

THE EXHAUSTED POET.

BY DWIGHT BALDWIN.



Vitality is exhausted.
This, in disheartened, almost despairing tones,
proceeded from a pale-faced, rather intellectual-looking young man who had just entered a low-ceilinged, grimy, wall-papered room in the heart of metropolitan Chicago.



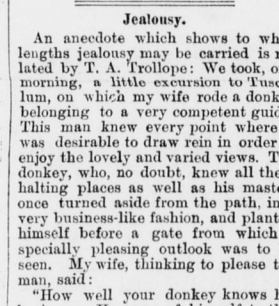
He paused and turned his back to the open fire-place, where were burning, in lieu of coal, the last fragments of a board partition which had once divided the apartment in twain, and looked searchingly around.

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one whose great thoughts need only
vitality to project them upon an ex-



"AND I'LL DIVIDE THE FOURTEEN DOLLARS WITH YOU."

disposition have you made of the silver case-dollars I have loaned you from day to day?"
"Porter-house with mushrooms, 60 cents; coffee, 10 cents; glass of wine, 15 cents; cigar, ditto."



A DASH TO DESTRUCTION.

Jealousy.
An anecdote which shows to what lengths jealousy may be carried is related by T. A. Trollope.
We took, one morning, a little excursion to Tusculum, on which my wife rode a donkey belonging to a very competent guide.

BRIDGES OF CHICAGO.

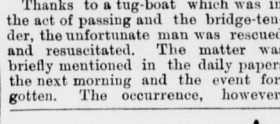
THEY ARE NUMEROUS, BUT THERE IS NO BRIDGE OF SIZE.

The Peril to Life and Limb Which They Involve—People Who Have Walked Into the Open Draw—What Is to Be the Remedy?—An Opportunity for Inventors.



A CLOSE CALL.

A ragged Italian fruit vender was pushing before him a hand-cart well filled with bananas, apples, and oranges, for the most part in a somewhat doubtful state of preservation.



THE ABSENT-MINDED PEDESTRIAN.

poses to build docks, protected by breakwaters, along the lake shore, and close up to the city entirely.
By far the greater portion of such disasters have occurred during the night, and since the bridges were lighted by electricity they have notably diminished.

SAVED BY THE BRIDGE-TENDER.

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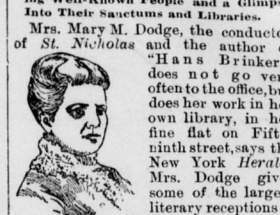
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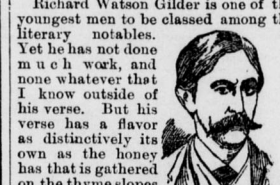
NEW YORK WRITERS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED FAME.

Literary Clubs in the City and the Relations Which Exist Between the Various Organizations—Personal Gossip Concerning Well-Known People and a Glance Into Their Sanctuaries and Libraries.



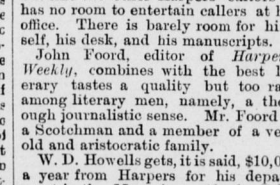
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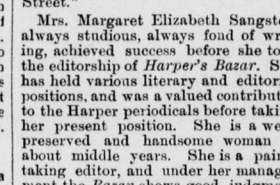
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Yet he has not done much work, and none whatever that I know outside of his verse. But his verse has a flavor as distinctively its own as the honey has that is gathered on the thyme slopes of Hymettus. Some of his lyrics are very beautiful.



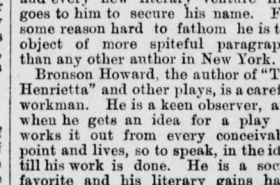
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Are You Sure You Know Your Age?
One of the commonest mistakes made is by people in answering a question as to their age. You meet a young man who announces with an invitation to come and "smile" with him that he is "21 years old to-day."

moderate means. He had a wife, two daughters and a son, who visited in a circle made up of people who all possessed large incomes.

"It is foolish, perhaps," said their mother, apologetically, "but we must keep step; we must keep up with the procession."

The morning after I arrived I found the mother and daughters busy packing a Christmas box which was to go to a school for colored children in Alabama.

"Sarah would be grievously hurt if she could not keep step too in the good work," said Mrs. Blank, "when she had gone out."

As the years went on the father in the first one died, and the girls, with expensive tastes and sordid ambitions, were thrown upon the world, almost penniless. They had learned no art, science or craft thoroughly.

The children in the second family also have scattered. Some are married, others are earning their own living, none are wealthy.

Not a boy or girl or young man or woman who reads these lines is walking alone. Each is striving to keep step with some leader, to march to some goal. What is the goal? Who is your leader?—Youth's Companion.

They Swore.
FRIEND of mine has two little sons, aged respectively three and five years. They have been most carefully trained, and especially well guarded against profanity.

Nothing Foreign Wanted.
Dealer—You say you want to buy a lamp for your son?
Customer—Yes.

Hints to the Sleepless.
How many hours sleep do you require? No rule can be laid down. Jeremy Taylor thrived on three hours, and so does Cardinal Newman.

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