

Another Eccentric Character Gone.

There died in Mansdown, Pa., last week, at the age of 76, an exceedingly eccentric character named Richard Webber. He lived in an old cabin built on the most valuable land in town, and although it was believed that he had considerable money he enjoyed none of the comforts of civilized life. One of his whims was to keep two old horses in the house with himself. They were always kept in fine order, and he drove them about town nearly every day in an old wagon with two wheels. The harness was made of rope. He used linsed oil on his bread instead of butter, and his favorite dessert was flaxseed oil and elderberries.

An Oversight. There was one oversight at the Great Exposition at Chicago in not having in full view, by easy arrangement, some comparative vital statistics of our own general health as compared with other nations, and our scientific facilities for the relief of human suffering. Then it would have appeared how much we are misrepresented and how, even in all those minor things which beset mankind, we are masters of cure and alleviation. In the line of general ailments which all nations have in common, such as rheumatic or neuralgic affections, there is no prompt and permanent cure in the world the equal of what we could have shown. St. Jacobs Oil, for instance, for this purpose, would have taken any premium that might have been offered. It has done so at many of the great fairs of the world. As for the ordinary casualties of every-day, busy life, such as sprains, bruises, burns, wounds or cuts, of course it is well known as the superior remedy of the age. Perhaps doctors disagree, but the people are never mistaken in knowing what is best.

About India. The census of India, just published, gives the population as 287,000,000, about one-fifth of the entire population of the earth. Nearly three-fourths of the inhabitants are engaged in agriculture. The birth rate is higher than that of any European country, except Russia, reaching 48 in 1,000, and the death rate 41 per thousand. About 28 per cent. of the children born die during their first year.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm. WELLS & TILDEN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. WALKING, KINGS & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, N. Y. City. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

A Barnmouth, North Wales fisherman caught 50,000 herring in one night recently. A COUGH, COLIC OR STOMACH THROAT should not be neglected. BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES are a simple remedy, and give prompt relief. 25 cents a box. Napier's coin weighing machine was put in use in the Bank of England in 1844. Beecham's Pills instead of starchy mineral waters. Beecham's—no others. 25 cts. a box. Disordered Erasmus was always thrown into a fever by the smell of fish. Sorb turned out at once by Hatch's Universal Cough Syrup. 25 cents at druggists. A goose 36 years old is owned by a farmer at Elliott City, Md.



BAD CASE OF SCROFULA

I was a great sufferer from scrofula, having dreadful sores in my ears and on my head, some time, like large blisters, discharging all the time. My husband insisted that I take Hood's Sarsaparilla. At the first bottle MY APETITE IMPROVED, and I felt somewhat better. So I bought another bottle, and by the time it was gone the scrofula had entirely disappeared. I am now entirely free from scrofula and was never in better health. HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA also cured me of a terrible pain in my side, which was caused by neuritis of the heart. Mrs. A. C. MEADOWS, Orleans, Ind. Hood's Pills cure constipation, biliousness.

P N U I '94

"August Flower"

Miss C. G. McCLAVE, School-teacher, 753 Park Place, Elmira, N. Y. "This Spring while away from home teaching my first term in a country school I was perfectly wretched with that human agony called dyspepsia. After dieting for two weeks and getting no better, a friend wrote me, suggesting that I take August Flower. The very next day I purchased a bottle. I am delighted to say that August Flower helped me so that I have quite recovered from my indisposition." @

"MOTHERS' FRIEND"

Colvin, La., Dec. 2, 1896.—My wife used MOTHERS' FRIEND before her third confinement, and says she would not be without it for hundreds of dollars. DOCK MILLS. Sent by express on receipt of price, \$1.50 per bot. the. Book "To Mothers" mailed free. BRADFORD REGULATOR CO., 109 N. SAULS BROADWAY, ATLANTA, GA.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Over the Left—A Hint—Her Idea of Bait—Approaching Virtuosity—Forefending Baldheadedness, Etc.

Oh, vainly for her love I sued, She only answered chaffing, And all my courtesies were viewed Through eyes with mischief laughing.

Yet 'neath their spell I daily tasked Her patience with my pleading, "Oh, do you love me still," I asked, "Or are you yet unbedded?"

"I love you as I look," she said— I glanced up, growing bolder— And then she turned her pretty head And gazed—'or her left shoulder!"—Truth.

"How are you? Just thought I'd drop in while to kill time." "Well, we don't want any of our time killed."—Boston Globe.

Wings—"She is the most uninteresting girl I have ever met, even though she is rich. She can't say anything but 'yes' and 'no.'" Stings—"Which did she say to you?"—Truth.

Visitor—"So your brother is taking lessons on the violin? Is he making progress?" Little Girl—"Yes'm. He's got so now we can tell whether he is tuning or playing."—Good News.

Forefending Baldheadedness. Mr. Bowerie—"Say, gimme a close hair-cut." Barber—"How close?" "Close to de head."

"Training for a prize-fight?" "Now, Goin' to get married."—New York Weekly.

A GOOD EXCUSE. "Jimmie, where did you get this five cents?" "It's the money you gave me for the 'heaven, mamma.'"

"Then why do you keep it?" "My teacher said I was a heathen."—Harper's Bazar.

Her Idea of Bait. Mr. Troutley—"Haven't you caught anything yet, my dear?" Mrs. Troutley—"No. And that horrid Miss Finn has caught three since I've been here. I can't seem to get this lovely jelly-cake of mine to stay on the hook."—Puck.

Men Are Descriptible. First Modern Young Lady—"My dear, it is all over with me and my sweetheart."

Second M. Y. L.—"How is that?" First M. Y. L.—"Well, you see, I caught him flirting as I was walking arm in arm with another fellow."—Truth.

Waste Inexplicable. An Old Lawyer (pointing out to one of his younger brethren a barrister in the act of gesticulating and talking to himself)—"Why, the man must be mad!"

"What makes you think so?" "Faith, a barrister who talks to himself is like a pastry-cook devouring his own stock-in-trade!"—La Gazette des Tribunaux.

The Foundation of the Costume. The Mother—"Did you give Jennie money to buy sleeves of a dress?" The Father—"I did; but what on earth she wants with a pair of sleeves without a dress is something I can't understand."

The Mother—"Oh, well, it is all right. As long as she got the sleeves she's safe; the dress is a secondary matter."—New York Press.

The Conclusion. He—"Would you consider it an impertinent question if I should ask you to marry me?" She—"Certainly not. And would you consider it a pertinent answer if I should say 'No'?"

He—"Certainly not." She—"Well?" He—"Well?"

And so they were married.—Washington Star.

What She Was Thinking About. The young woman had married and there was a great array of wedding presents. She didn't seem to care about them, however.

"My dear," expostulated her mother, who had made the match, "just see these lovely presents; aren't you interested in them?"

"Not much," replied the bride, "it's the future I'm thinking about."—Washington Star.

A CLUE. "Have you heard of Jack the Slash-er?" said the Washington man. "No," replied the visitor, who was gently pressing his handkerchief against a scratch in his face. "What did you say the name is?"

"Jack the Slash-er." "H'm! I don't know him, but I guess I've met him. That must be the barber that tried to shave me this morning."—Chicago Tribune.

What She Wanted. Elsie is a bright little girl, with a taste for company though she is only three years old. Not long ago she approached her father.

"Papa," she said, "I want you to give me a ball." "A ball?" he inquired, rather puzzled. "Yes, papa, but not a gum ball; I want a party ball," and she had it the

next afternoon, when all her little friends were invited.—Washington Star.

A SURE CURE. Mr. Jinkson—"Bingle has lost money at everything he's tried lately, and his friends are afraid he'll soon be in a state of chronic melancholia. He hasn't smiled for weeks."

Mrs. Jinkson—"Poor fellow! Why doesn't he marry?" "What good would that do?"

"Why, then, you know, he could blame his reverses on his wife's extravagance, and take a fresh start, the same as you did."—New York Weekly.

SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS. "Do you ever have that tired feeling which is spoken of in the medical advertisements?" asked the young medical student, addressing the pretty girl on whom he was making a call.

"Sometimes." "Ah! sometimes, not always. That's what we call the periodicity of disease. Now, have you noticed that you have it at regular intervals?"

"No, I can't say, but I have noticed that I always have it when you call."—New York Press.

Prepared For Hard Work. He—"Then if you are willing we will be married at once. But we will not live in the close, crowded city; I will purchase a little farm and we will live on it and be as happy as turtle doves."

She—"And I shall be a farmer's wife?" He—"Yes, my darling."

She—"How delightful! And what do you think, John? You won't have to buy a milking stool for me, for I've got one already."

He (in surprise)—"You have?" She (all animation)—"Oh, yes, the prettiest you ever saw—decorated with handsome plush and cherry colored ribbons."—Truth.

It was a raw, gray morning as the comfortable citizen, passing through the park, saw a tramp shivering on a bench.

"Gimme a nickel, won't you, mister?" pleaded the unfortunate. "What for?"

"To get a bite to eat with." "Nothing to drink?" "No, sir."

"You wouldn't lie for a nickel, I hope?" "No, sir; I've no place to lie but on the cold ground, and you'd hardly expect I'd do that, would you, on such a morning?"

This stroke of wit pleased the citizen so greatly that he gave the tramp two nickels, one for food and one for general expenses.

Avoiding Offense. Jimson—"I say, old boy, come in and take pot-luck with me to-day."

Bilson (who has tried Jimson's pot-luck before)—"Um—really I'd be delighted, but—er—important matter to attend to."

Jimson—"Oh, nonsense. Business is duller than a country church-yard—nothing going on at all."

Bilson—"Yes—er—of course—business can wait, of course, but this is—er—a domestic matter, you know."

Jimson—"Get out! Your folks are out of town, and I know it."

Bilson (in desperation)—"Yes, that's so; but my—er—mother-in-law doesn't leave until to-day, and I want to go to—er—the railway station and kiss her good by."—New York Weekly.

Wonders of the Pictured Rocks. The rocks are a series of sandstone bluffs, rising in many places abruptly from fifty to 200 feet, and are situated about seventy miles west of Whitefish Point, on the southern shore of Lake Superior. The "Grand Portal" is regarded by the Detroit Free Press as the most imposing feature of the series. It is 100 feet high by 168 feet broad at the water level, and the cliff is cut in rises above the arch, making the whole height 185 feet.

The Great Cave, entered through the portal, extends back in the shape of a vaulted room, the arches of the roof built of yellow sandstone and the sides fretted into artistic shapes by storm-driven waves. About a mile west is "Sail Rock," a group of detached rocks which bear a resemblance to the mainsail and jib of a sloop. The height of this is forty feet. The "Chapel" is a vaulted apartment in the rock. An arched roof of sandstone rests on four columns of rock, so as to leave an apartment about forty feet in diameter and the same in length; within are a pulpit and altar. West a short distance from the chapel is Chapel River, which falls over a rocky ledge fifteen feet high in the lake. Miner's Castle, five miles west of the Chapel and just west of Miner's River, is the western end of the Pictured Rocks, and resembles an old turreted castle with an arched portal. The height of the advanced mass in which the Gothic gateway may be recognized is about seventy feet, and the height of the main hall forming the background is 140 feet.

An Eastern Dainty. The Chinese are certainly a strange people; strange in appearance, customs and tastes. One of their greatest delicacies of food, regarded from a "milihi," which, in plain English, means "new born mice, not blind."

These are placed alive on little trays and set before each guest, who dips them one at a time into a jar of honey and then swallows the tiny creatures. When the Emperor's wedding was celebrated a few years ago fifty thousand of the helpless creatures were thus consumed.—New York Herald.

NEWS & NOTES FOR WOMEN

California has women tramps. A woman in Jackson, Mich., has died from wearing tight corsets.

Aghans for the library are made of felt and outlined in gold brilliant. A three-eyed girl of great beauty is said to be a coming sensation in Europe.

During the past thirteen years the Patent Office has granted 2500 patents to women.

There are entire apartment houses in New York monopolized by self-supporting bachelor girls.

Mme. Cortessio, of Key West, Fla., who is not yet forty years of age, is a great-grandmother.

A maid of honor to Queen Victoria receives \$1500 a year and has thirteen weeks attendance at court.

Brocades in pompadour effect are extremely pretty and bid fair to retain their popularity during the winter and spring.

A Denmark old maid's insurance company pays regular weekly "benefits" to spinsters of forty years and upwards.

The Queen of Greece is president of a sisterhood devoted to the reformation of criminals, and she personally visits prisoners.

Five hundred and two of the 622 students at Wellesley College have put themselves on record as favoring woman's suffrage.

Chinese women devote very little superfluous time to hair dressing. Their tresses are arranged once a month, and they sleep with their heads in boxes.

Cream-colored crepe de Chine combined with fuchsia-red velvet forms a very pretty theatre waist, and another dainty creation is pink crepe made up with black velvet and jetted bands.

The women inclined to embonpoint have been overlooked, and to her relief comes the stylish pelisse, dignified princess and redingote, which impart so much slenderness to the figure.

Pretzel. It is remarkable that the superior merits of pretzels are just beginning to be recognized in this country. For a long time they have been a standard article of food in Germany, and no country in the world ranks higher than Germany in the mental power, the physical strength and the thrifty life of its inhabitants. In the United States, especially, pretzels have been undervalued and their uses in sundry food. I once considered crude, and because of their being introduced by the humbler classes of Germans in connection with saloons they have been considered coarse. But now even the luxurious classes here are taking notice of pretzels, and the careful students of dietetics offer willing praises of their beautiful qualities. Pretzels must be baked properly. The best made are baked on wire pans over an open fire; the effects of the process are similar to the effects of toasting bread or broiling steaks. Pretzels are salty in taste, easily digestible and extremely nutritious, and their keeping qualities far exceed any variety of crackers.—Boston Transcript.

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A GOOD DOG STORY.

A Mastiff Who Was Not to Be Won by a Short Acquaintance.

A writer in St. Nicholas tells of visiting a party of friends in the Bendigo gold fields where he was cordially welcomed. "Among the valued possessions of my friends," he continues, "was an English mastiff named Rex, which belonged to one of the gentlemen. The good understanding between myself and the mastiff appeared to have become so well established during the evening that on the next day I left the claim where my friends were at work to fetch a kettle of tea from the tent, without the least misgiving as to my reception by him."

"I, ex, who was always allowed to run loose, came forward to meet me. He allowed me to stroke his head, but so far as I could see, showed no interest in my movements as I entered the tent and took a drink of the tea. But when I started to leave the tent with the kettle in my hand, imagine my astonishment when I saw the supposed friend Rex facing me, and showing his teeth in a very threatening way. I put down the kettle, seated myself on the edge of the camp-bed and spoke to him. He wagged his tail and looked so friendly that I thought I must have made a mistake about his intentions. Not at all. The moment I attempted to leave the tent with the kettle I had reason to know that Rex's broad grin was no mere notion, but, on the contrary, a real sign that he was true to his trust as he understood it."

"I talked to him again, set down the kettle and attempted to leave without it. Still Rex objected. He had his doubts and determined to give his masters the benefit of them. There was no help for it: I was held a prisoner, and could do nothing but sit down and wait patiently for one of the party to come to my relief. No one came until nearly an hour later, by which time my long absence had caused friends to suspect that I was being held prisoner by Rex. I bore the dog no grudge for his faithful zeal, and in a few days found he would let me come and go and take whatever I wished."

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Short Sermons.

The fellow who looks at the sun through smoked glass can't see any brightness. Every community is crowded with people who want the best of everything except religion. The only people who refuse to walk in God's way are those who have the devil's shoes on.

The man who thinks he knows it all can never walk arm in arm with knowledge of any kind. Blessed are the merciful. Don't forget it when you have a mortgage on the property of a widow.

Very few people ever find out this side of the grave just how much of the devil they have in them. Getting a man's heart right is better than putting a stronger lock on his neighbor's chicken house.

All people take their heads with them when they go to church but some of them leave their hearts behind. The violation of an eternal law must carry with it eternal punishment. A law without a penalty is no law.

A Cyclone Story.

One of the most peculiar results of last Sunday's cyclone can be seen in East Jacksonville. A large oak tree was twisted by the force of the wind half way round, yet remained upright, and there are no splits or cracks visible upon its surface. This in itself would not be so peculiar were it not for the fact that the tree still stays in its new position, and the limbs which were previously on the west side are now on the east.

The body of the tree is probably split so that it will eventually die, but the bark seems to have remained unbroken and intact, and therein lies the peculiarity.—Florida Times-Union.

LITTLETON—It was an unfortunate thing the devil tempted Eve in the form of a serpent. Littleton—In what way? Littleton—Well, if he had approached her in the form of a mouse Adam would never have tasted that apple.—Puck.

CURES OTHERS

A prominent clergyman of Mississippi recommends "Golden Medical Discovery" to suffering humanity everywhere. The "Discovery" builds up the strength and solid flesh when reduced below a healthy standard.

DYSPEPSIA AND GENERAL DEBILITY. Rev. A. H. Mevs, of Erie's Post, Canton, Pa., writes: "Having suffered for a number of years with dyspepsia, general debility and general debility, and being tired of consulting with several physicians with little or no benefit, I resolved, as a last resort, to consult the World's Dispensary." Being advised by them to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, I did so, and after using several bottles, I feel entirely restored to health. Now, I take great pleasure in recommending your medicine to suffering humanity everywhere."



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