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Philadelphia Man Who Went Broke Because He Did Not Pay.

A Philadelphia man has lived ten years in a house for which he paid no rent and no taxes. It belonged to the gas company, and he had paid rent regularly until the property of the company was transferred to the city. He says himself: "I don't remember how long it is since I stopped paying rent. It was when the gas office was on 7th street. I went there one day with my rent and offered it to Mr. White, who had charge of the gas company's real estate, but he refused to take it, and told me that it was to be paid at the city treasurer's office in the future. I took it up there and a young man there said he could not take it, as he couldn't find record of any such a house. He told me that they would notify me when they were ready to take my money. I went back to Mr. White and he advised me to go home and wait until I heard from them. Well, I waited. Nobody came to collect money until recently, when the city discovered its title and sent a man to collect. The tenant got a day to consider and promptly skipped. But his experience with a free rent does not seem to be satisfactory, if we may trust to his wife. "Yes," says she, resentfully, "he thought it was a snap, and look where he is now—no money, no business, looking for a job, and a family to support. He wouldn't take my advice and move to where business was good, but he hugged his snap and stuck here in that stagnant neighborhood and spent money on repairs for the house and didn't make any money." Philadelphia Record.

Misinformation in Australia.

The following account of the proper way of reaching the Klondike is taken from an Australian newspaper: "The real starting point for the Klondike is Spokane. There the traveler takes a canoe, by which he voyages to Vancouver, B. C. At the latter point he takes a sailing vessel direct to Dawson City."

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to Repentance.

FEAR and love are foes. Envy bites its keeper. Opportunity may trip a giant. Hunger and ambition are hard to rock to sleep. Unbelief's morning star never rises. A good name is made, not bestowed. Public opinion is never tongue-tied. The abuse of health is veiled suicide. Every heart has a thorn and a throne. The man who thinks leads the crowd. Carmel faith leads to Carmel victory. The grumbler blows out his own amp. Small boats must keep near the shore. If you can't be a sun, don't be a cloud. Heart wisdom is ahead of book learning. Man never makes truth; he only discovers it. The man above suspicion lives above the stars. Ignorance and witchcraft are fast friends. It is hard for bad motives to drive good bargains. The farm and the garden are the best gold diggings. Compared to eternity, this life is as the last gasp of the dying. Discretion is not cowardice, neither is blatant volubility courage. Exuberant patriotism is often used as a cloak by knavish politicians. A prayer for guidance on election day is quite as appropriate as on Sunday. Weeds thrive best in richest soil. This applies to churches as well as to fields and gardens. Lot not only "pitched his tent toward Sodom," but he was found living right down town when destruction came. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." Imagine a saloon keeper horrified at the desolation wrought by Spain in Cuba. Through the cloud of imminent war, "a prudent man foreseth the evil," but that does not hinder him from doing his duty.

FIELDS OF ADVENTURE.

THRILLING INCIDENTS AND DARING DEEDS ON LAND AND SEA.

General McLeer at Bull Run—First Taste of War of the Commander of the Second Brigade of the New York State Guard—Struggle With a Mad Flaggman.

One man Jay in the rough, canvas-covered ambulance, relates the New York Sun. He was a private of the Fourteenth of Brooklyn, a slender, boyish fellow with a ragged red streak across his forehead and a blood-soaked spot on the breast of his blouse. There was a hole in the canvas side of the wagon, and the wounded soldier could see a queer weird panoramic movement of uniformed figures outside. The rattle of small arms and the heavier roar of artillery came to his ears. The dry smoke of battle drifted in under the roof of the vehicle and tortured his parched throat. It was the day of Bull Run.

The noise of the fighting sounded loud. A shell screamed over his head. Several bullets tore through the canvas walls beside him. "This is getting warm," thought the private.

Then there was a thunder of hoofs on the turf and a troop of cavalrymen halted at the side of the wagon. The officer in command and several others whose uniforms showed them to be regulars lifted into the wagon and laid on the floor beside the private of the Fourteenth another wounded man.

"Major Tillinghast, of General McDowell's staff, is in that ambulance," said the commander of the troopers to the driver of the wagon. "Get him out of this inferno and answer for his safety to me."

The wagon began to jolt from side to side, and its two passengers knew it was in motion. Each step the horses took caused intense pain to the wounded. The man of the Fourteenth turned to look at his fellow in misery. The left arm of the officer had been torn away at the shoulder, and his white face was drawn and haggard. The ambulance was being drawn away at great speed. It was in the midst of the rout. Several times it had to be pulled suddenly to the roadside to clear the way for a detachment of regular cavalry dashing to the front to cover the retreat. The driver was hurling epithets and lashing his horse.

The private lost consciousness. When he opened his eyes again he could hear nothing. He thought his hearing must be gone and turned to look at Tillinghast. The Major was still conscious and the lines were deepening in his face. He slowly reached for the pistol in his holster and painfully lifted it. In an instant the private soldier grasped the significance of the movement—the agony was too much for Tillinghast and he was going to end it.

"For God's sake, man, don't do that!" exclaimed the soldier, grasping the wrist of the Major. The latter said nothing, but tried to free his hand. Then began a fight between the two wounded men, one struggling for death, the other trying to prevent a suicide. Neither man had strength enough to rise, and they fought for the possession of the pistol, lying on their sides. Presently the officer's hold on the weapon relaxed and he fell back with a groan. The private gathered his strength for a last effort and threw the revolver from him. Then everything danced in a red mist and unconsciousness followed.

When reason returned to the soldier it was evening. A tiny bird was sitting on the tailpiece of the wagon, singing. The private gazed at the figure beside him. It was still. He reached forward and touched the officer's face. It was cold. Then with a shiver he lifted himself and clambered out of the wagon. The horses and the driver were gone. The vehicle stood beside a clump of trees. The private staggered through the trees and made his way forward. How long he tramped he never knew, but he finally felt fainting into the arms of a Union picket. He was taken to a hospital, where he spent several months. What became of the deserted ambulance and its dead was never known, but the private who received his baptism of fire on the field of Bull Run recovered to fight again and he was wounded, not once, but often. He still lives, although his body is mangled and seamed and one of his coat sleeves is empty. He is General James McLeer, the Brigadier in command of the Second Brigade of the National Guard, and he is as willing to-day to fight the Spaniard as he was in the days of his youth to battle on the Federal side. The other day he told for the first time this story of his first real taste of war.

Encounter With a Rogue Elephant.

The following from Outing is the native tracker's version of the death of a dangerous rogue elephant: "The people saw us coming down, and because we were alone and came with haste they perceived that peril was at hand. Therefore, men ran in from their fields, and the inhabitants gathered themselves together to offer salutations. But Kummene Sahib listened not, nor took notice of offerings. With a voice like a great wind he ordered them to fly, which they did with alacrity, many taking refuge in a stone tower.

"At this time I observed that the Lord Kummene had become very calm, and when people prayed for him on the tower, and called down blessings upon his head, he commanded them to be silent without vehemence, for this was a man indeed, one who knew not fear, neither permitted interference. We stood in an open space before the village shrine and their gram deeta, nor did it seem long before the elephant came. His pace was swift after coming out from behind the hills, because he expected to surprise this village; but, on ascending the slope, and seeing nothing of what he had been accustomed to behold—no terror-stricken, helpless crowd uttering shrieks and lamentations—I think that this astonished him, for he pulled up and advanced slowly. The light of battle shone on my Lord's face, yet he moved not, standing with his gun poised, and I beside him holding the second one, useless if the first had failed.

"Elephants do not see well, and this, being confused, cast his eyes about quickly, without at once perceiving us. Soon, however, he looked more attentively, and then a change came over him. His ears cocked, his trunk stretched itself out, his body swelled with rage. By your soni, Sahib, it was frightful to see how he from whom all had fled resented being met. But Kummene Behadur stirred no more than the peaks of Kyles. He waited while the elephant charged screaming down, until his upraised trunk dropped in anticipation of seizing us. Then, when the forehead lay uncovered, he fired; and as this beast fell, dead both tusks were broken off, which, is something I have not seen again, though it is common to break one."

Fought a Maniac on Flying Train.

On top of the cars of a rapidly moving freight train a brakeman fought for his life with a flagman who had become suddenly insane.

The brakeman saved his life by a hair's breadth. He was thrown from the train, and lay for a time stunned and sorely bruised across the adjoining tracks. When he recovered consciousness another freight train was thundering down upon him. He managed to crawl out of its wheels just as it swept by him, the wheels missing him by barely an inch.

Joseph Kessler, the brakeman, lives at Bordentown, N. J. Simpson Perrine, the flagman, has his home in Dutch Neck. The freight train was running from Camden to Jersey City. It was nearing Rahway and rushing along at thirty miles an hour when Perrine's mad fit came upon him. He seized a coupling pin, and, without a word of warning, dashed at Kessler.

Both men were then standing on top of the same car. So sudden was the attack that Kessler had no time to turn and run. He ducked his head, escap-

ACRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Ornamental Plants From Seed.

The castor oil bean (ricinus) is one of the best of ornamental leaved plants which may be grown from seed and bloom the first year. They grow rapidly and make a fine hedge or screen if planted in open rich soil in a dry situation. As the young plants develop transplanting well the seed should be planted directly where the plant is to remain in the open ground, when the weather becomes warm. The richer the soil the more rapid the growth of the plant and the more brilliant the color of foliage and stalk. According to variety the plants grow from six to eight feet high, and have foliage of shades of green, red and purple. Nicotiana glauca is also readily grown from seed. The plant grows to a height of three or four feet, its broad green leaves and blossoms of white being very attractive. The soil should be rich and well-drained. A packet of seeds of each variety, or rather class, costing ten cents for the best variety, will furnish a display equaling more costly palms and foliage plants.

Hereditarily in Stock Breeding.

The attention of the stock breeder who is striving for improvement in the character and quality of his stock must be directed to the study of the individual characteristics of his breeding animals, with a view to ascertaining not only their merits and defects, but the causes of such discernible individual characteristics, whether they are hereditary or acquired. Also he must apply himself to the study of the indications of invisible qualities, and to testing for such characteristics to learn if the invisible qualities are present as indicated or not. In producing high-class stock to be used for further purposes of improvement attention of the breeder must be directed to a study of ancestry to ascertain what latent qualities his stock is likely to possess—that the undesirable latent qualities may be overcome and the best may be brought into activity and usefulness.

A study of the formation of any breed brings us to the conclusion that the value of the breed is due to selection, the breeding of blood lines and feeding conditions. To maintain and strengthen the present degree of excellence it is necessary to bring to bear equal method and system. This can only be accomplished by working along with nature and building on strong foundations.—C. H. Elmendorf, Nebraska Farmer.

Care of Young Pigs.

If young pigs have plenty of exercise and the right kind of food there is no danger of over-feeding. A small quantity of corn ground with wheat or rye and middlings, and the whole mixed with milk, is a first-class food for young pigs. The common field varieties of peas are also an excellent food for pigs, young or old. Sow at the rate of two bushels per acre and cover four inches deep, sowing after the peas are planted three pecks of oats per acre, well harrowed in, to serve as a support for the peas.

The food for pigs of all ages when not being fattened should be that which has bulk. Middlings, milk, ground barley and swirl for pigs, and for shoats and breeding stock, fed in addition beets or other roots cooked and mixed with cut clover hay. For young pigs, ground oats with the hulls sifted out is an excellent food. Have part of the feeding pen so arranged that a portion of the grain food may be scattered over it broadcast to give the pigs exercise in feeding it. A run of liberal dimensions should be provided for young pigs if they are kept in confinement, in order to get the amount of growth from the feed given to be profitable, otherwise liberal feeding will only result in an excess of fat before the formation of the desired amount of bone and muscle.

Colic in Horses.

It is stated on good authority that seventy-five per cent. of the horses that die each year are victims of colic. During the spring the trouble is frequent among farm horses, although it is usually wind colic, but this may turn into the nervous colic so generally fatal unless prompt and intelligent treatment is given. The stomach of the horse is peculiarly susceptible to the changes of food that are frequently made in the spring, and that invariably causes an attack of indigestion more or less violent. Any change in food should be brought about gradually, and so also should radical changes in the work required of the animal. It stands to reason that a horse lightly fed for two or three months of winter with but little work to do is not in fit condition to put into the field for ten hours' work at heavy plowing. Give horses wholesome food regularly and according to the work done by them. Keep them from exposure to draughts of cold air, especially when very warm; give only pure water to drink, and they are practically insured against colic.

Should the colic attack the horse, the following treatment will give relief in most cases. An injection of clear water of the same temperature of the stable should first be given, followed by a pill made of five drams of powdered Barbadoes aloes, one dram mercuric chloride and enough linseed meal to make a stiff pill with the addition of a little water. Rub belly and flanks with coarse cloth or sackcloth if the animal is chilled. After this treatment the horse should not be worked or violently exercised for at least twenty-four hours. If the attack does not succumb to this treatment it is sufficiently severe and dangerous to need the immediate services of a skilled veterinarian.

In Mexico every thing and everybody pays a direct tax, from the street porter to the largest mercantile establishment, and the stamp tax for documents is equally lucrative.

A Fatality Avoided.

From the Democrat, Goshen, Ind. When neuralgia is accompanied by a dull, heavy pain near the heart, frequently becoming intense, it generally terminates fatally. Mrs. Nancy Flynn, who lives near Goshen, Indiana, survived such an attack and her advice is worth heeding.

"In the fall of '92," she said, "I began to have trouble with my heart. There was a sharp pain in my breast which became rapidly worse. The doctor was puzzled and put me under the influence of opiate. These sharp attacks followed one another at intervals and I became weak and had a haggard look. I was constantly in pain, seldom slept and had no appetite.

"At the end of two years I was confined to my couch most of the time and the doctors agreed that my death was only a matter of a short time.

"One day I noticed in a newspaper an item about a woman having been cured of neuralgia of the heart by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and I concluded to try them.

"When I had finished one box I noticed an improvement in my condition, and when I had taken two boxes I was completely cured. Those pills have done for you what we could not do," said one of my physicians, "they have saved your life."

"That was two years ago and my heart has not troubled me since. I believe I owe my life to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and I take pleasure in telling others about them."

Among the many forms of neuralgia are headache, nervousness, paralysis, apoplexy and locomotor ataxia. Some of these were considered incurable until Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were introduced. To-day thousands testify to having been cured of such diseases by these pills. Doctors frequently prescribe them and all druggists sell them.

TELEPHONING AT SEA.

How Commanders Communicate by Wire From Ship to Ship.

Telephones may supersede the old system of flag signals as a means of communication between ships at sea. Successful experiments have been made by Commander R. G. O. Tupper of the British navy which seem to prove that the system is adapted for the purpose. Commander Tupper used a kite in his experiments, and this seems to be the only feasible means. The kite used was an ordinary one that differed but slightly from those used by American boys in the spring and fall, except that it had no tail. The kite was six feet long and three wide at its broadest part. Two lines were attached to the kite where the tail would ordinarily have been. One of these lines was retained on board of the Darling, the torpedo boat destroyer under Commander Tupper's command, from which the experiments were conducted. It was found that with the wind between the two lines it was easy to drop letters or even a hawser on another ship, and in this way to establish communication. When this experiment had proved successful Commander Tupper made use of a wire. The end of the wire which the kite bore away from the ship was dropped upon the deck of the M. S. Dauntless, where it was secured by the electrician of the ship and attached to a telephone apparatus in waiting. The other end, which had re-

Mained aboard the Darling, was also attached to a telephone, and as soon as the task had been completed the communication between the two ships was perfect. Secured by the two lines, the kite remained suspended for four hours, during which time communication between the two ships was uninterrupted. Commander Tupper has made a report of his experiments with the kite telephone and declares that it means that the present method of signaling with flags will become obsolete. If telephone wires can be employed, he sees no reason why telegraphic communication should not be made in a similar manner, and the ships of a fleet be placed in communication with each other. Among contracts recently placed by the Government were several amounting to 250,000essian bags, to be used for fertilization purposes. Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-Tobacco. The wonderworker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 25c. per box. Guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

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The managers of the telephone company operating the system at Versailles, France, hold that the expression, "Hello!" used in response to a call is impolite. The operators have been instructed to ask the subscriber who rings up the central office: "What do you want?"

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

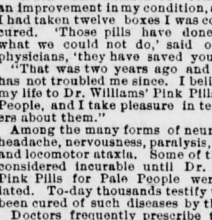
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