

Of the candidates for the British army who fail to pass the tests four out of five are rejected because of defective vision. The "eyesight" test consists of being able to count correctly with both eyes, as well as each eye separately, a number of small black dots exhibited on a card ten feet from the candidate.

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Ask your grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee.

15 cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers. Tastes like coffee. Looks like coffee.

Mr. Younglove—"What do you do when your baby gets sick at night?" Mr. Ooldpop—"I generally lie still and wait to see if my wife isn't going to get up and attend to it."

**Eden's Your Bowels With Cascarets.** Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

A good guide will not be rejected because he is bow legged.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

People who are all tongue have no ears.

**Great Distress**

A Combination of Troubles Causes Much Suffering.

BIRD ISLAND, MINN.—"I was troubled with my stomach. Nearly everything I ate would sour and I would belch it up. At times my stomach gave me great distress. My back was lame on account of kidney difficulty. I bought six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla; when I had taken four bottles I was cured." NORMAN HICKOK.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are the favorite cathartic. 25c.

**HALL'S**  
Vegetable Sicilian  
**HAIR RENEWER**  
It doesn't cost much, yet it adds wonderfully to the looks. It is youth for a few cents. No gray hair. No dandruff.

**SAVE PROFITS. BUY DIRECT.**  
Price List Sent Free.  
"Our Leader" Razor, postpaid, \$1.00. "True Vermorel" Blade Knife, 50c. Our goods are hand forged and warranted.

CHAMPLAIN CUTLERY CO., Burlington, Vt.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.**

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA" AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of *Hyannis, Massachusetts*, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every bottle of the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which *Chas. H. Fletcher* is President.

March 8, 1897: *Samuel Pitcher, D.*

**Do Not Be Deceived.**  
Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

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**Insist on Having The Kind That Never Failed You.**

**\$100 To Any Man.**  
WILL PAY \$100 FOR ANY CASE  
Of Weakness in Men They Treat and Fail to Cure.

An Omaha Company places for the first time before the public a MAGICAL TREATMENT for the cure of Lost Vitality, Nervous and Sexual Weakness, and Restoration of Life Force in old and young men. No worn-out French remedy, contains no Phosphorus or other harmful drugs. It is a WONDERFUL TREATMENT—magical in its effects—positive in its cure. All readers, who are suffering from a weakness that blights their life, causing that mental and physical suffering peculiar to Lost Manhood, should write to the STATE MEDICAL COMPANY, Omaha, Neb., and they will send you absolutely FREE, a valuable paper on these diseases, and positive proofs of their truly MAGICAL TREATMENT. Thousands of men, who have lost all hope of a cure, are being restored by them to a perfect condition.

This MAGICAL TREATMENT may be taken at home under their direction, or they will pay railroad fare and hotel bills to all who prefer to go to there for treatment, if they fail to cure. They are perfectly reliable; have no Free Prescriptions, Free Cure, Free Sample, or C. O. D. Inks. They have \$250,000 capital, and guarantee to cure every case they treat or refund every dollar; or their charges may be deposited in a bank to be paid to them when a cure is effected. Write them today.

**CURES RHEUMATISM, ETC.**

A Recent Discovery That Is Working Wonders.

The most prevailing afflictions that for a century have been engaging the most scientific skill of the medical world are rheumatism, neuralgia, catarrh, asthma, la grippe and their kindred ailments. The country is full of sufferers from these complaints. Although the most learned experts of the medical profession have labored for a century to produce a curative, until quite recently no positive results were effected. To the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167-69 Dearborn street, Chicago, belongs the credit for having produced the new remedy. It is being extensively advertised under the trade mark of "Five Drops." The trade mark is self-explanatory. Five drops make a dose. The effect is magical. In days gone by other alleged cures have been marketed with the promise to take effect in thirty days or more. Five Drops begins to cure at once. Immediate relief is felt. In order to more effectively advertise its merits the company will for the next thirty days send out 100,000 of their sample bottles of this positive cure for 25 cents a bottle by mail prepaid. Large bottle, 300 doses, \$1 (for thirty days 3 bottles \$2.50.) Those suffering should take immediate advantage of this generous offer and write them to-day.

In a recently patented horseshoe the calks are removed and are held in place by a sliding block set in a recess in the shoe, with a screw to press the block tightly against the calk and clamp it in position.

When you visit Omaha you should call at C. S. Raymond Co.'s jewelry store, corner Fifteenth and Douglas streets, and examine their jewelry and art goods for wedding, birthday and Christmas presents, also steel engraved wedding stationery, invitations and visiting cards. It is the only first class, up-to-date jewelry, art and cut glass store west of Chicago and St. Louis. Engraving and printing 100 visiting cards \$1.50 by mail.

Holdbacks for harnesses are now made of a curved cross-bar, with rearwardly projecting ends, which fit in pockets on both sides of the thills, thus doing away with a portion of the harness.

**Holiday Excursions.**

On December 7 and 21 the Big Four Route and Chesapeake and Ohio Ry. will sell excursion tickets from points northwest, both one way and round trip, at greatly reduced rates to points in Virginia, North and South Carolina and other southern states. Round trip tickets will be good twenty-one days returning. Write for particulars and pamphlet descriptive of climate and Virginia farm lands. U. L. Trutt, Northwestern Passenger Agent, 234 Clark St. Chicago.

Always give your wife her own way; it will save her the trouble of taking it.

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-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Hope and happiness are so clumsy that when one dies the other commits suicide.

**AN OLD MAID'S SONG.**

THE boarders used to look across the boarding house table at the Old Maid with a keen, psychological sort of interest.

"Why should she look so happy?" the elder, who was something of a belle would demand. "She can't have any admirers."

"Why should she look so happy?" the younger, who spoke of Art and Missions with capitals in her voice, would ask. "She can't regard being secretary to that lawyer as a noble calling."

And the wives of the boarding-house used also to puzzle over the Old Maid's joyousness, "for she has no husband," they said, "and at her age can hardly hope to get one."

But I never marvelled at the gentle spinster's radiant face after we had heard the Singer, not because hearing his voice was enough to provide his hearers with a fund of inner joy for the remainder of their days, but because of the song he sang.

Now, the Old Maid had lived so long in the boarding-house on the square that it had become second nature for her to choose the less tarnished spoons in the holder and to avoid instinctively the top slices of bread on the bread plate. She was familiar with all varieties of boarding-house servants, and she knew that all alike despised her as "the fourth floor front." She knew by heart the landlady's stories of pressing present need and of past affluence. She had nothing to learn in the matter of substituted gas jets, and her feet were trained to skip the torn spots in the stair carpet. Altogether there was nothing in the Old Maid's position in her boarding-house to account for her serenity.

Down-town the Old Maid was a stenographer in a law office, where prettiness was at a discount as a hindrance to unremitting toil. She did not realize that her chief attraction to her employers was the lack of distracting features and complexion. Long as she had lived in the sordid but educating boarding-house, she had not learned everything that was to be learned about motives, and she believed that her father's old friendship with the lawyer had much to do with her position.

Before the remote day when the Old Maid first came to the law office and the boarding-house she had lived in the country. Even yet when the spring rains came down and drenched the grim pavements she had a swift, fleeting sense of late snows melting by the rim of the brooks and of timid

flowers pushing through the soft earth. And whenever there was the fresh odor of new-growing grass, and new-sprouting leaves in the city parks her mind turned toward peaceful, pastoral ways, and her eyes were filled with visions of billowy, blossoming trees, of plowmen moving across upland fields, of the waking up of life and industry. In short, the Old Maid was a poet, although the crude little expressions of her emotions never met the keen eyes of critics or even the kindly eyes of her friends.

Well, once upon a time the Singer came to the boarding-house on the square. He was young and his audiences—they were largely feminine—declared that nowhere else was there a singer who carried out songs and sobbed out ballads so movingly. Whether or not he was peerless is a question, but at any rate he had made a great success, and people wondered that he should come to the dingy abode of the boarders and the Old Maid. Some said that it was because he had lived there in the days before he was known to fashion, and some whispered knowingly that the lady to whom the Singer sang lived over the way in the stone house with the balconies at the window and the guarding lions at the door. Be that as it may, it is a fact that when the Singer came to the city for his series of concerts and recitals he sanctified the abode of the Old Maid with his presence for a whole week. And the Old Maid was agitated mysteriously by his presence, though it is doubtful if he even saw her shabby little figure.

One night she crept down the stairway when the house was still and slipped a paper beneath the Singer's door sill. The paper bore a set of verses written in the fine hand of a woman who was educated a quarter of a century ago, and a little note that read:

"If you should sometimes find this worthy to sing I would be the happiest woman on earth."

Now, the Singer felt a brutal indifference about all happiness save his own, which had been sorely tried that night by the lady of his songs. So he merely muttered: "Confound imbecile women!" Then he looked at the verses and then he went gloomily to bed. But through the night, as he reflected upon his blighted hopes and the hardness of

his fate, some of the Old Maid's lines sang themselves through his mind: I'll see thee in each flower that grows; Thou art not lost while lives the rose, Not lost while lives the rose, The foolish refrain insisted.

In the morning the silly rhymes would not be banished. He found himself humming them to an air, and by and by—so weak was he, owing to the cruel lady—he sat down at the piano and played the air softly.

It was the same week that he gave his great concert at the hall up-town. With indifferent generosity he offered the landlady tickets to be distributed and so it happened that the Old Maid and I went together.

The Old Maid was very pink and very tremulous, and, not being in her confidence, I could not understand her state. After all there was nothing in a successful singer of 33 to excite a spinster stenographer of 50.

The Singer had sung grand opera arias and the music from masses. He had sung Scotch ballads and German love songs. But he could not sing enough to satisfy his audience. After each properly numbered selection he was recalled again and again. Finally he came out and said:

"I wish I could tell you the author of the words I am going to sing. They were sent to me anonymously in manuscript, and I have no means of giving credit to whom it is due."

The Old Maid's figure quivered. She breathed sobbingly and drew closer to me, and I wondered if she were going crazy.

Then the Singer sang the simple verses. They may have been very bad as verses, but as a song they were a success. The audience listened intently, the women looking up, as women look when lowered eyelids would let the tears brim over. And when the last verse rang out, plaintively and proudly:

And though thou hast banished me, I touch thee in each nodding flower; I see thee, dear one, every hour, In sky, or star, or sea.

All beauty holds some hint of thee, And so thou canst not banish me, Thou canst not banish me,

The hall forgot to applaud for fully three seconds, when it caught its breath and surreptitiously wiped its eyes. That is, all but the Old Maid. She wept quite openly, turning her radiant, tear-stained face toward me.

"It's mine! It's mine!" she half sobbed. "O, it's mine and I am so happy!"

And then she told me the whole story. But neither prayers nor entreaties could prevail upon her to let me tell her secret. And the boarders still wonder why it is that a colorless little lady like the Old Maid sometimes wears a look of pride.

**REWRITE NOTE PAPER.**

Even the most negligent of correspondents would find inspiration in some of the new boxes of note paper. The boxes are in the form of little desks, although made of card board, and are divided into four or five compartments. The cover is fastened to the box and cannot very easily be lost or mislaid. There are five different sizes of paper and envelopes. The largest letter sheets are square, the envelopes long and narrow. The smallest note sheets are scarcely larger than correspondence cards. In one corner of the box is a space for sticks of sealing wax and a taper. Truly these convenient, orderly and complete secretaries must have been devised for the bad correspondent who snatches at any excuse—lack of time, place, paper or what not—for not meeting her epistolary obligations.

J. E. Galbraith, who has been appointed traffic manager of the Cleveland Terminal and Valley Railroad Company, with headquarters at Cleveland, will also be the general agent of the B. and O. at that point. These two positions were formerly held by L. Rush Brockenbrough, who is now general freight agent of the B. and O. lines west of the Ohio river, with headquarters at Pittsburg.

Fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Haynes, who were the pioneers of Paducah, Ky., and each of whom is more than ninety year of age, planted a walnut in the yard, from which sprung a tree. It grew to be a large tree, and a year or two ago was cut down and sawed into lumber. The lumber is now at the Haynes home, and is being sawed to make the coffins of the eccentric couple when they die.

**Deafness Cannot Be Cured**

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. The inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be restored, forever. This cure is guaranteed. It is caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

J. C. CHENEY & CO., Toledo O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

In the book, "Love Affairs of Some Famous Men," the story is recalled of Dr. Johnson and the widow whom he made his wife. He believed in the exchange of premarital confidence in regard to disagreeable matters, so he told her plainly that he was of a humble extraction, that he had no money, and that one of his uncles had been hanged. The sensible woman responded cleverly that she had no more money than he, and that, though none of her relatives had been hanged, she had several who ought to be!

**Misery by the Wholesale.**

Is what chronic indigestion of the liver gives rise to. Bile gets into the blood and imparts a yellow tint to the tongue, frouls and so does the breath, sick head-aches, pain beneath the right ribs and shoulder blade, and the bowels become constipated and the stomach disordered. The proven remedy for this catalogue of evils is Hostetter's stomachic Bitters, a medicinal wine and professionally recommended, and sovereign also for chills and fever, nervousness and rheumatism.

"Is your son making any headway in college?"

"Any headway? I should say he was. You ought to see him bucking the center."

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**FREAK OF NATURE IN FLORIDA**

Stretch of Land, 50,000 Acres in Extent, Covered with Sink-Holes.

Payne's prairie, three miles south of Gainesville, Fla., covers an area of 50,000 acres. A large proportion of the prairie is now covered with water, but there are thousands of acres around the borders of the lake which has been formed on which horses and other cattle graze. There is no way of estimating the number of cattle, but there are many thousands, and they are in fine condition. The prairie, or savanna, which it really is, occasionally goes dry, the water passing out through a subterranean passage called the sink. Where the water goes has never been determined. When the sink is open the lake goes dry, and when the outlet becomes gorged or choked a lake from five to seven miles wide and about eighteen miles long is formed. When the waters of the lake suddenly leave it thousands of alligators, snakes, fish and turtles are left with nothing but mud for their places of abode. The fish and turtles perish, but the saurians and reptiles seek and find other quarters. For miles along the northern border of the lake there is a succession of sinks, averaging in depth all the way from twenty-five to 100 feet. Subterranean passages run in every direction, leaving the ground in the shape of a honeycomb. The ground is liable to give way at any time, creating a new sink. Scenery around the lake, especially on the north side, is unique and grand, and is an attractive feature to strangers who visit Gainesville. The sink has long been popular as a resort for citizens of Gainesville, who go there to fish, boat ride and in other ways enjoy themselves. It is said that this vast area of land could be drained at trifling expense, and were it drained it would be the largest as well as the richest tract of productive land in Florida. It is for the most part a bed of muck. The land is owned by various individuals.

**Too Little Respect for Courts.**

Kansas City Star: The repeated appeals which conservative writers and speakers feel called upon to make to the people to persuade them to maintain respect for the courts show forth a necessity which ought not to exist in this country. They simply prove that the courts are not worthy of the honor and confidence which the public would like to yield them.

**Venice and the Horse.**

It is said that some of the Venetians—those who have never been to the mainland—have never seen a horse in all their lives. A showman once brought one to a fair and called it a monster, and the factory hands paid a shilling each to see the marvel.

**Hades.—**If there is a heaven there is naturally a hell. One could not exist without the other, but the Bible does not teach of a brimstone hell, but merely by implication.—Rev. John W. Westlock, Christian Church, Omaha, Neb.

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