

The recent protest of J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska against the cutting of Christmas trees is warmly commended in the west. In his protest, he said: "The trees selected for slaughter on this anniversary are always the straightest and most symmetrical. There were last year more than twenty million of Christmas trees cut down and put on the market. The absurdity of celebrating the birth of the Savior of the world by a wanton waste and extravagance which jeopardizes the welfare of millions of human beings yet unborn is obvious to every thinking man."

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SIBERIA, FEBRUARY CO., INC., JAN. 29, 1896. SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE COMPANY.—I would like to thank you for your great remedy, "5 DROPS," and tell you what it has done for me. I had Rheumatism in every joint and in the heart, and I had Catarrh of the Head for 30 years. I was so poorly that I lost the use of my legs and arms, and could not move without pain. I was so crippled that I had done but little work for seven long years, and our family physician, a good doctor, told me that my Rheumatism and Catarrh were incurable, and I believed him. But now, after using "5 Drops" only two months, I can truly say I have not felt so well for seven years. This medicine does more than is claimed for it. At this time my Catarrh is much better and I have scarcely any Rheumatism at all, and the heart weakness and pain are gone. My hearing is now good and my eyesight is much better. I have gained more than 10 pounds of flesh and can do a full day's work. It is the best medicine I ever saw to give a mother who has a young child, for it has the same effect on the child as on the mother. It wards off Croup and cures the Hives of the child and causes sweet and refreshing sleep to both young and old.

WM. M. KELLEMS, Siberia, Ind.

SIX TESTIFY TO ITS TRUTH. In a letter of Oct. 10, 1898, from Mr. Kellems, he says: "I feel it a duty that I owe to God and suffering humanity to announce to you and all the world that I am yet in the ring with untold thousands of others, to testify to the great merits of your valuable remedy called '5 DROPS.' I believe I was the first sufferer in this part of the earth to learn of the existence of '5 DROPS,' some three years ago. I was then badly afflicted with Rheumatism, Catarrh, etc., which my letter of Jan. 29, 1896, fully speaks of. All I can say is '5 DROPS' cured me. To make a long story short, '5 DROPS' needs no recommendation in this part of the country, as everybody knows the '5 DROPS' remedy around here. It has cured more cases of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, and many other pains than any other medicine that has ever been sold or heard of. For the last three years I have noticed the effect '5 DROPS' has on the sick, through my own observations as well as my brother, who is a practicing physician and uses the '5 Drops' in his practice. All ye that wish for further information, write and you are sure to get a reply without any delay. I will (as I have done in this letter) cheerfully recommend it to anyone that I may come in contact with. I myself can never forget what this remedy has done for me and many others.

Witnesses to the above: J. W. Brady, J. R. Cox, E. R. Huff, E. Taylor, Dr. S. W. Kellems, Jan. 10, 1898, all of Siberia, Ind.

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According to a story circulated in Berlin, the Empress Augusta Victoria met a chimney-sweep in a room of the royal palace on the morning before Christmas. She nodded in a friendly manner and bade him wait a moment. Soon she returned, leading her two youngest children, Prince Joachim, aged six, and Princess Victoria, aged six, each bearing a Christmas honey cake, which was offered to the sweep. The prince presented his gift with royal suavity. The little princess at first was frightened by the grimy appearance of the sweep. Finally, she handed him the cake in a gingerly manner.

Fast Mail to Seattle. The widespread public interest in the contest for the fast mail contract between Chicago and Omaha has caused one temporarily to overlook the similar achievement of the Great Northern railway in establishing quick mail communication from New York, via Chicago and St. Paul, to Seattle, and thence to the Orient. The fast Pacific mail service by way of St. Paul to the Puget Sound country is now quite as remarkable as that via Omaha to San Francisco. On January 3 the Great Northern placed in service a fast through mail and passenger train from Chicago to Seattle, on which the mail pouches never once leave the car after the transfer at St. Paul.

From New York to Seattle the time by this Northern route is just four days. East of St. Paul the mails are carried on several roads, but west of that city—on a run exceeding the eastern portion by 500 miles—the mail goes through without change across five great States on the tracks of the Great Northern. Forty-five minutes are consumed in transferring the mails in Chicago, and thirty minutes in St. Paul. After that the Northern Oriental flyer does the rest without a pause until the Asiatic mails go on board the steamers of the Japan Mail Steamship Company. Both the importance of Seattle as an Oriental shipping point and the speed of the Great Northern transcontinental mail service make the achievement a noteworthy feature of American railway progress.

The Puget Sound cities have already become formidable rivals of San Francisco as regards the freight and passenger traffic for Japan, China and Asiatic ports. The steamer route from Seattle to the Orient seems to be more free from storms than that from San Francisco, and as a large proportion of the Oriental exports are products of the Northwest the freight traffic has naturally taken this course. The fact that the full capacity of the Japan Mail Steamship Company's boats is engaged as far ahead as next August is in itself a striking proof of the growing importance of the Oriental trade that has its outlet at Seattle.

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Eve was made before mirrors—and her daughters have kept in front of them ever since.

SAID BY A GOSSIP.

A sin confessed is half absolved, so let me own to an essay in eavesdropping. Eavesdropping, after all, is a time-honored vice, and one favored of the majority. Besides, the temptation to hear what he had to say to her was unquerable. She—let us call her the Butterfly to avoid personalities—is 28. He—it will be safer to speak of him as the Sage—is perilously near the brink of 50. She declares it is only his "views" on things in general that interest her; he pretends that it is merely an old-time friendship for her father that makes him tolerate the frou-frou of her petticoats and the dainty, tripping prattle of her tongue.

Entre nous, I believe her thirst for information is a double form of coquetry; furthermore I am convinced that he sees through it, enjoys it, encourages it. I saw them through the crack of the folding doors. She was enlarging on the Leeds festival, and accentuating her sentiments with pretty gesticulations of two knowingly gloved hands.

"I love novelty," she said, "and I had my fill. You should have heard Mr. Elgar's 'Caractacus' cantata. He has emerged—legitimately emerged. Between Wagner and Berlioz he seems to have shot out on a track of his own—a dramatic and original track."

The Sage grunted. "It is a law in dynamics that when two forces moving in different directions come in collision the resultant force strikes out a line of its own, distinct from either of the opposing forces. Perhaps Mr. Elgar's in the resultant force."

"I wonder what he'll do in opera—whether he'll treat us vocalists with sufficient kindness. In that way no one can beat Sir Arthur Sullivan and Mr. Gilbert. They put the milk and honey of language into our mouths."

"How about Cowen?" asked the Sage, reverting to the festival.

"He was magnificent—at his very best. Delightful Herr Humperdinck stuck us intellectually on an Arabian carpet and wafted us into Moorish dreamland. M. Faure, though he calls his work 'The Birth of Venus,' was not as thrillingly romantic as he can be. Perhaps Venus at her birth was not so—"

"So dangerous as she might become, say, at the age of 28," the Sage chuckled.

"Be quiet, do, and listen. Clara Butt sang grandly. She can't help singing grandly, she is a heaven built engine of melody, but I was glad Miss Crossley got a chance in the 'Elijah.' She made the most of it. Isn't it a pity that Edward Lloyd talks of retiring—and in his prime, too."

"Not at all. He will retire in the prime of our esteem. A pity more performers haven't done the same thing. They go on like Romeo and Juliet, thinking parting such sweet sorrow—very paying sorrow—till they end by making themselves ridiculous."

The Sage got up and stumped about the room prosaically, while his boots squeaked an unromantic accompaniment. The Butterfly evidently did not think Romeo and Juliet ridiculous. She gave a little pout and turned the conversation.

"Shall you go and see 'The Three Musketeers'?" she asked.

"Which of them?"

"Both. (That sounds rather Irish, doesn't it.) You must see Mr. Hamilton's version, and when you've digested that, Mr. Grundy's will be ready at her majesty's."

phases ad lib. The apparatus will serve as a portable means of introducing experiments from one scientific circle to another.

"I thought the thing was only a curiosity?"

"Telephones, X rays and autographs were all curiosities till their practical value was established. The only thing against cinematography in the hospital is a question of speed, but that, I fancy, will be—"

"I saw a woman driving a 'teuf-teuf' down Cromwell road today," interrupted the Butterfly.

"Steering, you mean?"

"I mean what I say. The engineer took a back seat in every sense of the word. Why, even I can steer; it's quite simple. You go across country a bit at first—like a crab in hysterics, you know; but it's because you don't realize that the thing is so absolutely docile—docile as a man after a good dinner."

"Humph!" grumbled the Sage, standing still to look at her, and holding his thumbs in the armpits of his waistcoat.

"Tell me," went on the Butterfly, well pleased with her shot into the enemy's quarters, "what do you think of the Kaiser's tour—has it any political object?"

"My dear young lady, I am not a prophet."

"Still, you must have ideas; you surely—"

"Well," said the Sage, "object or no object, the Mussulman treasury will be found to have sprung a leak—"

"The sublime porte will run dry, eh? And after that?"

"Ottoman anæmia!" said the Sage, more blandly than usual.

S. L. C. S. M.

ARMY AND NAVY. Recognizing the good results that accrue from soldiers singing when on the march the minister for war of England has just ordered 25,000 books of patriotic and military songs as an experiment. These will be distributed to the men in infantry regiments and classes for singing will be instituted in the barracks. A similar experiment, made in France by Gen. Poinlove of St. Mars, has been attended with marked success, the number of stragglers on the march being reduced by 70 per cent owing to the singing.

Much favorable comment is being made upon the recommendation of Secretary Long that the vessels to be added to our naval force in the future are to be sheathed and coppered. In this way the ships we send abroad can be maintained for an indefinite period at sea without the necessity of searching a dockyard at frequent intervals. A modern cruiser provided with a sheathed bottom and coppered surface can be kept at sea for a whole cruise without danger to her safety or efficiency.

Fifty Cornell students are taking special courses of instruction in naval architecture and marine designing. The department is presided over by Professor Durand, a graduate of the United States naval academy, who has had eleven years' work in the construction of ships for the navy. The Cornell school has been in existence for seven years, and men trained in it are employed in all the great shipyards of the country.

Perhaps a girl is called a miss because she seldom hits anything she throws at.

William Condon has just died at East Bloomfield, N. Y., of the grip, at the age of 111, as attested by records in the possession of his family. In early life he was a soldier in the British army. He used tobacco all his life and boasted that he had "made more smoke than the battle of Waterloo."

Senator Simon, of Oregon, has been taking banjo lessons. "Are you improving?" some one asked him recently. "Either that or the neighbors are getting more used to it, he replied."

Shall Porto Rico Be a State? Our public men are trying to decide what action should be taken regarding the status of Porto Rico. We have never before had to deal with a similar condition. Neither have we ever had such a reliable medicine for dyspepsia, indigestion and nervousness as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It makes strength to resist future attacks.

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Poker has been declared a game of chance by the Vienna supreme court and is forbidden in Austria-Hungary as coming under the law passed in 1784 against games of hazard. The judges, before arriving at their decision, discussed the intellectual element in bluffing.

Former Senator F. D. Dubois, of Idaho, is about to be married to Miss Edna M. Whitely, of Dolan, S. D., and is building for his future home in Blackfoot, the most costly house in the state. Mr. Dubois is one of the largest cattle owners in the west.

NERVOUS DEPRESSION. [A TALK WITH MRS. PINKHAM.] A woman with the blues is a very uncomfortable person. She is illogical, unhappy and frequently hysterical. The condition of the mind known as "the blues," nearly always, with women, results from diseased organs of generation.

It is a source of wonder that in this age of advanced medical science, any person should still believe that mere force of will and determination will overcome depressed spirits and nervousness in women. These troubles are indications of disease.

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