

HAPPY WOMEN.
Wouldn't any woman be happy, after years of headache suffering. Days of misery, nights of unrest. The distress of urinary troubles. She finds relief and cure? No reason why any reader should suffer in the face of evidence like this: Mrs. Almira A. Jackson, of East Front St., Traverse City, Mich., says: "For twenty years I never knew what it was to have good health. Every physician consulted said I had liver trouble, but their medicines did me no good. Just before I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I was almost paralyzed. I could hardly stand on my feet because of the numbness and lack of circulation. Had a knife been thrust into my kidneys the pain could not have been more intense. My sleep was disturbed by visions of distorted figures, the kidney secretions were annoyingly irregular and I was tormented with thirst and always bloated. I used seven boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills. The bloating subsided until I weighed one hundred pounds less, could sleep like a child and was relieved of the pain and the irregularity of the kidney action. My circulation is good and I feel better in every way."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Jackson will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address: Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

Historic Sit of Crape.
A day or two before the funeral of Senator Hanna Postmaster Emerson, of Cleveland received by mail from C. J. Johnson, of Greenville, Texas, a small piece of crape which had been worn on several notable occasions. It is a part of the first that came out in the army of the Potomac, and was worn at the funerals of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Logan and several minor celebrities. The knot in the crape has never been untied. Postmaster Emerson wore it at the Hanna funeral and then sent it back to its owner in Texas.

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Senator Hoar's Long Service.
An anniversary of some interest to Massachusetts came on Friday last. Senator Hoar that day completed thirty-five years of continuous service in congress. In this respect his record surpasses that of any other Massachusetts statesman. Both John Quincy Adams and Daniel Webster were in public life many years, but their terms of service in executive office broke the continuity of their life in Washington, especially the legislative phase.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS Use the best. That's why they buy Red Cross Ball Blue. At leading grocers, 5 cents.

Classical Example of Cheek.
Surely it will remain a classical example of "cheek" that is described in the following story, told by the Country Gentleman: One of the English generals, during the Boer war, having secured a turkey, asked his friends to dinner. When the day came the bird had disappeared. It was traced to the quarters of the naval brigade, and a young midshipman owned to having "pinched" it. The infuriated general exhausted his vocabulary in abuse of this delinquent, who replied: "I'm very sorry, sir! But you wouldn't have liked it, but it was so tough we had to throw it away. If I'd known you would have taken it so much to heart I'd have got the carpenter to make you another."

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The Smallest Coin.
The smallest coin in the world having a genuine circulation is probably the Maltese "gair," a tiny fragment of bronze about as big around as the top of a slate pencil, and worth only one-twentieth of a penny.

Wiggle-Stick LAUNDRY BLUE Won't spill, break, freeze nor spot clothes. Costs 10 cents and equals 20 cents worth of any other bluing. If your grocer does not keep it send 10c for The Laundry Blue Co., 14 Michigan Street, Chicago.

If we are to judge people by what they say, some men must live on hay and thistles. It's an easy matter for a stingy man to get rich—but what's the use? Make the best of the troubles you have and don't hunt more.

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Mercenary Love.
I covet the gold that shineth
And diamonds and gems that gleam.
I long for the glittering dowry
Mine avarice sees in a dream:
A dream of the radiant treasures
That are mine to have and to hold.
For the maid I'm to marry hath riches
And I'm wedding for jewels and gold.
For the gold in the rippling tresses
That shine with a sunny sheen;
For the rubies in lips of crimson
And the pearls that lie between;
For the blue in the blue of the sapphire
In eyes that are brave and sweet,
The eyes that falter at parting
And eyes that brim when we meet.
But the crowns of a dozen kingdoms
And the gems of a blazing mart
And all of the miser mountains
Hold no wealth like the wealth of her heart.
These are the riches I covet,
The treasures of Ophir untold,
And clasping this radiant dowry
I'll marry for jewels and gold.
—Collier's Weekly.



DOROTHY'S DILEMMA
By HAYDEN CARRUTH.
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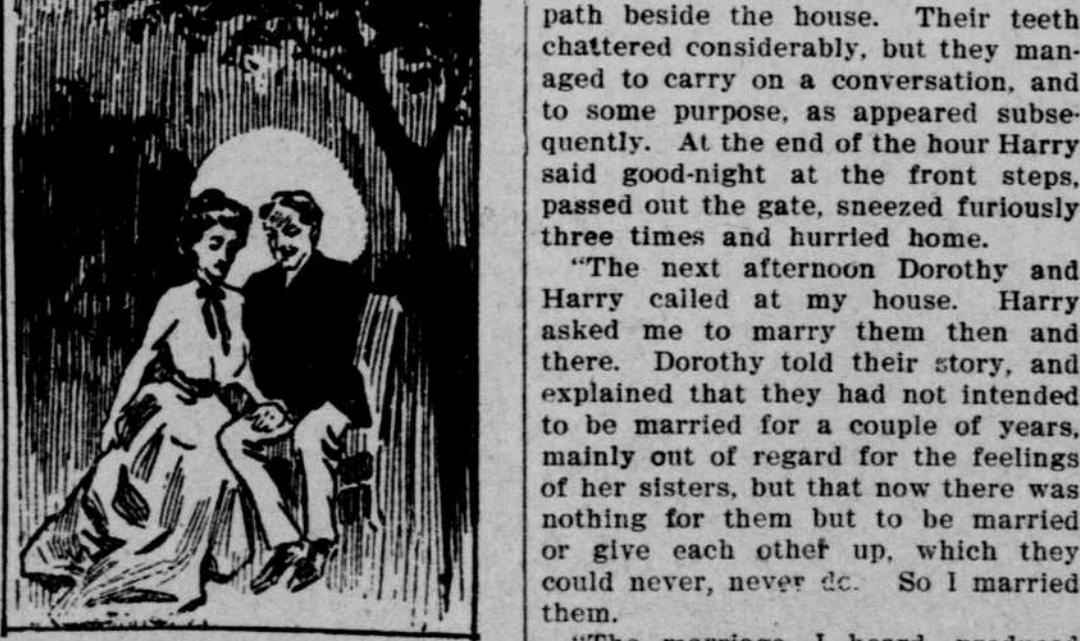
It was the Dominie's turn to tell a story. "Or you can sing a song if you prefer," suggested the Judge with a snave air. "Or I dare say you would accept a cake-walk," returned the Dominie, as he arched his eyebrows and looked around at the company. "We'd prefer it," said the Colonel promptly. "I'll touch up the piano with a little ragtime."

"I refuse to gratify your scandalous wishes," replied the Dominie stoutly. "I'll not only tell a story, but I'll see that there is a moral tacked on as becomes one of my cloth."

"Can't you give us the moral first, then we won't have to be dreading it?" asked the Judge.

"Yes, I'm willing to do that. The moral is: Beware of selfishness, lest you be hoist with your own ydippe shell. It all happened up at my town last fall. There's a widow living there who has three daughters, very estimable young ladies, but alas, the two older are exceedingly selfish. They are both somewhat farther along in life than the average unmarried woman—I don't know how old they are—I hope I'm too much of a gentleman to know anything about a lady's age—but just for the sake of the story we'll call one of them slightly over thirty and the other slightly under. The third daughter I'm willing to come out boldly and call twenty—we're on safer ground when we get down in that neighborhood, you know. And better yet, this girl is one of the most unselfish creatures in the world. She is, in fact, a most charming girl in every way, with a pretty face and a quiet, unassuming manner which never fails to win with its simple charm. If she has any failing it is that of too great humility and an inclination to allow herself to be imposed upon. But probably this has been brought about largely by her being constantly dominated over by her older sisters. There is, I believe, a sort of unwritten law among women that daughters must marry in rotation according to age, though instances of rebellious younger sisters who marry before their elders are common enough. But certainly in this case Dorothy, which we'll name the youngest, had not the least idea of ever doing anything so improper. It might seem to her that her older sisters had had a fair chance, and that they were unconsciously long in getting out of the way, but still she was patient and willing to wait.

"Indeed, Dorothy was very closely looked after by her mother and older sisters, and little opportunity was ever given her even remotely to contemplate the idea of marriage. It was not until last fall that anything in the guise of a man was allowed to approach within hailing distance. Then she was given the privilege of receiving some circumspet calls from a neighboring young man named Harry Lambert. He's one of the best young fellows in town, only a year or two older than Dorothy and altogether desirable in every way. During the fall he was accustomed to drop around Sunday evening and spend an hour with Dorothy on the front porch or sitting on a bench under a tree on the lawn. Her mother approved, though the older sisters were accustomed to sneer and to question the propriety of the proceedings. Though you must not gather that the older girls had no attentions—far from it. Mr. Edward Edgewater has been reg-



ularly paying court to Elizabeth, the oldest, for a number of years. Mr. William Jackson has been doing the same by Ruth, the second daughter. I don't know why, but the progress of Messrs. Edgewater and Jackson has been exceedingly slow. They have called with clocklike regularity every Sunday evening, but the joyous wedding bells have refused to ring. "So during the fall things ran on as I have indicated, each of the young men finding happiness in the company of the lady of his choice every Sunday evening. But with the approach of cold weather the prospect

AFTER THE BIG FIRE.
Humor of incidents in Connection With Baltimore Conflagration. On Water street, near South, the big granite-based buildings were mashed to a mass of barely recognizable ruins. In one of them, however, right over the door way to the side was a big sign. All about this sign demolition was spread by the wild fury of the flames and falling walls, and the building looked like it had been at the mercy of a miniature Kansas cyclone. But just the same, like the celebrated flag in Francis Scott Key's immortal song, the sign was still there, and it read, "For Rent—Desirable Offices in the Basement."

The basement, or what was left of it, was all that remained of the former five-storied building. Not a block away was another peculiar freak of the fire. There was a cigar store on the corner of Lombard and South streets, in front of which there was evidently a sign advertising a certain brand of cigars. The building was in ruins. Every sign of life was destroyed. Ruined buildings and fallen electric wires made passage-way very difficult, but the advertisement, or at least a great portion of it, was still observable. The lower part of the sign stood out in strong relief, reading, "The Best Smoke in Town.—Baltimore World."

HE BUILT HIS OWN POORHOUSE.

Queer Trick Which Fortune Played on a California Gold Miner.
The Murphy family was very numerous in California in the "days of '43." Some members struck it rich in the mines and held onto their fortunes, others were not so lucky. One Murphy in particular is remembered by all the old time miners. He made a big fortune in the gold mines and started to build a magnificent country residence near San Jose, the noted fruit center of California.

The elegance of the place was the talk of the whole community. But one day, to the surprise of his business associates, Murphy slapped a big mortgage onto the property. Rates of interest were enormous in those days, and as poor Murphy had been unable to meet his payments, one day the beautiful home went under the auctioneer's hammer, and was bought at a great bargain by the county for its poorhouse.

Things went from bad to worse with Murphy, and in a few years the proud old Irishman was obliged to enter his old home as an inmate, a county pauper.

NEW PERIL IN WARFARE.

Submarine Torpedo Boat Sinks a Tug by Ramming.
While the French submarine boat Narval was leaving Cherbourg harbor recently she came into collision with a tugboat which was traveling at right angles to the course of the submarine.

The officer of the latter observed the approaching tug, and immediately reversed his engines. The Narval was at the time making a speed of five knots. Although the momentum of the submarine was thus considerably reduced, she struck the tugboat with sufficient force amidships to force her nose through the hull of the latter to the extent of sixteen inches, and the tug ultimately foundered, when the nose of the Narval was withdrawn.

This accident affords a conclusive estimate of the strength and power of these submarine craft for ramming purposes, when driven at full force against another craft and, according to French admiralty experts, opens new possibilities concerning naval tactics.

Something About Coral.
Those irregular branches, so prettily red and shining, are all small skeletons of tiny animals, lower in the natural order than insects, and they come from the Mediterranean, where for ages and ages they have been growing at depths of five or six fathoms.

What a vast multitude of coral animals there must be to rear whole reefs of coral underneath the waves, structures so firm and well built that they form islands on which men live and form cities and ply commerce.

Bermuda, so near our own shores, is built on formations of coral—red, white and black, the latter being by far the rarest and most valuable; white coral is not worth much. It is found near Ceylon. Coral has often been made use of in sculpture. There was formerly in the Tuileries at Paris a chessboard and set of chessmen carved from this pretty substance.

The Color of Whisky.
"A query about Scotch whisky," writes H. P. M., "is, does color indicate age?" Theoretically it should; actually it does not. Whisky is stored in sherry casks to mature and takes color from the wood. Sherry, however, covers a wide range of shades, and a spirit stored in a cask which had held a pale variety would obviously not be colored to the same extent as a spirit stored for a like time in a cask that had previously held a dark-brown wine, though as regards maturing both would be equally improved. The general public, however, could never be got to understand that two bottles of whisky differing in color were absolutely identical in every essential point, and therefore most brands maintain a standard of color by means of a harmless coloring ingredient, namely, burnt sugar.—London World.

Didn't Know the Game.
Chauncey Olcott tells a funny story which happened some years ago when he was living at home with his parents. He became imbued with the idea that he was quite a sport, so early one morning, as he softly turned the latchkey and stole into the paternal hall, he was surprised to find his father, awaiting him. "What is this I hear?" asked the father sternly. "I am told you are playing poker." "Why, father, I haven't the least idea of how to play the game." "I know that," replied the reverend gentleman, grimly. "At least, so I am told by one of the fellows who was playing with you."

NO APPETITE—EMACIATED—NERVOUS.
Many Women During the Spring Months Suffer From Extreme Lassitude, Loss of Appetite and Nervousness—What They Need Is Pe-ru-na, the Great Tonic

Miss Bertha M. Rush, 5435 Kincarde street, Pittsburg, Pa., Superintendent Junior Society of Methodist Protestant Church and leading Soprano of the choir, writes: "Words cannot describe my thankfulness to you for Peruna. I was a sufferer from systematic catarrh for years and was in a very much run-down condition. I was extremely nervous and had the most foolish fears over nothing. I was thin and emaciated. "My physician advised me to leave this climate, but as it was not convenient to do so at this time, I took the advice of a friend to use a bottle of Peruna. I took it faithfully and when the first bottle was gone I felt so much better that I bought six more and took them faithfully, after which I looked like a new woman. "I gained in flesh, my appetite returned and all my old symptoms had disappeared. I am more than thankful to Peruna."—Miss Bertha M. Rush.

I AM TIRED.

Everybody is Tired—Spring Weather Does It—Every One Should Be Cautious.

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Mrs. H. Kassatt, 1309 West 13th street, Des Moines, Ia., writes: "I am happy to give my endorsement for your valuable medicine, Peruna, as I consider it a valuable medicine to take when the system is run down from overwork. About two years ago I felt that I must take a long rest as I had been unable to work for over a month and could not regain my strength. I could not sleep at night and was in a very nervous, high strung condition. I decided to try what Peruna would do to build up my strength, and am pleased to say that I began to improve very shortly, and in less than two weeks I was able to take up my work, and felt better than I have for years. I take it now twice a year and find that it keeps me in perfect health." Mrs. Kassatt was for over ten years the manager of a plant furnishing ladies' wear and employing hundreds of women.



MISS BERTHA M. RUSH—PITTSBURG.
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