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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

As Dole is over six feet high it is obviously unjust to speak of him, as several papers do, as a low schemer.

The governor of Idaho seeks election to congress on a no-necktie platform. Evidently it's "neck or nothing" with him.

With all his greatness George Washington was modest enough to be as satisfied with one birthday as if he had had a dozen.

Highway robbery is mentioned by Chicago's chief of police as an indication. We had supposed it to be a popular amusement.

"The head expands," says young Mr. Edison, "whenever one thinks intently." If the reverse of this is true there are persons whose heads will eventually become the size of a cocoanut.

Letter has now sold more than 4,000,000 bushels of his contract wheat, the bulk of it going abroad. While he refuses to disclose the price received, it is known that he cleared large profits in the transaction. It is rumored that Letter has already contracted for the sale of all of his enormous holdings. If this is so, much higher prices may be looked for.

"Lewis Carroll," who was a great mathematician as well as the author of the delightful "Alice" books, once published a series of "propositions" that sounded like Euclid. The following was one of them: "A discussion may be raised upon any point at any distance from that point." This convenient but time-consuming principle seems to be in high favor in our various legislative bodies.

Six night-lunch wagons were started by a temperance society of New York city, in the hope of lessening the patronage of east side saloons. The sales last year amounted to almost twenty thousand dollars, the profits of which go for ice in the summer for the sick poor. Philanthropy is everywhere learning the vital truth that effective reform comes not from railing at existing evils, but in providing woful substitutes.

The presidents of two important New England universities agree that "few college men really go wrong." Few college men are excusable for not going right. There is no excuse for a college man to come out of college uneducated; and one of the results of education is ability to see the folly, to say nothing of the sin, of wrong-doing. Purely as a matter of policy, the college-bred man, if anybody, should avoid going wrong.

The trading-stamp usually buries in its patrons both the sense of humor and that of proportions. A woman recently stopped a street-car after paying her fare, and took a return car home to get a forgotten trading-card before making some trifling purchases. The price of the extra fare exactly balanced the value of the "gift" on five dollars' worth of goods. The law against trading-stamps may be unconstitutional, but it is a moral protest against the habit of trying to get something for nothing. Moreover, considering the real value of the "gifts," the something is usually less than nothing.

The countess who represents Mrs. Besant in this country recently explained in a lecture that the theosophists believed in "a causeless cause from which emanates the first cause, that in when manifestation takes place," and how "from that emanate rays of spirit which permeate all matter." That is certainly going back to the beginning to the great void which was apparently incapable of production—a state of nothingness, however, from which something began. But one of her listeners said, after profound and head-ringing thought: "I don't know at all the means; I want to know what it is"; and the remark was received with applause.

President Hoover T. Washington of a Tuskegee institute tells some significant anecdotes showing the zeal of a colored people for the culture of their race. One day a lame black man, seventy years old, who was in slavery, hobbled into his office, doing something in her patched on. "Mr. Washington," she said, "I am ignorant and poor, but I know I am trying to make better men and men at his school. I know you are trying to make a better country for us. Mr. Washington, I ain't got no money, but I want you to take these six eggs, and put 'em into de education of one dese boys or girls." The poor widow's "two mites" could not have taken a after form, and pages could be written from the hint in the good lady's presentation speech.

If people could only feel that they are getting value received for their fees they would be much more ready to pay them. Unfortunately they can't feel this. American city governments are notoriously inefficient and corrupt. The remedy is in the hands of the people. They can have honest government if they really want it. Mr. Washington, I ain't got no money, but I want you to take these six eggs, and put 'em into de education of one dese boys or girls." The poor widow's "two mites" could not have taken a after form, and pages could be written from the hint in the good lady's presentation speech.

HER FRIEND, THE SCAMP.

By E. K. Stevens.

MRS. BRENT drew her cloak closer around her and shivered. It was a street corner in the worst part of Chicago, the night was dark and she was alone.

"Another fool's errand," she sighed. "But at every hint of a clew I am ready to start afresh; if I could but find him, my baby; the years of weariness and disappointment would seem as nothing."

A powerfully built man slouched from the shadow of a doorway and in passing spoke her name. She accompanied him at once and soon found herself before a tall, shabby house, whose windows stared, dark and empty, into the squalid street.

He led the way up two flights of stairs and stood aside for her to enter a room, unfurnished, except by two chairs and a table on which a lamp was burning dimly. She hesitated.

"If you want your child, go in," said the man gruffly. She stepped forward immediately, closely followed by her escort, who proceeded to lock the door and put the key in his pocket.

Mrs. Brent shrugged her shoulders slightly and, drawing one of the chairs to the table, sat down. The man flung himself into the other.

"You sent for me," she said quietly, "promising that if I would come here entirely alone, with five hundred dollars, you would give me my child. I am here with an unsigned check for that amount, payable to bearer, in my pocket; it will be signed and yours when you return him safely to me."

"That's business," replied her guide, with a short laugh. "And now for my side of the bargain. You will make the hundreds thousands, or you get no boy and lose your life."

As he spoke, he drew a revolver, tossing and catching it carefully and watching the effect of his words.

"Impossible," she answered, "I have spent so much during this useless search of six years, that it was difficult to raise the five hundred."

His fist came down on the table with a mighty blow and the revolver clicked sharply as he cocked and raised it.

"This is no bluff," he growled, leaning back in his chair, he took deliberate aim at her head. "Either you give me the thousands, or I shoot. It would not be the first time I had killed a woman."

Her eyes flashed. "Shoot, then," she said. "Life is nothing to me without my child, and I believe that he is dead. Why should he have been stolen, but



for hope of reward? And rewards have been repeatedly offered in vain. Shoot, and reunite us!"

For a few still moments they faced each other, her unflinching gaze full on the muzzle of the pistol and the hard face behind it. Then with an oath he flung down the weapon.

"If I ever saw nerve," his strong voice rang through the room, "I have seen it to-night."

"Look ye here, lady! I don't know where your child is, but I will know, and if living, you shall have him for just my expenses and no penny over. Is it a bargain?"

He held out his hand and as Mrs. Brent took it, her lip trembled for the first time, and it was with unsteady voice that she murmured, "Bring him safely to me and the five hundred is yours, but for pity's sake, be quick," her voice failed her. The man bowed his head and unlocked the door. "Go on ahead," he said. "I will see you safe to your hotel."

Weeks multiplied into months and she heard nothing from her unexpected ally, until her new born hope died within her. It was Christmas eve and she sat alone, thinking with swelling heart of the many homes where mothers were planning happy surprises for their little ones, when there came a loud knock on her door. At first, as she opened it and peered out into the darkness, she thought no one was there, but suddenly two little arms were stretched up to her and a voice, which had known but the one word when last she had heard it, cried: "Mamma!"

With a great sob, she gathered her child to her heart.

Planned to the little fellow's jacket she found a card bearing these words: "A Christmas gift to a brave woman, from her friend, The Scamp."

Italy's Torpedo Building. Italy is able to turn out fast torpedo boat destroyers as well as Great Britain. The destroyer Pluto, recently built at Sestri Ponente, near Genoa, for the Spanish government, made 30 1/2 knots under forced draught on her trial over the measured mile.

GYMNASTICS FOR GIRLS.

Practical Hints on Physical Culture for Health and Beauty.

Physical culture in the home, with reference to the development of health and consequently beauty, is discussed by a writer in the Woman's Home Companion, who gives simple directions for private gymnastics. She says: "Systematic exercise can accomplish so much that it is a marvel to one who has not generally practiced. It is entirely unnecessary to be mistress of a system of physical culture. There are a few exercises which, taken regularly and thoroughly, will accomplish all that a system would. The tendency is, however, to be unsystematic in taking these exercises, and thus lose their good effect. It is best to take them at night. In bedroom slippers and loose gown, with no hands to bind, no collar to rub, a girl is ready for the exercise that will make her rest as tranquil and candle. To develop breadth of the chest, the body is free to stretch, to stiffen with effort, or to rest itself in complete relaxation. Clubs, dumbbells and other gymnastic paraphernalia are unnecessary and really are more harmful than beneficial. Grasping the bell enlarges the knuckles; the friction of the clubs hardens the hands, and it is quite as easy to do without them, they are better unused. After all the preparations for bed are made, even to arranging the rather flat and somewhat hard pillow, stand before your glass and begin your exercise."

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WE MAKE MACARONI.

DOUBTFUL IF THE BEST PASTE COMES FROM ITALY.

Because It Is Machine Work—The Americans Like to See the Foreign Labels, However, So the Manufacturers Are Obligated to Hoaxing Them.

Macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli, so closely associated with Italy in the minds of the public, are made almost the world over. So universal has the manufacture of the pastes become that it is extremely doubtful if the best article in that line is the Italian product, says the Milwaukee Sentinel. There are several reasons for this. One is that the manufacture of the Italian macaroni is still carried on in a primitive way, a large part of the process being by hand, and hand work as compared to machine work in food preparation does not have the advantage of cleanliness. The American macaroni has the advantage of improved machinery; it has also the advantage of being used sooner after manufacture than the imported kind, and macaroni is best when fresh. Macaroni that has been shipped about the globe, stored in doubtful storage places and kept in stock for some time is quite sure to have deteriorated. Moreover, it is often infested with weevils, so that in order to be sure that all such insects have been removed the macaroni has to be broken into very small pieces. In spite of the probable superiority of the American product there is a sentiment about the actual foreign article that does not seem to wear away, and as a result the American manufacturers are simply forced to put their goods up in packages counterfeiting the style and wording on the imported brands. The manufacturers would much prefer to put out their goods in honest labels, but it becomes a question of bowing to the demands of the trade or going out of business. They hate the deception because they feel that their goods are even better than those imported, and if the public would let them they would be very glad to put their own names on the wrappers and make their names a guarantee of pure goods and cleanly manufacture. The sentiment in favor of anything made in some other country does not wear off, however, and so the housewife who buys a package of macaroni at her grocer's, guaranteed to be of Italian make, in nine cases out of ten brings into her home a sample of Milwaukee-made paste. There is another curious thing about macaroni. It makes no difference whether a person buys the domestic product or the foreign, he is quite sure to get an article made from American flour. On this point the American manufacturers complain bitterly, for they say they are the victims of freight discrimination. Macaroni made in this country has to pay freight to the amount of 75 cents a hundred pounds, so that it is actually possible for the European makers of macaroni to make it of our American flour and then send the product to this country and undersell the American product in the New York market, on account of the cheap rate on wheat to Europe. When it gets to the consumer, however, the price is always raised to a few cents more than the domestic article, because the people are willing to pay the extra amount for a foreign-made food. A boat that recently arrived in New York had on board 33,000 cases of macaroni, 15,000 of which were for one importing house. Milwaukee has one macaroni factory, which is situated in 12th street. Its output is large and goes all over the country, although it is but one of some 200 such factories located in the various cities of this country. It is fitted with modern machinery and for this reason has only to hire a dozen men and boys to turn out a large amount daily. Each macaroni manufacturer makes certain improvements on the machinery that is common to all factories by which he is enabled to improve his manufacture and for this reason strangers are not allowed in the rooms where the work is carried on. The general methods of manufacture are not secrets, however. Macaroni is made from hard wheat, that being richer in gluten and other nitrogenous compounds than the soft wheat. The paste that is made from the proper part of the wheat is heated with hot water to the proper consistency and then put in cylinders, from which it is forced through small openings of the shape required to make either macaroni, vermicelli or spaghetti. In the case of the holes for forming the macaroni a mandril is centered in them from the inside, so that when the piston at the other end of the cylinder begins to push the mass of dough toward the end having the openings it is forced out in pipistem shape. The macaroni is cut off the proper lengths and placed on cloth-bottom trays to be dried. These trays are taken to the drying room and placed in racks, twenty-four hours being required to make them marketable. In Italy the macaroni is dried over rods, its consistency being such that it will sustain its own weight without breaking. In Italy, also, the drying is done in the open air, an advantage in climate that gives the manufacturer there an advantage, it not being necessary to have heating appliances. The macaroni, vermicelli and spaghetti are all made from the same dough, the only difference in them being in the form. In the Milwaukee factory farina is added to the wheat in making the dough, and it is claimed that this enhances the quality of the product. The demand for macaroni is always on the increase, but the local manufacturers say the

sales are considerably affected by the market price of potatoes and flour; when these articles of food are high in price the people take more macaroni.

Count's Passion for Prison Life. Of the many methods of achieving fame—or notoriety—that of Count Rocco Diamovitch is surely among the strangest. The count has made the getting into prison the chief business of his life for thirty-four of the forty-seven years he has lived, for the purpose of gathering information for a book he is anxious to write on the subject. At thirteen he left his home and went into Prussia, where he was arrested for trespassing, and sent to prison for three months, working at chair-making. "From that time to this," he adds, "I have never been free from the desire." From thirteen until he was twenty-one he was in and out of more than twenty prisons in Belgium, Prussia, Poland and Russia. His first experience of jail life in England was in Liverpool, which he says was one of the worst he ever was in, filled with drunken sailors from all over the world. He stayed there six days, when he paid his fine and got out—the first time he failed to serve his sentence. Then he went to Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey, then to Egypt, "where the jails are the worst in the world except Australia," and to India and Japan, and America, where he has been for more than a year, spending most of his time in jails and penitentiaries. According to his views, the best jail in America is in Denver, and that in St. Louis, where he spent a week, is very bad, for "the prisoners run the place," and "it was impossible to find any peace or comfort in the place." The count ought to give us "the book of the season."

A Queer Cucumber. Mrs. Rose Marimon found in her garden the middle of last July a cucumber eleven inches long and twelve inches in circumference which she left for seed, but looked in vain for the vegetable to ripen and turn yellow. The first week in September it was discovered to be loose from the vine, and was taken in the house and put away. Today it is as green and firm as it was in July, and there is no indication that it will ever change its state. Mrs. Marimon has been gardening for forty years and never observed the like of this cucumber before. —Harrodsburg (Ky.) Sayings.

DRINK CALLED A "TIN ROOF." Obvious Explanation of the Name Given After Liquor Disappears. From the Philadelphia Record: A well-known Twelfth street tavern-keeper tells a good joke which was played on him the other day by three of his patrons. As they walked up to the bar and were asked what they would have, "I'll take a tin roof," replied the first. "Let's have the same," chimed in the other two. The bartender was in a quandary, as he had never heard of a mixed drink with such an extraordinary name. "Well, give me a bottle of whisky, gin and apollinaris, and I'll mix the drinks," finally remarked the first patron.

Ordered the Men's Corps Paraded. Major General Benzaugh of the British army, who died recently, became famous in India for a divisional order commanding the medical staff to pare the corns and cut the nails of the men in order to improve the marching efficiency of the division.

An Example. Willie—Say, pa, what is a self-made man? Pa—Well, there's Dr. Mary Walker, for example.

HUMORS OF CLERICAL LIFE.

One Boy Thought He Knew Why the Sea Was Salt.

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When Meade's army was marching out of the Wilderness, a drum corps in passing Grant's headquarters caught sight of the chief and at once struck up a then popular negro camp meeting air. Every one began to laugh. "What's the fun?" inquired the general. "Why," was the reply, "they are playing, 'Ain't I Glad to Get Out o' de Wilderness?'" The general smiled at the ready wit of the musicians and said, "Well, with me a musical joke always requires explanation. I know only two tunes—one is 'Yankee Doodle' and the other isn't."

Mr. Justice Maule once went on circuit with Judge Coleridge in a part of the country where the high sheriff was a shy and modest man and very much alarmed at having to entertain his cynical lordship. Coming home in his coach with the two judges, he thought it his duty to make conversation for them. He observed that he hoped there would be better weather, as the moon had changed. "And are you such a fool, Mr. Jones, as to imagine that the moon has an effect on the weather?" said Maule. "Really, Brother Maule," said Coleridge, who was politeness itself, "you are very hard upon our friend. For my part, I think the moon has a considerable effect upon it." "Then," said Maule, "you are as great a fool as Jones is." After which conversation in the sheriff's carriage languished.

The First Dispute About Copyright. It is a rather curious coincidence that the scriptures should have caused the first dispute about copyright of which we have any record, and also the last. In the sixth century, St. Columba, when a monk in the north of Ireland, visited a monastery where there was a celebrated psalter, and while the members of the religious institution were asleep or at work he made a copy of the book, which he intended to carry away with him. But the prior found out what he had done, and impounded the manuscript. A terrible dispute arose, which was ultimately decided by the local king, to whom it was referred, against the infringer of the copyright, the Hibernian monarch sentimentally declaring that "To every cow belongs its calf." But the quarrel did not end there, and this question of copyright gave rise to a great war between St. Columba's partisans and the others, which did not end until the saint fled to long for refuge.

New York's Wealthy in Attack. A New York bootblack named Tony, who has five different businesses in the city, does such a large business at one of these shops he has been compelled to employ a young woman as cashier. Tony pays her \$5,000 a year for rent alone. Her total expenses annually are \$1,000. Her neighborhood of \$15,000.—New York Evening World.

STORYETTES.

Count's Passion for Prison Life. Of the many methods of achieving fame—or notoriety—that of Count Rocco Diamovitch is surely among the strangest. The count has made the getting into prison the chief business of his life for thirty-four of the forty-seven years he has lived, for the purpose of gathering information for a book he is anxious to write on the subject. At thirteen he left his home and went into Prussia, where he was arrested for trespassing, and sent to prison for three months, working at chair-making. "From that time to this," he adds, "I have never been free from the desire." From thirteen until he was twenty-one he was in and out of more than twenty prisons in Belgium, Prussia, Poland and Russia. His first experience of jail life in England was in Liverpool, which he says was one of the worst he ever was in, filled with drunken sailors from all over the world. He stayed there six days, when he paid his fine and got out—the first time he failed to serve his sentence. Then he went to Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey, then to Egypt, "where the jails are the worst in the world except Australia," and to India and Japan, and America, where he has been for more than a year, spending most of his time in jails and penitentiaries. According to his views, the best jail in America is in Denver, and that in St. Louis, where he spent a week, is very bad, for "the prisoners run the place," and "it was impossible to find any peace or comfort in the place." The count ought to give us "the book of the season."

A Queer Cucumber. Mrs. Rose Marimon found in her garden the middle of last July a cucumber eleven inches long and twelve inches in circumference which she left for seed, but looked in vain for the vegetable to ripen and turn yellow. The first week in September it was discovered to be loose from the vine, and was taken in the house and put away. Today it is as green and firm as it was in July, and there is no indication that it will ever change its state. Mrs. Marimon has been gardening for forty years and never observed the like of this cucumber before. —Harrodsburg (Ky.) Sayings.

DRINK CALLED A "TIN ROOF." Obvious Explanation of the Name Given After Liquor Disappears. From the Philadelphia Record: A well-known Twelfth street tavern-keeper tells a good joke which was played on him the other day by three of his patrons. As they walked up to the bar and were asked what they would have, "I'll take a tin roof," replied the first. "Let's have the same," chimed in the other two. The bartender was in a quandary, as he had never heard of a mixed drink with such an extraordinary name. "Well, give me a bottle of whisky, gin and apollinaris, and I'll mix the drinks," finally remarked the first patron.

Ordered the Men's Corps Paraded. Major General Benzaugh of the British army, who died recently, became famous in India for a divisional order commanding the medical staff to pare the corns and cut the nails of the men in order to improve the marching efficiency of the division.

An Example. Willie—Say, pa, what is a self-made man? Pa—Well, there's Dr. Mary Walker, for example.

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