

Kangaroo farming is to become an established institution in Australia.

A municipal ratorum gives the number of trees belonging to Paris as 91,458.

British India now employs over one million people in its cotton industries.

An elephant at the London Zoo fled of fright caused by a thunder storm.

A bushel of wheat by actual count, has been found to contain 869,720 grains.

Six Doctors Failed.

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—After suffering from Kidney Disease for three years; after taking treatment from six different doctors without getting relief, Mr. J. O. Landeman of this place found not only relief but a speedy and complete cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills. Speaking of his cure Mr. Landeman says:

"Yes, I suffered from Kidney Trouble for three years and tried six doctors to no good. Then I took just two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and they not only cured my kidneys, but gave me better health in general. Of course I recommended Dodd's Kidney Pills to others and I know a number now who are using them with good results."

Mr. Landeman's case is not an exception. Thousands give similar experiences. For there never yet was a case of Kidney Trouble from Backache to Bright's Disease that Dodd's Kidney Pills could not cure. They are the only remedy that ever cured Bright's Disease.

AT A SUMMER HOTEL

Stayhome—"How was the weather where you were this summer?"

Outer—"Cool enough for blankets every night."

"My! My! I envy you."

"Yes, but we hadn't the blankets."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner in the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. STEWART, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

MOLDED HAM

Take the odd ends of a boiled ham, removing the bits that are too dark or hard, have about one-fourth fat, chop it so fine as almost to reduce it to a paste; for each pint make the following dressing: One even tablespoonful sugar, one even teaspoonful ground mustard, one saltspoonful of cayenne, one teacup of good vinegar. Stir this into the chopped ham, pack into small molds; when serving them, turn out on a platter and garnish with parsley.

A CRUSHING BLOW

FELLED LIKE AN OX AND DIZZY AND SLEEPLESS FOR WEEKS.

Sough Experience of E. C. F. Ward, of Girard, Kansas, a Veteran of Co. H, 55th Indiana.

A reporter who was seeking for Mr. Ward to get his confirmation of a statement that had been made concerning him by a fellow-townsmen, found that stalwart carpenter engaged in putting a new window frame in an old house. In response to an inquiry, the robust workman dropped nimbly to a seat on the window bench, and said:

"Yes; I owe my recovery to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I am always glad to tell the story for the sake of others. In fact, I think there are only two kinds of medicine worth buying—at least, only two kinds that ever did me any good—and one of them is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

"You see, it was this way: I was at my work in 1893 when I felt as if I had been struck on my head by a sudden blow. My heart seemed to stop and the doctor said it missed every other beat. I went through the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, but I never had been through anything like this before. I thought surely I was going to pass in my checks this time.

"After that I had very trying dizzy spells. I had to give up work altogether and spend every other day in bed. For two months I did not leave the house. I could not concentrate my eyes on any object; I was in a state of extreme nervousness all the time. I would be awake at night from nine o'clock until daylight. My circulation was bad and my feet always cold. The doctor admitted that his medicine was not doing me any good.

"Then I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, about which I had read in an advertisement. After three or four days use I realized that they were helping me. I began to take them in January 1893. By the middle of February I was out and in March I resumed work as usual. I sleep without difficulty, my dizziness has never returned, and my feet are always warm when they should be. You may say that I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can't be beat for nervousness and dizziness of the kind I was suffering with. All I can say is that they cured me."

Mamma—Johnny, you have broken that vase. Johnny—Well, don't take off your slipper, mamma; you might cut your foot.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SAYINGS AND DOINGS HERE AND THERE.

Jokes and Jokelets that Are Supposed to Have Been Recently Born—Sayings and Doings that Are Old, Curious and Laughable—The Week's Humor.

The foreign nobleman entered the old man's private office. "Mr. Millyums," he began, "I love your daughter, and ask her hand in marriage."

"Hem!" exclaimed old Millyums musingly. "What are your lowest terms?" "Why He Was a Skeptic." "No," said the village landlord, "don't believe in advertising."

"You don't," exclaimed the hard-ware drummer. "Why not?"

"Because I advertised for a wife in a matrimonial paper once; that I why."

"And failed to get one, eh?"

"No, I got one. That's the trouble."

Needless Alarm.



He—The fellow actually threatened to blow my brains out!

She—Oh, how could he? Of course he wasn't serious.

Considered Clever. "Johnny Jones is awful clever. He always finds ants in the ice cream at the picnic."

"I don't see anything clever in that."

"Yes; he says they are in there and no one will eat it. Then he has all for himself."

Sure Sign. "I know she is a young wife," whispered the matron with the prune jar.

"Why so?" asked her friend.

"She actually thinks she can bake a pudding like the illustration on the package."

Certain Proof. Ida—Are they really so rich?

May—I should say so. When they slipped several spoons and saucers in their grips the hotel clerk said it was merely the souvenir hobby.

Safest Way. Silas—By heck! You can learn to raise bees by mail these days.

Cyrus—Gosh! That's a good way to raise them. Then you won't get stung.

Long String. Ernle—Mabel captured a foreign nobleman at the beach and is going to marry him.

Eva—You don't say. Has he any thing in his own name?

Ernle—About forty-four letters. He's a Russian duke.

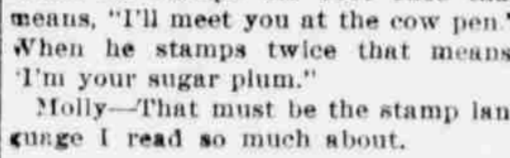
In the Old Barn. Sally—Of course I know Silas loves me. Why, we have a flirting system.

When he stamps his boot once that means, "I'll meet you at the cow pen."

When he stamps twice that means "I'm your sugar plum."

Molly—That must be the stamp language I read so much about.

Consideration for Mother.



Mamma—Johnny, you have broken that vase.

Johnny—Well, don't take off your slipper, mamma; you might cut your foot.

Not Clever. "He's a handsome fellow, isn't he?"

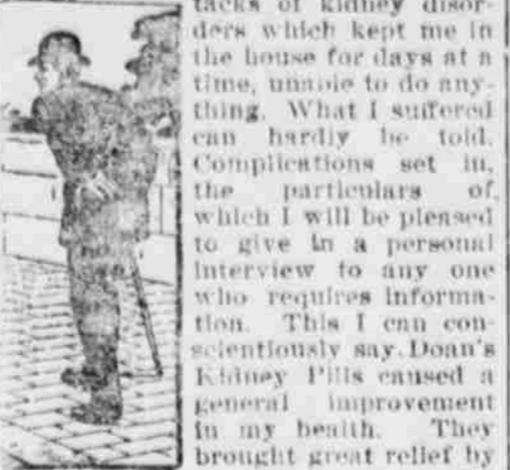
"Yes, but he knows it."

"Well, so does everybody; how can he help it?"

"Perhaps he can't, but he could help letting anybody else know that he knew it."—Detroit Free Press.

A VOICE FROM THE PULPIT.

Rev. Jacob D. Van Doren, of 57 Sixth street, Fond du Lac, Wis., Presbyterian clergyman, says: "I had attacks of kidney disorders which kept me in the house for days at a time, unable to do anything. What I suffered can hardly be told. Complications set in, the particulars of which I will be pleased to give in a personal interview to any one who requires information. This I can conscientiously say. Doan's Kidney Pills caused a general improvement in my health. They brought great relief by lessening the pain and correcting the action of the kidney secretions."



Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

ECONOMY IN YOUTH

While sensible people put no faith in fortune telling, we may, on general principles, predict from a boy's habits whether he is likely to succeed or fail in life. When money burns in his pocket, and he is impatient to spend all that comes into his possession—when he spends every cent of his salary, and even falls into debt—when he prefers to invest his earnings in cigars, handsome clothes and amusements, to putting them at interest, we may safely predict that he will probably never attain wealth without a decided change of habits. Fifty cents a week, saved in youth, is often the nucleus of a large fortune. It is not so much the amount saved as the habit of saving that is important. A wealthy banker began life at seventeen on a salary of four hundred dollars a year. This was forty years ago, when a dollar would go a great way, and he saved half his salary. Had he spent it all, he as might have done without extravagance, he would probably have been a clerk today.

A Sicilian tribunal sentenced a noted forger to imprisonment for 189 years.

The Japanese sport of wild duck following is one of the most important aristocratic pastimes of the Empire. A model of the Imperial preserves at Shinjima, with photographs of the sport, and the implements used, is shown in the Japanese government exhibit in the Palace of Forestry, Fish and Game at the World's Fair.

NOTE.—The following article has been widely published and is one of the most remarkable illustrations of the value of careful marshalling and analysis of facts in presenting a subject to the public.

LEVELERS.

The Mission of Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee.

The Creator made all things, we believe.

If so, He must have made these.

We know what He made food and water for, and air and sunshine, but why Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee?

They are here sure enough and each performing its work.

There must be some great plan behind it all; the thoughtful man seeks to understand something of that plan and thereby to judge these articles for their true worth.

Let us not say "bad" or "good" without taking testimony.

There are times and conditions when it certainly seems to the casual observer that these stimulant narcotics are real blessings.

Right there is the ambush that conceals a "killing" enemy.

One can slip into the habit of either whiskey, tobacco or coffee easy enough, but to "untangle" is often a fearful struggle.

It seems plain that there are circumstances when the narcotic effect of these poisons is for the moment beneficial but the fearful argument against them is that seldom ever does one find a steady user of either whiskey, coffee or tobacco free from disease of some kind.

Certainly powerful elements in their effect on the human race.

It is a matter of daily history testified to by literally millions of people, that Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee are smiling, promising, beguiling friends on the start, but always false as hell itself in the end. Once they get firm enough to show their strength, they insist upon governing and drive the victim steadily towards ill health in some form; if permitted to continue to rule, they will not let up until physical and mental ruin sets in.

A man under that spell (and "under the spell" is correct), of any one of these drugs, frequently assures himself and his friends, "Why I can leave off any time I want to. I did quit for a week just to show I could." It is a sure mark of the slave when one gets to that stage. He wiggled through a week fighting every day to break the spell, was finally whipped, and began his slavery all over again.

The slave (Coffee slave as well as Tobacco and Whiskey) daily reviews his condition, sees perfectly plain the steady encroachments of disease, how the nerves get weaker day by day and demand the drug that seems to smile and offer relief for a few minutes and then leaves the diseased condition plainer to view than ever and growing worse. Many times the Coffee slave realizes that he is between two fires. He feels bad if he leaves off and a little worse if he drinks and allows the effect to wear off.

So it goes on from day to day. Every night the struggling victim promises himself that he will break the habit and next day when he feels a little bad (as he is quite sure to) breaks, not the habit, but his own resolution. It is nearly always a tough fight, with disaster ahead sure if the habit wins.

There have been hundreds of thousands of people driven to their graves through disease brought on by coffee drinking alone, and it is quite certain that more human misery is caused by coffee and tobacco than by whiskey, for the two first are more widely used, and more hidden and insidious in the effect on nerves, heart and other vital organs, and are thus unsuspected until much of the dangerous work is done.

Now, Reader, what is your opinion as to the real use the Creator has for those things? Take a look at the question from this point of view.

There is a law of Nature and of Nature's God that things slowly evolve from lower planes to higher, a sturdy, steady and dignified advance toward more perfect things in both the physical and spiritual world. The ponderous tread of evolutionary development is fixed by the Infinite and will not be quickened out of natural law by any of man's methods.

Therefore we see many illustrations showing how nature checks too rapid advance. Illinois raises phenomenal crops of corn for two or three years. If she continued to do so every year her farmers would advance in wealth far beyond those of other sections or countries. So Nature interposes a bar every three or four years and brings on a "bad year."

Here we see the leveling influence at work.

A man is prosperous in his business for a number of years and grows rich. Then Nature sets the "leveling influence" at work on him. Some of his investments lose, he becomes luxurious and lazy. Perhaps it is whiskey, tobacco, coffee, women, gambling, or some other form. The intent and purpose is to level him. Keep him from evolving too far ahead of the masses.

A nation becomes prosperous and great like ancient Rome. If no leveling influence set in she would dominate the world perhaps for all time. But Dame Nature sets her army of "levelers" at work. Luxury, overeating and drinking, licentiousness, waste and extravagance, indulgences of all kinds, then comes the wreck. Sure, Sure, Sure.

The law of the unit is the law of the mass. Man goes through the same process. Weakness in childhood, gradual growth of strength, energy, thrift, probity, prosperity, wealth, comfort, ease, relaxation, self-indulgence, luxury, idleness, waste, debauchery, disease, and the wreck follows. The "levelers" are in the bushes along the pathway of every successful man and woman and they bag the majority.

Only now and then can a man stand out against these "levelers" and hold his fortune, fame and health to the end.

So the Creator has use for Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee to level down the successful ones and those who show signs of being successful, and keep them back in the race, so that the great "feld" (the masses) may not be left too far behind.

And yet we must admit that same all-wise Creator has placed it in the power of a man to stand upright, clothed in the armor of a clean cut, steady mind and say unto himself, "I decline to exchange my birthright for a mess of pottage."

"I will not deaden my senses, weaken my grip on affairs and keep myself cheap, common and behind in fortune and fame by drugging with whiskey, tobacco or coffee; life is too short. It is hard enough to win the good things, without any sort of handicap, so a man is certain a "fool trader" when he trades strength, health, money, and the good things that come with power, for the half-asleep condition of the "drugged" with the certainty of sickness and disease ahead.

It is a matter each individual must decide for himself. He can be a leader and semi-god if he will, or he can go along through life a drugged clown, a cheap "hewer of wood or carrier of water."

Certain it is that while the Great Father of us all does not seem to "mind" if some of his children are foolish and stupid, He seems to select others (perhaps those He intends for some special work) and allows them to be thrashed and castigated most fearfully by these "levelers."

If a man tries flirting with these levelers awhile, and gets a few slaps as a hint, he had better take the hint

or a good solid blow will follow.

When a man tries to live upright, clean, thrifty, sober, and undrugged, manifesting as near as he knows what the Creator intends he should, happiness, health and peace seem to come to him. Does it pay?

This article was written to set people thinking, to rouse the "God within" for every highly organized man and woman has times when they feel a something calling from within for them to press to the front and "be about the Father's business," don't mistake it; the spark of the Infinite is there and it pays in every way, health, happiness, peace, and even worldly prosperity, to break off the habits and strip clean for the work cut out for us.

It has been the business of the writer to provide a practical and easy way for people to break away from the coffee habit and be assured of a return to health and all of the good things that brings, provided the abuse has not gone too far, and even then the cases where the body has been rebuilt on a basis of strength and health run into the thousands.

It is an easy and comfortable step to stop coffee instantly by having well-made Postum Food Coffee served rich and hot with good cream, for the color and flavor is there, but none of the caffeine or other nerve destroying elements of ordinary coffee.

On the contrary, the most powerful rebuilding elements furnished by Nature are in Postum and they quickly set about repairing the damage. Seldom is it more than 2 days after the change is made before the old stomach or bowel troubles or complaints of kidneys, heart, head or nerves show unmistakable evidence of getting better and ten days' time changes things wonderfully.

Literally millions of brain-working Americans today use Postum, having found the value and common sense in the change. C. W. POST.

A SKIN OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER.

Advertisement for Dr. T. Felix Gouraud's Oriental Cream, Oreganical Beautifier. Includes illustration of a woman and text describing the cream's benefits for skin conditions like pimples, freckles, and blotches.

Advertisement for Towers Fish Brand Waterproof Oiled Clothing. Includes illustration of a man in a raincoat and text emphasizing the durability and quality of the clothing.

A. C. Ong, A. M., LL. B., Pres., Omaha. Prof. A. J. Lowry, Princ.

Advertisement for Nebraska Business College. Includes text about the college's location, facilities, and the fact that it is endorsed by First National Bank and business men.

Of the 12,703 newspapers printed in Germany 27 per cent are in other languages.

Advertisement for Mexican Mustang Liniment. Includes text stating it cures cuts, burns, and bruises.

Neither frogs nor snakes live in Alaska, but toads are frequently to be met with.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain cures colic. Price 25c bottle.

There are 155 women commercial travelers on the road in Great Britain.

LADIES MAKE 95 per hundred mailing circles (are sent 10c silver for circles and full particulars. L. G. Franklin, Stella Neb.

The Japanese city of Tokio holds the record of having 800 public bathing places.

Advertisement for Beggs' Blood Purifier. Includes text stating it cures catarrh of the stomach.

Advertisement for Pisos' Cure for Coughs, Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, and Consumption. Includes text describing the cure's effectiveness.