

GOOD, NOT PALACE, HOTELS

Are First and Greatest Want of Tourists in This Country.

If the "see America first" boomers, in convention assembled, would do some practical work in the way of encouraging hotels of reasonable price and comfortable management in this country...

Why can we not have the delightful, small homelike inns of England here in this land of English speech and traditions?

A place where the traveler is actually met at the door by a kindly landlady, who shows the rooms anxiously and proceeds to make her guest comfortable with all her good, shrewd, motherly heart.

In Switzerland, for years the playground of Europe, the art of carling for travelers has become a fine art, hotel keeping along with the rest.

We need a special wave in the sea of reform we are now slushing around in—reform in our methods, manners and customs of hotel keeping.

All Uphill Work. A postmaster general or some one in his office in Ottawa once wrote to the postmaster of some little station on the Kettle River.

A Dangerous Experiment. "These reformers make one so tired," said the distinguished statesman.

A Good Stock. "That man used to be very crabbed and disagreeable in his manner before he ran for office.

Linotypes for Bank of England. Linotype machines are being put in at the Bank of England and in future the addresses on the dividend notices sent out will be printed instead of

LET US ALL LAUGH.

JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VARIOUS HUMORISTS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy.

A colored clergyman in Georgia was performing the service of baptism recently when he paused in the midst of the service to inquire the name of the infant.

The Appreciation of Education.



Miss Capitolhill—Were you at the commencement last night?

Mr. Denver—I was. Wasn't Miss Champa's essay on "In Life's Battles Aim High," a wonderfully fine production?

Miss Capitolhill—It was indeed; but I was more deeply interested in Miss Arvada's essay on "How to Make a Chicken Pot Pie."

Justifiable. The editor was looking over a poem that had been submitted by the local bard.

Really Observing. "Where you going, Hiram?" asked the old lady on the train.

Too Much for Him. Jack—Too bad about young Noy, isn't it?

Discouraged. Captain of Liner (good naturedly)—Waiting for the moon to come up, eh?

Needed a Boat. "Who got up the folder you sent me advertising these lots?" growled the suburbanite in the hip boots.

Why so? "Because there is more water out here than there is land."

Topics of the Times

The Lord Chancellor of Ireland receives a salary of \$40,000 a year.

The Eton College Chronicle expresses the opinion that lawn tennis is fit for "tame curates" only.

Chicago's population now exceeds that of Vienna. The figures are: Chicago, 1,700,000; Vienna, 1,675,000.

The Welsh National Elsteddfod is the biggest open-air concert in the world. At least 20,000 people attend it every year.

Servia has been suffering from a plague of butterflies. The fields are white with them and the government has offered a reward for some way of exterminating them.

The greater part of the almost \$2,000,000 worth of firecrackers annually exported by China comes to New York. And the United States stands next to China in its use of them.

An American chemist in the City of Mexico says that sugar of the very finest grade can be made from the juice of the maguey plant.

Bursting into song as they climbed a Swiss mountain, a party of tourists started an avalanche which overwhelmed a flock of sheep.

Warren Belcher, for fifty-three years postmaster at Winthrop, Mass., has resigned to be succeeded by his son, David Belcher.

A new plant called "malva" has been discovered in the State of Sinaloa, Mexico, that produces first-class fiber.

A wealthy company of Mexicans is developing coal mines near Sabinas. A five-foot vein of coal has been struck, and three shafts have been sunk.

The Hon. William Pinckney Whyte, of Maryland, who recently became United States Senator for the third time, is the only man living who was a member of that body and voted against negro suffrage when the fifteenth amendment to the constitution was passed by it.

A London woman had a painting which she believed to be by Turner and offered it to several dealers, who said it was nothing like Turner's work.

A prize of \$20,000 is offered by the beet-sugar manufacturers of France to anyone who shall first discover and apply in France a new method of utilizing sugar in the arts.

Prof. Lombroso, the Italian criminologist, when asked to put on evening clothes, dons a lounge suit.

Even as a child Emperor William was fond of the pomp of militarism. It is said that it was a source of great pleasure to the little prince that sentinels had to present arms to him.

A woman indicted in London the other day for attempting to commit suicide, refused to plead. The jury thereupon was asked to find whether her refusal to plead was "due to malice or to the visitation of God."

OLD-TIME FARMER AND NEW.

Great Advance Made in Amelioration of Conditions on Farms.

Let us cast a parting glance at the typical old-time farmer, says a writer in the Review of Reviews.

The city allured the more ambitious pupils; the others turned blindly and stolidly to tasks whose deeper meaning was never to be revealed to them.

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larger ruts in the roads, but there was no permanent highway improvement.

Once a week, possibly twice, some one went to the little crossroads postoffice to get the letters and papers.

But the tragedy of this man's life was that he was a drudge, a mechanical "slave to the wheel of labor."

How different the progressive farmer of to-day. Five months in each year his children go to school, and the teaching has given them a new interest in their environment.

Instead of the occasional letter brought from the old postoffice, the rural mail carrier brings a daily paper each morning and letters and magazines in refreshing abundance.

And on this man's farm there is no drudgery. Knowledge has ennobled every task, and to him "every common bush is afire with God."

Do not understand me to say that the new farmer here portrayed is as yet the typical ruralist. He is not, by any means.

When "Uncle Dave" Barker had rounded out his half-century in the employ of a great dry goods house he was summoned to the private office of the chief proprietor.

"Yes, sir," faltered the old man, wondering if he was going to be turned off as having outgrown his usefulness.

"Mr. Stevenson," he said, "I've put in three of the hardest days' work of my life—doing nothing."

"I wonder," said the young wife, as she mixed the dough, "why they call this 'angel cake'?"

"Probably," replied her husband, "because any one who eats the cake is in immediate danger of becoming one."

"I'm sure, Ethel," said the girl's mother, sternly, "that I saw him kissing you last evening."

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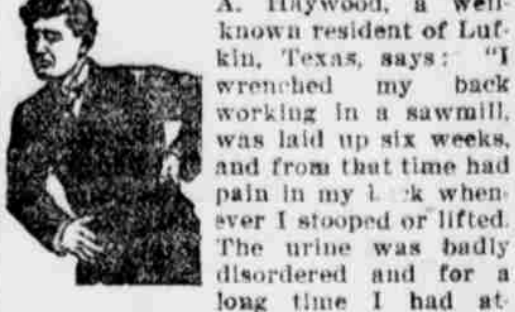
The Oxford Bible Press of England pays the women and children employed by it the munificent sum of a penny a hundred sheets for folding.

Many linger forever in poverty because they are naturally lazy and act under the belief that the world owes them a living.

Some people have risked a competence in trying to get rich quickly and fail altogether.

BACKACHE IS KIDNEYACHE.

Get at the Cause—Cure the Kidneys. Don't neglect backache. It warns you of trouble in the kidneys.



German is nowadays spoken by about seventy-five million people. It thus ranks third in number among the four leading languages of Europe.

Mildew on leather will disappear when rubbed a few minutes with a piece of flannel moistened with vaseline.

To clean a Panama hat use a weak solution of oxalic acid, applied with a cloth, or dip a cut lemon in sulfur, and rub, and then place the hat in the sun.

Lying awake nights makes it hard to keep awake and do things in daytime. To take "tonics and stimulants" under such circumstances is like setting the house on fire to see if you can put it out.

The right kind of food promotes refreshing sleep at night and a wide-awake individual during the day.

A lady changed from her old way of eating to Grape-Nuts, and says: "For about three years I had been a great sufferer from indigestion."

"When I started on Grape-Nuts, vomiting stopped, and the bloating feeling which was so distressing disappeared entirely."

"My mother was very much bothered with diarrhea before commencing the Grape-Nuts, because her stomach was so weak she could not digest her food."

"It is a great brain restorer and nerve builder, for I can sleep as sound and undisturbed after a supper of Grape-Nuts as in the old days when I could not realize what they meant by a 'bad stomach.'"

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason."