

No Time to Fret.
 "Have you thought of the possibility of defeat, Mr. Taft?"
 "Well," replied the rotund secretary, "what's the use of fretting about that? The campaign'll make me work out at least fifty pounds, anyhow.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Gets His Dur
 "No," growled the Chronic Kicker, "I don't see why I can't have everything that my neighbor has. It ain't right."
 "Very well," remarked a passing microbe, "one of your neighbors has smallpox. I'll attend to you at once."—Chicago Tribune.

The Passing of Time.
 Paisty—I suppose you think that if you had the regulating of the universe you could make some improvements on the present job, don't you?
 Kuphas—I don't know about that, but I think I could suggest one change. I should like to have things so arranged that when a man is having a good time the days would seem to pass slowly instead of quickly. I'm about to take a vacation.

A Toast to the "Also Rans."
 Ye have drunk, O my friends to the victors,
 Ye have toasted the vallant and strong;
 To the great of the earth ye have drunk in your mirth,
 To the wise ye have lifted your song.
 It is well—they are worthy my brothers,
 As aught that the firmament spans,
 But I pledge you a health to the others—
 A health to the "also rans,"
 To the men who went down in the struggle,
 To the runners who finished unplaced,
 To the weak and the young, the unknown and unsung,
 The depraved, the oppressed, the disgraced,
 Ye are blooded, developed, completed;
 They were bred without stamina,
 'Tis to them, the surpassed the defeated,
 I bow as I drain my glass.

Who are ye that should dare reject them?
 Do ye know what the handicaps weighed?
 Did ye suffer the pain, run the race,
 stand the strain,
 That ye scoff at the place that they made?
 It may be that they were left at the post—
 Far or near, 'tis to them, the ill-fated,
 I bow as I drink my toast.
 They have lost, they are ill, they are the weary;
 Ye have won, ye are well, ye are strong;
 Ey the drops that they bled, by the tears that they shed,
 By your mirth, by your wine by your song,
 By all that has e'er helped to sweeten
 Your lives, by your hopes, by your plans,
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 The health of the "also rans."

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WIDOW HELD HER HUSBAND'S LITERARY TREASURES.

Not All the Wealth of New York, She Declared, Would Tempt Her to Part with the Books He Loved.

A New Yorker who returned a few days ago from the Catskill mountains tells of an old woman he met, who lives in a cottage just outside the little town of Cairo. This woman, a Mrs. Gary, he discovered, has a valuable collection of books which belonged to her husband, who at one time kept a second-hand store in Washington, D. C., and who died about 20 years ago.

"I stumbled on the little wooden house and its occupant by chance," said he, "and it is a meeting I shall long remember. I followed her up an uncarpeted stair, through a bare room to where the books were. They lined a dozen rough shelves and littered the floor. Evidently they had not been disturbed for years. Piles of handsome volumes in worn leather covers lay smeared in cobwebs and dust. I stooped down to pick up a book.

"Stop!" she cried, grabbing my arm. "You must not touch them! They were his, and you must not touch them!"

"Gradually, however, she relented. I was allowed to open some of the volumes under protest. Rare books they were. Three first editions, which lay half hidden in a pile of broken plaster would have brought, I believe, a total of \$500 at a book connoisseur's sale in New York; one copy of Poe, which I would have liked much to possess, lay in a moldy condition on the sill of the little attic window; several rare volumes of Dickens' works and an equally rare copy of Longfellow I found behind an immense traveling trunk, squeezed and scratched deplorably. Treasure met my hand and eye everywhere.

"Why," I protested, "if you took these books to New York and placed them with proper persons you'd make a small fortune."

"To New York?" she echoed, raising her hands in alarm. "No, indeed, all the wealth of New York would not tempt me to part with one of them. They were his; that's enough for me. "Take care of my books, Jane"—that was about the last words he said to me before he died. I have respected his wish, for they are here as he left them. You are the first to lay a finger on them, and you'll likely be the last, for before I follow him I'll make sure that his books'll fall into no strange hands. Here, during the latter years of his life, on the oak chair under the skylight, he would sit for hours and days on end with no company but his books. That night that was his last he was here for hours. When he came down to the sitting room he could not rest, and he said to me: "I'm going back to my books, Jane, and may read till late. Get to bed if you wish, and never mind me." So I went to bed, and on awakening at the first glimmer of dawn I saw I was still alone. I cried "Andrew!" but no answer came; then I stole out and went up stairs. Ah, I remember as if it were yesterday. He sat here with his head down on his chest—dead. This book was in his left hand and his right gripped the chair arm like a vise. That other book on the floor lay as it lies now, open with its face down. There I have left it lie. No hand shall touch them. And so we walked silently out of the musty room, and she locked the door."

—New York Press.

The Trusty.

"It seems to me that you trust that convict beyond the bounds of prudence."
 "Oh, he wouldn't dare escape."
 "Why not?"
 "Two wives are waiting for him to come out."—Houston Post.

Mechanical.

Mrs. Haymow—Wall, dew tell, ef this here lectric business ain't a-gittin' t' beat th' band.
 Si Haymow—Somepin' new in th' paper?
 Mrs. Haymow—Well, I sh'd say! They've hed motor wagons an' motor boats and neawer they're a-gittin' motor policemen.
 Si Haymow—Well, by gum!

My! But Isn't He Nasty!
 Young Green—Do you know, sir, I believe that woman is really endowed with a sixth sense.
 Old Grouch—Humph! Just about a sixth, all the women I've met.—Tribune.

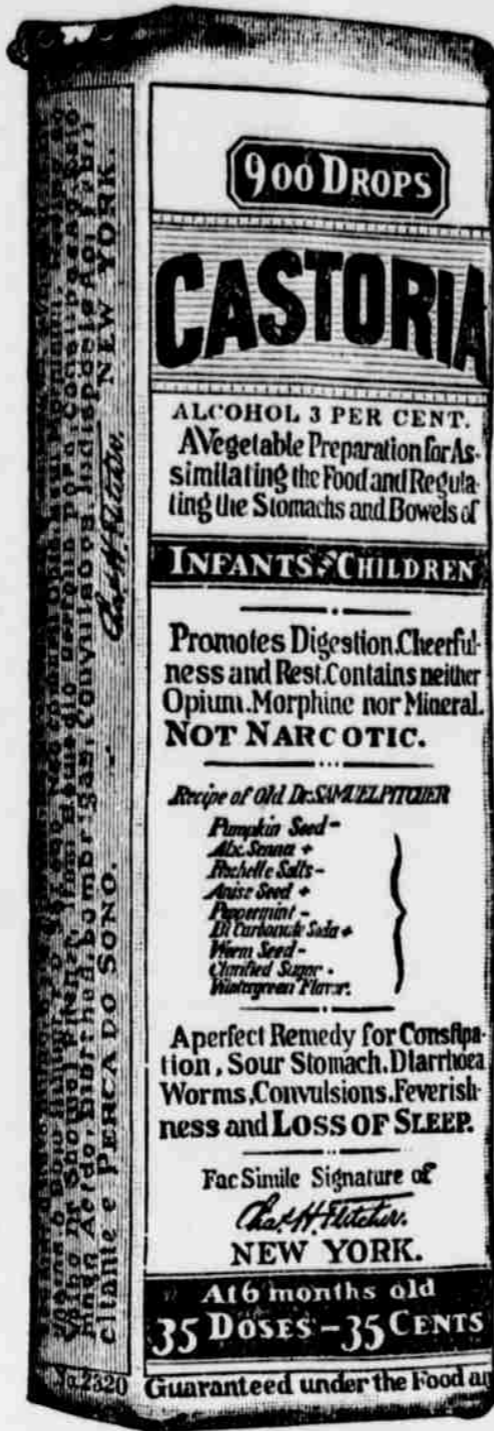
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Rain from Father's Head.

A bright little boy of two summers was unconcernedly playing near his father, who was laboriously occupied with a difficult task which caused big beads of perspiration to drop from his forehead. Presently the lad ceased his play. Looking at his parent doubtfully a moment, he ran swiftly to his mother and, assuming a pained expression, pointed to his father, saying plaintively: "Oo, mamma, see! Poo papa head yainin'."

A Good Turn.

"Here, wake up," cried Subbubs, appearing on his porch in his pajamas. "You've got a nerve to be sleeping in our hammock."
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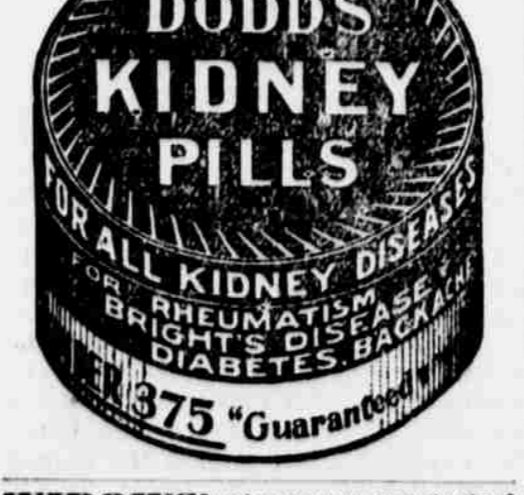
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