

Pera's Beggar.

Several beggars in Pera own a large amount of property. One well known man has houses worth ten thousand liras, and is to be seen begging in filthy rags. A poor governess, who was very charitable, used to give him a piastre twice a week. One day she mistook a lira (pound) and thought she must have given it to the beggar by mistake. He had gone home for the day, so she followed him to his house on the Taxime. He received her graciously, looking like a paasha at least in his magnificent robes. "I never like to lose a good client," he said, and sent for his bag of takings; "if there is a lira here we shall find it." Sure enough, the lira was there. "Take it," he continued, and the poor girl, full of thanks, was burying away when the beggar stopped her. "Wait a moment; you haven't given me the piastre."

Rev. P. J. Berg, pastor of the Swedish M. E. Church, Des Moines, Ia., on March 4th, 1896 writes: "Last year I was troubled with a bad cough for about five months. I got medicine from my family physician and I tried other remedies without relief. When I first saw Dr. Kay's Lung Balm advertised I thought I would try it and I am glad I did. I bought a box and took a tablet now and then without any regularity and after a few days to my great surprise the cough was gone. Ten days ago I had sore throat, I was out of tablets and could not get them in Des Moines, and I sent to the Western office of Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., for six boxes and as soon as I took it a few times that soreness and hoarseness all passed away in one night. I believe it is also good for sore throat." Kr. Kay's Lung Balm does not cause sickness at the stomach like many remedies and is more effectual than any other we know of. Sold by druggists at 25cts or sent by mail, five for \$1.00. Why not send your orders at once and have this valuable medicine on hand? It may save your life, you certainly will need it before spring. A dose in time will save nine, and may save your life. Order now. Address Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co. (Western office) Omaha, Neb. Send address for valuable receipt book.

His Ready Answer.

The German emperor, while recently inspecting a body of naval recruits, noticed an unusually stalwart man in the ranks, and asked him where he hailed from. The recruit, in broad Bavarian dialect, replied: "From Wiesbach, your majesty."

"Did you understand whom I meant," the emperor asked, "in addressing your sailors about the foreign foe?"

Recruit—"Yes, Russians, your majesty."

The emperor—"And enemies at home?"

Recruit—"Prussians, your majesty."

STATE OF OHIO CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, 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.

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Edison's new telephone, a sample of which he had given to Li Hung Chang, does away with the receiver, and permits a business man to carry on a conversation at a distance of a few feet from the instrument, which is placed against the wall of a room, without leaving his desk or touching the instrument, which works automatically.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

It was once told to a certain king of England that Lord Blank was his politest subject. "I will test him," said the king, and showed Lord Blank to the carriage, holding the door for him to enter first, which he did. "You are right," said the king, "a lesser person would have troubled me with ceremony."

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"NEIGHBOR JIM."

There are some things about my Neighbor Jim that I want to tell. Not that I like to talk about my neighbors, but Jim should be talked about. Jim started in, so far as our street is concerned, unfortunately. He was out of business and had to take a rest accordingly. He moved into that famous "board-fence house," that is, the richest and meanest man in our village put up a board fence directly on the line between his land and the next dwelling, so that he shut out the view from the windows across his own fair lawns and flower-beds. Nearly every village, alas! has sooner or later such a spectacle of bad neighbor and spleen. Jim took that house with its side windows all blank view. It was empty most of the time and finally the owner put the rent so low that Jim could take it. We all wondered who he could be, a stranger to us, and what sort of a head of a family to subject his pretty wife and children to that darkened dwelling. But inside of six weeks that board fence was down! Yes, actually down! Jim had really knocked it down with his smile. Neighbor Jim always wears a cheerful, genial smile. Everybody likes to meet him in the morning as he starts down the street. People like to hear him say "Good-morning." There is so much cheer in the tone. He always asks after your friends and family, and he knows them by name after he has once heard them. No living man of us ever heard Neighbor Jim telling any of his own troubles. He never complains of the hard times, nor the weather. He never got off a yarn about why he lost his situation, nor how he got down. We found out what little we ever knew from other sources than from him. Neighbor Jim never looked on the shady side of any man's character. You could sit in the car seat with him on the way to New York, and you would hear no unkind word from him of anybody. I asked him, one day, if he never entertained an adverse judgment of any man or thing. He said, "Often. But I keep all that stuff to myself. And I try to forget the evil that I hear of a man—simply forget it."

Neighbor Jim listens when you talk to him. He seems interested. That pleases. Few are wise enough to know that even one grunt of indifference from a neighbor whom you account and begin to talk to in a store, will dull the edge of neighborly feeling. To seem abstracted, deaf and dumb and rude, even once, is to be voted a boar by the man to whom you show it. You may be tired, may be oppressed with care; but when your neighbor begins to joke and chat, you must listen. It helps you, too, to forget your cares. Neighbor Jim is a famous listener. He makes you feel that he takes an interest in you. I believe half the men in our village have at one time or another confided their troubles to him. He has, however, burdened no man with any of his own troubles.

Neighbor Jim is popular with the small boy. He always speaks to a boy, not too familiarly, but in a gentle, courteous way. He never told any boy's father unpleasant complaints. "I'll tell your father" has made more trouble between neighbors than any other one thing. Our neighbor never turns round at the Academy of Music to stare reproof at a young fellow who is whispering too loudly, or giggling with his sweetheart. Jim just lets them go on. Jim lets some one else do the frowning. Some one else always will, if you wait a little, and you, like Neighbor Jim, will escape being disliked by the young things. Nor did I ever hear that Jim was free with his opinions as to the desirability of any match between young people. He always seems to think that if

Wales Pays \$40 Apiece for Lounge Suits and \$12.50 for Trousers. The Prince of Wales is by no means the small, stout man which most of his pictures seem to indicate. It is not every man turned 50 with a forty-five inch chest who can boast of a waist of not more than forty inches. If he occasionally appears stouter it is because he likes his clothes to be loose and easy. This is especially the case with those particular suits known as "lounge suits." For these he never under any circumstances pays more than \$40. A few years ago Sir Francis Knollys, his private secretary, finding that his tailors were overcharging him, fixed upon a uniform price for each suit. They are ordered in half dozens at a time. There is likewise a regular and fixed price of \$12.50 for his trousers, which under no pretext whatsoever, save in the case of uniforms, is exceeded. The prince has a horror of evening dress, which he considers hideous. He prefers evening dress to uniforms, however, and uses twelve suits of these a year at a fixed price of \$80 a suit. The prince never wears any pair of trousers more than four times, and as the discarded clothes of royalty are not allowed to be appropriated by the valets, but are all preserved, there is a stock of thousands of them at Marlborough house. This need surprise no one, for when King George IV. died his clothes were sold by public auction, which lasted over three weeks, there being no less than 600 tur-lined coats alone. All the prince's clothes, old and new, are kept at Marlborough house in what are known as the "brushing rooms," several men being employed to look after them. All his hats, especially the old ones, are for some reason or other kept at Sandringham. He abominates the high silk hat, his favorite headgear being that which is known as the "bowler."

A Postal Card Magnet. No doubt you've all made a rubber comb pick up bits of paper by first rubbing it briskly on a rough coat-sleeve, but did you ever hear of a postal card that could be turned into a magnet? Balance a walking-stick on the back of a chair and tell the spectators that you are going to make it fall without touching it or the chair. Having thoroughly dried a postal card, preferably before an open fire, rub it briskly on your sleeve and then hold it near one end of the stick. The stick will fall as if it were a magnet. As it moves it will soon lose its equilibrium and fall from the chair. Of course you understand the principle of the experiment. By rubbing the card you waken electricity in it, and it thus becomes a sort of magnet, with the power to attract light bodies. Do not try the experiment in damp weather.—Exchange.

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ARTIFICIAL SPONGE CULTURE.

A Proposition to Increase the Supply Greatly. Several causes have recently combined to reduce the supply of sponges in the American market, says the New York Tribune. The paralysis of all industry in Cuba in consequence of the civil war now prevailing there is one of them. The West Indies, Bahamas and Florida are the principal centers of production in this part of the world. Reckless fishing, which threatens to exterminate the sponges, such as similar proceedings do the seals off the coast of Alaska, is another factor in the situation. These facts lend peculiar interest to the proposition lately made to the United States government, through its consular agent at Mitylene, by a Greek named Charalampos Chorphios, to establish the business of artificially cultivating sponges somewhere on the Florida coast, if he can get a concession. A great deal has been done in the past, under the auspices of the national and state fishery commissions, toward restocking American lakes and rivers with trout, bass, shad and salmon, with small fry hatched and nurtured under human management. Artificial means, too, have much to do with culture of the oyster and the maintenance of the supply of that bivalve. But the reasonableness of the project of Mr. Chorphios does not rest alone on these precedents. Ichthyological experts in Washington are said to have shown confidence in its practicability. They say that by taking proper measures the Florida sponge fisheries could be brought to a high state of productiveness in a few years. The men already engaged in the industry might not, however, relish this interference in behalf of the public. The tough, soft, elastic, fibrous moss, which is to be had at the druggist's, under the name of sponge, is really the skeleton which once supported a whole colony of jelly-like creatures which have built up that structure. These propagate, naturally, in two ways, by means of spores or eggs and by the formation of buds which eventually split off from the mature polyp. The scientific sponge culturist proceeds on a plan which utilizes both of those methods, but is like a common practice in horticulture. He simply cuts up the tenement house of a colony into a number of pieces, employing a sharp knife or razor for the purpose and conducting the operation while the pulpy mass is still under water. He is also careful to leave a portion of the original outer surface on each fragment. Each bit may then be loaded with a small stone or other sinker to take it to the bottom again. A few of these sections fall to revive; but the great majority, after an interval of two or three months begin to thrive and eventually grow to a considerable size.

There are hundreds of distinct species of sponges, but scarcely a dozen are suited to man's use. It is asserted that those which are obtained from Mediterranean waters are the finest in the world; yet the delicate "sheep's wool" and "velvet" sponges of Florida are wonders of softness and beauty. And if a system of artificial culture should come into vogue these choice varieties could be produced almost as abundantly as the coarser grades are now.

Bottled Tears. The Persians are the only people in the world who still adhere to the old custom of bottling tears. In that country it constitutes an important part in the funeral ceremonies performed over the dead. Each of the mourners is presented with a sponge, with which to mop the face and eyes, and after the burial these are taken by a priest, who squeezes the tears into bottles. Mourners' tears are believed to be the most efficacious remedy that can be supplied in several forms of Persian diseases. The custom of bottling tears is mentioned in the Bible.

INVENTIONS OF WOMEN. A bicycle skirt. Nonrefillable bottle. An improved dustpan. Improved window sash. An improved medicine glass. An adjustable quilting frame. Fastener for bottles, jugs, etc. An improved duplex dress shield. Abdominal supporter and bandage. An improved self-heating sad iron. A telescopic-shaped miner's lantern. An improved device to aid the hearing. A table implement for holding green corn. A protecting pocket or screen for ranges. An ingenious machine for hanging wall paper. A device for supporting flexible gas pipes or tubes. A shoe upper made of one piece of material and joined by one seam only. An improved refrigerator wherein the shelves revolve, giving ready access to the contents. A scissors holder consisting of a metal loop, with ends bent backward and safety-pin attachment. An ingenious work table provided with handy little pockets and drawers which pull out just where wanted. A combination of curling tongs and stove or heater for same, with fuel, and all combined in a pocket case. A lapboard which, instead of being made in the ordinary shape is made round, and prevents any possible looseness in the outside material, as the board has practically the curve of the body.

Teddy—I tell you it's so. Nellie—I say it is not. Teddy—Well, mamma says it's so; and if mamma says it's so, it's so even if it isn't so.—Harper's Round Table.

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