

THE SPACE OF LIFE

MERRY JESTS SURE TO BRING LAUGHTER.

Birth Certificate Not Always Necessary to Ascertain a Woman's Age—New Meaning of an Old Phrase—Was Still in the Family.

Crusoe's Comment. "What! Is this Mr. Crusoe?" inquired the newly arrived shade. "Well, I declare, but I am glad to see you!" "Thank you," smiled the shade of Crusoe. "Perhaps you could give me some news of the world you have left. You know I once acquired the habit of wondering what was going on, and never have got over it."

"Ah!" muttered Crusoe. "And so they have begun running excursions to my old familiar haunts at last."—Judge.

Fair Warning. The voice at the telephone was a roar. "Hello, central!" "Hello!" replied the soft voice.

"Give me Main 99999. And, say, central, he's the agent of this flat I'm living in. I'm going to ask him what's the reason we don't get any steam heat. Please take your ear away from the phone while I am talking to him."

Present Company Always Excepted. "What do you consider the greatest object of interest in England?" asked the interviewer.

"Well," answered the great lecturer from abroad, "I arrived here yesterday, and—"

"Of course," exclaimed the interviewer, apologetically, "I meant the greatest object of interest next to yourself!"—Stray Stories.

The Innocent Girl. "What nonsense all this is about men getting on their knees when they propose!" said Mrs. Parslow to her dear friend. "My husband didn't do any such absurd thing when he asked me to marry him."

"He did when he proposed to me," said the dear friend, without thinking.

Explained. "But there's one good point about those flats. I understand they do not object to children there. They lay special stress on that in their advertisement."

"No wonder. They realize that any couple with a child would have to move out and find more room."

Spilled, but Not by Her. He (chuckling over a job of tea-kettle mending)—"Maria, I believe there was a good mechanic spilled when I went into the shipping business."

His wife—I don't know about that, but you spoiled a good bachelor when you got married.—Stray Stories.

Testimonial Writers. "Do you subscribe to the theory that people's characters are made by what they eat?"

"No," answered the scientist; "but judging from the advertisements I should say that in many cases their reputations are made by the medicines they take."

He Knew Her. Mrs. Powers—Thomas, if you were to live your life all over again, and if it came to the matter of choosing a wife, do you think you would choose me?"

Mr. Powers (submissively)—"There's no doubt about it, Maria, provided you wanted me."

He "Drew" Well. "How does your son draw in his political campaign?" asked the stranger.

"Purty heavy," replied the old man. "He drew on me yesterday for \$100, and I'm expecting another draw by next mail."

Positive Proof.



Emma—Do you know how old Hilda is? Ella—No; but I do know that she orders her photographs from an old proof.

Hypheas Paid Better. "I understand young Briefless is about to marry the daughter of old Bonds, the millionaire." "Yes, so I am told."

"Will he give up the law business?" "Yes; he will give up the law business and go into the son-in-law business."

IN OCTOBER.

There's a breath in the air as of April hedgerows. A gleam of the gold of the cowslip's hair. A sound as of wings of unnumbered sparrows, Whirling in clouds through the drowsy air.

I hear the ripple of rivers flowing, The coo of doves on the sun-drenched eaves, The hiss of the grass in the orchard blowing, The rustle and drip of the maple leaves.

A veil lies over the harbor's glory; Through its folds the ships loom pallidly, Like the ghost-manned barques of some old world story— Phantom ships on a phantom sea.

There's a crown on the hills of the sun's bestowing; Like drops of amber the elm leaves cling; They are blossoms—not apples—the soft grass strewn— 'Tis no autumn day, but the spring, the spring!

WON BY GOLDEN-ROD

And all over upland and lowland, The charm of the Golden-rod; Some of us call it Autumn, And others call it God.

"Our Nell's just about bad," they told him as he passed on his way to work. They shook their heads, and, catching his lengthening look, their own faces fell still further, in unconscious imitation.

When Nell was in good health, they had been apt to laugh at his undisguised devotion to her. But now, shaken by fear, cut adrift from their habitual unquestioning trust in a vaguely realized Providence, they found an unexplained relief in handing on their apprehensions to one who was safe to feel all they were feeling, with some possible addition of his own—companions in adversity being the absolute need of their natures.

If there was anything he could do. His expressive eyes implored their consideration of him with regard to any humblest sphere of usefulness as he lingered on the worn doorstep.

They certainly considered, but for the moment nothing came to them, to their obvious regret. For although a possible son-in-law, as even a lover for Nell, he had not attracted them—had not, greatly, as it seemed, attracted Nell—yet in times of sickness, as her mother said, there was no telling what might come in handy, and they decided to leave the question an open one.

In the meantime, at her own suggestion, Ivy, a 5-year-old plant, rode home with him aloft on his wide shoulder. It'll be one less to make a noise," he suggested timidly.

The next night it was three less, and the two youngest boys inviting themselves, fired by Ivy's account of her supper and the glorious freedom of Joe's cottage.

"Might as well all come as likes, was his next suggestion, and Nell's cramped little home was cleared of all the younger and noisier members of the family, at least for the hours he could claim as his own.

But Joe's ambition included a daily present for Nell herself, and that took some thinking out. Who could tell him how best to convey his strong heart's tender pity for a loved and stricken lass by means of the few things at his command?

Since the nearest town was a train journey distant and all his evenings were occupied, he was restricted to the produce of his garden—or, at best, of the village shop. As fresher, he generally made it garden produce; then, beans and marrows formed his love-tokens while they lasted, with still more homely first-fruits to follow.

"For Nell," he would say, with a basket of potatoes. "Tell her they're fresh dug."

No one told him that in typhoid fever, vegetables, however fresh, are forbidden dainties, and not for fear of hurting his feelings, but because there were others who could eat them and were glad to.

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taken, and, forced to move very slowly, she had plenty of opportunity for looking about her; was able to see Joe coming along, for once, before he saw her; Joe tidied up and carrying his daily offering—a huge bunch of goldenrod instead of the customary cabbage; Joe with a long face and hesitating gait, for, as a substitute for cabbages, he thought but poorly of the flowers himself.

The afternoon sunshine lit up the great bunch of goldenrod; lit up Joe's face behind it. His hair where his cap allowed it to be seen, was the color of the flowers; his face was radiant with the smiles the sight of Nell always brought to it. Until he reached her and turned to walk at her side—then it fell.

"You out so far and me with nothing better to mark the day for you than these poor flowers!" he complained. "Wild 'uns, too. It does seem contrarylike."

"I'm a bit wild myself, times," said Nell, with her feeble laugh; "so perhaps, 'tisn't so unsuitable as all that."

But Joe could not bear a word said against Nell, even by Nell herself.

"You're no wild 'un," he declared. "Sweetest girl ever stepped. Dear heart, I can't have you be-calling yourself. Goldenrod they call these things, and if it was the real thing—real gold, with no rod to it—then I should feel



"I Knew Better Than That." some right to ask you what will out, whether or no. 'Tis seeing you so well does it. Nell, for I know the rough fellow I am—what a poor sort for a pretty girl like you. And I've seen you laughing at me often enough. But for love, you couldn't squeeze more love, Nell, out of any one human heart than there is in mine for you."

He stopped short, then shook the flowers in his big fist vindictively.

"If these were golden sovereigns all, that would bring home a little nearer to being worthy of you, may be." A foolish something caught him by the throat, and his next words came in a strangled, altered voice.

"If they were sovereigns all, would it—could it make any difference, Nell? 'Tis a senseless question, but could it?"

"No," was Nell's whole answer—an unaccustomed monosyllable.

"If you could even like me, Nell," he pleaded.

"I do," said Nell. "I've told you that before."

"Could liking ever grow to love?"

"Why not?"

At last he looked at her, and stood aghast at what it seemed, he saw. His face grew red under the tan, his blue eyes stared distractedly, the flowers fell from his nerveless fingers. Though he plainly tried, he could not speak.

Defeat, refusal, he had expected and had trained himself to bear. But the unexpected had unmanned him, and in a hot and palpitating silence did Joe, the awkward, meet the astounding fact that, after all, it was not refusal that awaited him.

Nell caught at a branch of the golden-rod as it fell, and twirled it in her thin fingers.

"I've always liked you; it's only my way to laugh," she said. "There's nothing in it. Like as not I'll laugh at you up to my dying day; but if you take me, you'll find that there's no harm in that—that it won't prevent me being a good wife and loving you."

"When it changed to love I don't know rightly, but—but I know, when you brought all those cabbages and things for the others to eat up and me never to see, I used to wish they were something I might hold because it came from you, and—and I hated the thought of cabbages, till I half thought I hated you."

"But when I saw you coming along with that great yellow bunch and the sun on your face making it shine like a sun behind it, and looking so strong and bright, I knew better than that—"

But Joe had found his speech. "Lord, how I love you!" he cried, as his strong arms went round her.

"That's all I want," said Nell. "Yet, I think, if you'd come this time with a cabbage, I should have refused you."

"Then bless the flowers!" laughed Joe. If he could not wholly understand such an attitude, he was content to disregard what his mind would not grasp—while his arms grasped Nell—Sketch.

Earliest Known Manuscript. The earliest extant manuscript of the Hebrew Old Testament is a copy of the Pentateuch, now in the British Museum, and assigned to the ninth century, and the earliest manuscript bearing a precise date is a copy of the prophets, at St. Petersburg, dated A. D. 916, while the majority of the manuscripts belong to much later periods.

Proverbs

"When the butter won't come put a penny in the churn," is an old time dairy proverb. It often seems to work though no one has ever told why.

When mothers are worried because the children do not gain strength and flesh we say give them Scott's Emulsion.

It is like the penny in the milk because it works and because there is something astonishing about it.

Scott's Emulsion is simply a milk of pure cod liver oil with some hypophosphites especially prepared for delicate stomachs.

Children take to it naturally because they like the taste and the remedy takes just as naturally to the children because it is so perfectly adapted to their wants.

For all weak and pale and thin children Scott's Emulsion is the most satisfactory treatment.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text: "We will send you the penny, i. e., a sample free. Be sure that this picture in the form of a label on the wrapper is a bottle of Emulsion you buy. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists."

Advertisement for Eureka Harness Oil, featuring an illustration of a horse and carriage. Text: "EUREKA HARNESS OIL. Rain and sweat have no effect on harness treated with Eureka Harness Oil. It resists the damp, keeps the leather soft and pliable. Stitches do not break. The harness not only keeps looking like new, but wears twice as long by the use of Eureka Harness Oil. Sold everywhere in cans—made by Standard Oil Company."

Advertisement for Scientific American Patents, featuring a large 'PATENTS' logo. Text: "50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE. TRADE MARKS DESIGNS. COPYRIGHTS & C. Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Handbook on Patents sent free. Oldest agency for securing patents. Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice, without charge, in the Scientific American. A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers. MUNN & Co. 361 Broadway, New York Branch Office, 635 F St., Washington, D. C."

Advertisement for W. E. Ousley, Practical Horse Shoeing. Text: "W. E. OUSLEY, PRACTICAL HORSE SHOEING. Price Reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed."

Advertisement for Bain's Old Shop, O'Neill, Neb. Text: "BAIN'S OLD SHOP O'NEILL, NEB."

Advertisement for F. E. & M. V. Railroad, featuring a map of Nebraska with 'NORTH', 'WEST', 'EAST', and 'SOUTH' directions. Text: "F. E. & M. V. Railroad. TRAINS DEPART: GOING EAST. Passenger east, No. 4, 9:57 A. M. Freight east, No. 24, 12:01 P. M. Freight east, No. 28, 4:00 P. M. GOING WEST. Passenger west, No. 3, 10:06 P. M. Freight west, No. 27, 5:39 P. M. Freight No. 28, Local, 2:56 P. M."

Advertisement for Nebraska Business College. Text: "Nebraska Business College. Shortland, Typewriting, English, Book-keeping, Banking, Law, etc. Students can work for board. Send for Catalogue, free. Prof. A. J. LOWRY, Prin. A. C. OGD, A. M., LL.B., Pres., Omaha."

Advertisement for H. W. Phillips Auctioneer. Text: "H. W. PHILLIPS AUCTIONEER. Cries sales in either German or English. Satisfaction guaranteed. Twenty years experience. ATKINSON, NEB."

Advertisement for E. R. Adams, Agent, O'Neill, Neb. Text: "E. R. ADAMS, Agent O'NEILL, NEB."

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at O'Neill, Nebraska, October 27, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim to said land, to-wit: MARION A. WALKER, H. E. No. 10556, of the 54th & 55th Secs., T. 30 N., R. 11 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: F. E. Thurston, of O'Neill, Neb.; S. Simon, of O'Neill, Neb.; North Hurley, of O'Neill, Neb.; Wm. Spiegler, of O'Neill, Neb.; S. J. WEEBES, Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of an order of sale directed to me on the clerk of the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, on a judgment obtained over the estate of the said deceased, I do hereby offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, in hand, on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1904, in front of court house, in O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, all the property of said decedent to satisfy said order of sale, to-wit: The east half of section thirty-two (32) of township twenty-five (25) north of range twelve (12) west of the 6th P. M. in Holt County, Nebraska.

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NOTICE. To Patrick Cannon, William R. Parks and E. Mrs. William K. Parks and Solomon Parks. You and each of you will take notice that Charles VanGorder has begun an action in the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, to foreclose a mortgage given on the southeast quarter of section twelve (12), township twenty-nine (29), range fourteen (14), west of the 6th P. M. in Holt County, Nebraska, by Patrick Cannon to secure his note of \$200 dated May 9th 1893, and upon which there is now due the sum of \$150 with interest at ten per cent from May 1st, 1898. Plaintiff alleges that he is the owner and holder of said note and mortgage and that the same are lost and due to a foreclosure of the same and that the defendants are required to pay said amount of the note and interest and to satisfy the amount found due to the plaintiff and other equitable relief. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 30th day of March, 1903. R. R. JACKSON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE. To the Interior, United States and Office O'Neill, Nebraska, Feb. 25, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the purpose of the act of February 2, 1902, as amended by the act of February 2, 1903, is to provide for the sale of public land on the 22nd day of April, next, at this office, the N. W. 1/4 Sec. 28, T. 30 N., R. 11 E. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day of said otherwise their rights will be forfeited. S. J. WEEBES, Register.

NOTICE. To H. N. McKee and wife, Mrs. H. N. McKee, W. D. Mathews, Mrs. W. D. Mathews, Hugh E. Owen and Mrs. Hugh E. Owen, et al. Charles F. Wright and Mary C. Wright, defendants. You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 24th day of February, 1903, a Hamilton began an action in the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, against you, the object and prayer being to foreclose a certain real estate mortgage given on the southeast quarter of section thirty-five (35), township thirty-two (32), range ten (10), west of the 6th P. M. in Holt County, Nebraska, by the above named defendants to secure a note of \$100 due August 1st, 1893. Plaintiff alleges that he is the owner of said note and mortgage and that the same are lost and due to a foreclosure of the same and that the defendants are required to pay the same or to satisfy the amount found due and for other equitable relief. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 6th day of April, 1903. R. R. JACKSON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE. To Samuel L. Knapp, Julia A. Minor, widow, et al. and the unknown heirs of Mary J. Knapp, deceased. You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 28th day of January, 1903, Charles VanGorder, Plaintiff, began an action in the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, against you and each of you, the object of said action being to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendants on the southeast quarter of section two (2), township two (2), range fourteen (14), west of the 6th P. M. in Holt County, Nebraska, to secure a note of \$100, dated May 1st, 1893, and upon which there is now due the sum of \$100 with interest at ten per cent from this date. Plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same or to satisfy the amount found due and for other equitable relief. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 6th day of April, 1903. R. R. JACKSON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE. To Jeremiah Lynch and Mrs. Jeremiah Lynch