

**Wants for Wild.**  
A most lucrative branch of traffic in wild beasts is the sale of performing animals, says W. G. Fitz-Gerald in his article "Romance of the Wild Beast Trade" in the February Technical World magazine. At Stellingen there are regular "schools" or "academies" wherein wild animals are educated, whether they be boxing kangaroos, wrestling lions, elephants that are their own chauffeurs in motor cars, polar bears that drink toasts at festive parties, tigers that draw chariots as if they were charioteers, or seals that juggle with fiery brands. Hither come the great circus companies' buying agents in search of novelties; and such is public appreciation that a new feat, a clever idea in training, may actually double a wild beast's value in the market.

### A DESPAIRING WOMAN.

**Weak, Nervous and Wretched from Wasting Kidney Troubles.**  
Mrs. Henry A. Reamer, Main and Garst streets, South Bend, Ind., says: "When I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I was so weak I could hardly drag myself across the room. I was wretched and nervous, and had backache, bearing-down pain, headache, dizziness and weak eyes. Dropsy set in and bloating of the chest choked me and threatened the life of my heart. I had little hope, but to my untold surprise Doan's Kidney Pills brought me relief and saved my life. I shall never forget it."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

**At the Ball.**  
From the New York Weekly.  
First Artist (admiringly)—"What a faultlessly beautiful face Miss Hebble has!"  
Second Artist (enthusiastically)—"Yes, indeed, it's as perfect as a retouched photograph."

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.**  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

**An exhibition of British manufactures** will be held in Alexandria and Cairo between the months of November, 1906, and February, 1907.

**Robbed in Church.**  
Just think what an outrage it is to be robbed of all the benefits of the services by continuous coughing throughout the congregation, when Anti-Grippe is guaranteed to cure. Sold everywhere, 25 cents. F. W. Diemer, M. D., Manufacturer, Spring Field, Mo.

**A Dead Beat.**  
From Harper's Weekly.  
The trolley car was crowded, a number of passengers finding foothold upon the running board. It had proceeded quite a distance before the conductor could complete his fare-collecting round. Suddenly a woman caught hold of his arm and cried, excitedly:  
"Conductor! A man has fallen off the car!"

"I know it, ma'am," was the cool reply. "I hadn't got his fare. Some folks will go any length to beat the company!"

Miss Josephine Northmore, of Lakeside, Minn., has a genuine tenor voice, with a range from E flat to high C. Any attempt to make her sing soprano in the same range of contralto has proved unsuccessful.

**Nature's Way Is Best.**  
The function strengthening and tissue building plan of treating chronic, lingering and obstinate cases of disease as pursued by Dr. Pierce's is following after Nature's plan of restoring health.  
He uses natural remedies, that is, extracts from native roots, prepared by processes wrought out by the expenditure of much time and money, without the use of alcohol, and by skillful combination in just the right proportions.  
Used as ingredients of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, Black Cherry-bark, Queen's root, Golden Seal root, Bloodroot and Stone root, specially exert their influence in cases of lung, bronchitis, and throat troubles, and this "Discovery" is, therefore, a sovereign remedy for bronchitis, laryngitis, chronic coughs, catarrh and kindred ailments.  
The above native roots also have the strongest possible endorsement from the leading medical writers of all the several schools of practice, for the cure not only of the diseases named above but also for indigestion, torpor of liver, or biliousness, obstinate constipation, kidney and bladder troubles and catarrh, no matter where located.  
You don't have to take Dr. Pierce's say-so alone as to this; what he claims for his "Discovery" is backed up by the writings of the most eminent men in the medical profession. A request by postal card or letter, addressed to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for a little book of extracts from eminent medical authorities endorsing the ingredients of his medicines, will bring a little book free that is worthy of your attention if needing a good, safe, reliable remedy of known composition for the cure of almost any old chronic, or lingering malady.

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# The Return of Sherlock Holmes

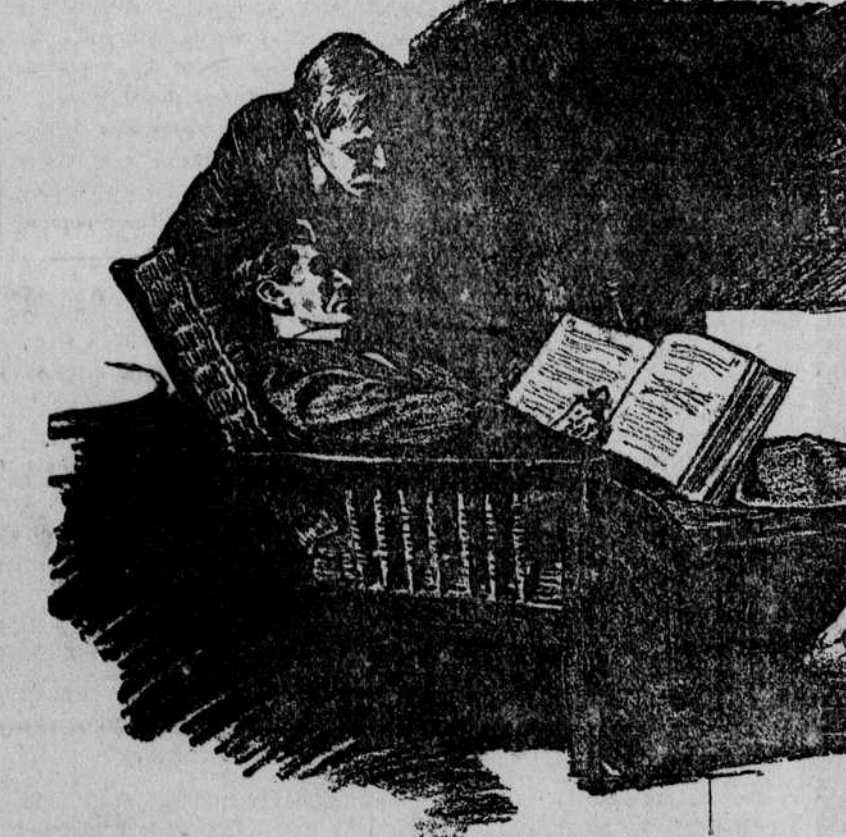
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### THE ADVENTURE OF THE EMPTY HOUSE.

It was in the spring of the year 1894 that all London was interested, and the fashionable world dismayed, by the murder of the Honorable Ronald Adair under most unusual and complicated circumstances. The public has already learned the particulars of the crime which came out in the police investigation, but a good deal suppressed upon that occasion, since the case for the prosecution was so overwhelmingly strong that it was not necessary to bring forth all the facts. Only now, at the end of nearly ten years, am I allowed to supply those missing links which make up the whole of that remarkable chain. The crime was of interest in itself, but that interest was as nothing to me compared to the inconceivable sequel, which afforded me the greatest shock and surprise of any event in my adventurous life. Even now, after this long interval, I find myself thrilling as I think of it, and feeling once more that sudden flood of joy, amazement, and incredulity which utterly submerged my mind. Let me say to that public, which has shown some interest in those glimpses which I have occasionally given them of the thoughts and actions of a very remarkable man, that they are not to blame me if I have not shared my knowledge with them, for I should have considered it my first duty to have done so, had I not been barred by a positive prohibition from some person or persons which was only withdrawn upon the third of last month.

It can be imagined that my close intimacy with Sherlock Holmes had interested me deeply in crime, and that after his disappearance I never failed to read with care the various newspapers which came before the public. And I even attempted, more than once, for my own private satisfaction, to employ



HE TURNED OVER THE PAGES LAZILY.

with a revolver in his hand. Holmes was bending over my chair, his flask in his hand.  
"My dear Watson," said the well-remembered voice, "I owe you a thousand apologies. I had no idea that you would be so affected."  
I gripped him by the arm.  
"Holmes!" I cried. "Is it really you? Can it indeed be that you are alive? Is it possible that you succeeded in climbing out of that awful abyss?"  
"Wait a moment," said he. "Are you sure that you are really fit to discuss things? I have given you a serious shock by my unnecessarily dramatic reappearance."  
"I am all right, but indeed, Holmes, I can hardly believe my eyes. Good heavens! to think that you—of all men—should be standing in my study!"  
Again I gripped him by the sleeve, and felt the thin, sinewy arm beneath it.  
"Well, you're not a spirit, anyhow," said I. "My dear chap, I'm overjoyed to see you. Sit down and tell me how you came alive out of that dreadful chasm."  
He sat opposite to me, and lit a cigarette in his old, nonchalant manner. He was dressed in the seamy frock coat of the book merchant, but the rest of that individual lay in a pile of white hair and old books upon the table. Holmes looked even thinner and keener than of old, but there was a dead-white tinge in his aquiline face which told me that his life recently had not been a healthy one.

(Continued Next Week)

"Stonewall" Jackson's Battles.  
Mrs. Rorer A. Pryor's Reminiscences.  
"Stonewall" Jackson's negro body servant knew before anybody else when a battle was imminent.  
"The general tells you, I suppose," said I of the soldiers.  
"Lard, no, sir! De gin'ral nuvver tell me rothin'; I observes de tention of de gin'ral dis way. Caise he plays, just like we all, mornin' an' night; but when he gits up two, three times in a night to pray, den I rubs my eyes and gits up too an' packs de haversack—caise I dese fine old devils gwine to be old boy to pay right out."  
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12, 1864.  
I know how you've been thinking they let me kick a hole in your all they are doing is getting me away from you.

Mr. Talpas.—Ch. I don't want to talk about our summer trip, but Mrs. Talpas.—But it isn't too soon to talk about saving the money to go on.

### THE SOCIAL HOUR.

**Italian Railroad.**  
Alberto Frederico, the head of New York's roast chestnut trust, an organization not to be despised, was praising Italy in a cafe.  
"The only bad thing about Italy is its train service," he said. "I shall never forget a winter experience of mine on the railroad that runs along the Mediterranean, from Ventimille to Genoa.  
"I boarded this train at Ventimille one morning bound for San Remo. Off we started, snow covered mountains to our left, orange groves and rose farms about us, the blue sea on our right, and after some minutes we stopped.  
"Is this Bordighero?" I asked a guard.  
"No, it's a cow," he answered. "There's a cow on the track."  
"Well, after a while the cow was driven off, and we got under way again. Some few miles were traversed in a leisurely way, and then we stopped again.  
"Another cow? I said to the guard bitterly.  
"No," he replied. "The same one."

**Betty Wins.**  
Betty, the incorrigible, banged into the house as she came from school and, flinging herself down at the luncheon-table, exclaimed breathily:  
"Pass the jelly!"  
"Betty," said her mother severely, "you cannot have the jelly until you ask for it correctly."  
"Pass—these—jelly!" urged Betty with elegant enunciation.  
"Elizabeth, you ask politely for the jelly at once," commanded her mother, sternly.  
"Pass-gery-the-gery-jell-gery!" grinned Betty impudently.  
"Betty Brown, obey me at once, and ask for that jelly—thegeree jegggeddely," suggested Betty amiably.  
Her mother fixed her with a piercing eye.  
"You may ask for that jelly correctly or leave the table instantly."  
Betty compromised. She smiled a smile of surpassing sweetness and said delicately:  
"Will you pull-please pass the jillee?"

It was reluctantly given to her, and she ate unctuously of it. When she had finished she pushed her plate away and looked up innocently.  
"What a good jelly!" she announced with conviction.  
Then she fled.

**Abroad with Bryan.**  
From the Portland Telegram.  
Colonel William J. Bryan was discussing the war in Manchuria with General Oyama.  
"How do you ever under fire, colonel?" asked the warrior.  
"No, general, answered the Nebraskan, "but I've been over one many times."  
But Oyama didn't know how W. Jennings had been roasted.

They were talking of national institutions.  
"We have an order here," said the miko, "called the Samurai, who fight and never give up. No one has ever succeeded in getting the best of them. Is there anything like it in your country?"  
"Yes," answered Mr. Bryan, "but we call them life insurance companies."  
With such badinage, they whittled the hours away.

**Perilous Speed.**  
Governor Folk, of Missouri, praised a Philadelphia deliberative way in which Mayor Weaver had set about reforming the city.  
"All reform," he said, "must be deliberate and gradual to be lasting. If your mayor had set in to reform your city a year ago, he would have failed. Corruption is a dangerous thing, and its dangers must be escaped from cautiously, as a ship escapes from the dangers of a fog."  
"Your mayor," said Governor Folk, "has not been like the foolish sea captain."  
"To this man, in veritable pea soup weather, when you could not see your hand before your face, a passenger came and sat down cautiously."  
"Captain, why are you steering through this thick fog at such a dreadful rate of speed?"  
"Fogs, sir," said the captain, "are dangerous, and I am always in a hurry to get out of them."

**Like and Unlike.**  
The literary work of a wealthy amateur, was being lauded in a Philadelphia club.  
John Luther Long laughed and said:  
"I always compare our friend's productions with Tolstoy's. This comparison edifies and illuminates, for both the resemblance and differences between the two men are marked and striking."  
A friend of the rich amateur's smiled eagerly:  
"What are these resemblance and differences, Mr. Long?" he said.  
"Both men," the novelist answered, "offer their works to publishers free, but Tolstoy's are accepted."

**Rebuking a Boaster.**  
The late former Congressman Jerry Simpson was a plain man, to whom ostentation of every kind seemed vulgar.  
A rich senator was once boasting to Mr. Simpson in a Washington restaurant about his luxurious way of living. Among other things he said:  
"I was obliged to discharge my second coachman last week. Though he was in many ways an invaluable fellow, he was continually hanging around one of the better under housewives."  
Mr. Simpson considered such talk pure, vulgar boasting, and proceeded to rebuke it as such.  
"I," he said gravely, "have been obliged to discharge my third groom. He was always loafing in the servants' billiard room."

**Not on Sale.**  
A company which manufactures banjo instruments receives a large number of orders from green players, asking advice as to their difficulties. Several months ago this company sold a cornet to a man in Canada. As might have been expected, after he had played it for some time without removing the valves the action became stiff. He wrote to the manufacturer, explaining the trouble, and asking whether he should grease the valves. In answer he was told that was the usual custom of cornet players, when this difficulty occurred, to remove the valves and put a little saliva upon them. To their astonishment the next week's mail brought the following letter:

Gentlemen: I kindly send me 25 cents worth of saliva. I can't get it in the stores here. Enclosed find stamps in payment.

**Black Hair Is Strongest.**  
Black hair is stronger than golden tresses and will sustain almost double the weight. Recently a German scientist has been experimenting and has found that it is possible to suspend a weight of four ounces by a single hair, provided the hair be black. Blond hair will give way at varying weights dependent upon the exact tint. A yellow hair will scarce support two ounces, a brown hair will hold up three without breaking, while a very dark brown will sustain an additional half ounce.

The great vitality of the black hair is declared to be the reason for the preponderance of blond bald heads, and according to this experiment a person with jet black hair will still enjoy a full growth, while the blond will have been bald for seven and a half years.

**Self-Deceit.**  
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12, 1864.  
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**Alligator Tails New Delicacy.**  
From the Cleveland Leader.  
"There is nothing better, I am told, than the tip of the tail of an alligator which has reached, say, the pullet period," said Frank Holden yesterday. "It is creamy in color, tasting a little like frog's legs, but with a more pronounced mink flavor, juicy—altogether tempting, I'm told. The dish is a great favorite in Florida, where its serving is considered a great honor."  
"Alligator tails are best at this time of year, just after the ricebird season. The big alligators float in the water with only their eyes showing. When they see a flock of these fat, juicy little birds they dive to the bottom. Their long, wide snout scoops up some of the loam and they float to the surface again with just the rich soil showing. The birds think it is an island. They alight upon it. When the whole family is there the big beast turns suddenly. Just as the bird scrambles off he opens his mouth once. They are gone."  
"The birds are neat little feeders and the alligator is an epicure at this time of the year. The ricebird diet makes the tip of his tail, of which he most vain, tender and sweet."

### ADD'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES  
CRUEL RHEUMATISM  
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In all its stages.  
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Cleanse the nostrils with the balm, spread over the membrane and is absorbed. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying—does not produce sneezing. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents.  
ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York.

**A Warm Welcome.**  
From the New York Weekly.  
Traveler (in a tropical paradise)—"I would just love to live here."  
Forty Million Natives (sneaking, buggy and things)—"We'd just love to have you stay."

**YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUFFER**  
From Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble.  
Q. What is the beginning of sickness?  
A. Constipation.  
Q. What is Constipation?  
A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal, where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually the results are death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, stomach and bowel trouble at the present time.  
Q. What causes Constipation?  
A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly. Lack of exercise. Excessive brain work. Mental emotion and improper diet.  
Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?  
A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel, kidney, lung and heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms—pleas, appendicitis and fistula, are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confirmed-invalids, as a result of Constipation.  
Q. Do physicians recognize this?  
A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "are you constipated?" That is the secret.  
Q. Can it be cured?  
A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral water, castor oil, injections, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience.  
Q. What then should be done to cure it?  
A. Get a bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and Stomach Trouble in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has before been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently.  
Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic?  
A. Is a Compound with 40 per cent of the juice of Concord Grapes. It exerts a peculiar strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, so that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual, but sure. It is not a physic, but it cures Constipation, Dysentery, Stomach and Bowel Trouble. Having a rich, fruity grape flavor, it is pleasant to take. A tonic it is unequalled, insuring the system against disease. It strengthens and builds up waste tissue.  
Q. Where can Mull's Grape Tonic be had?  
A. Your druggist sells it. The dollar bottle contains nearly three times the 50 cent size.  
Good for ailing children and nursing mothers.  
A free bottle to all who have never used it because we know it will cure you.

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Give Full Address and Write Plainly.  
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The genuine has a date and number stamped on the label—take no other from your druggist.  
It is generally supposed that Mme. Albani took her stage name from the city of Albany, the scene of her girlhood, but that is not the case. It was suggested by her singing master, Lamperti, who knew nothing of his pupil having lived in Albany.