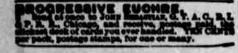


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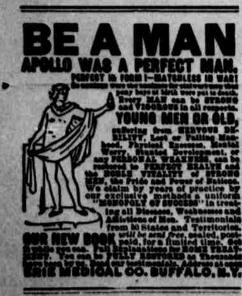


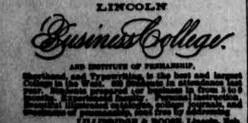
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THOMAS NELSON PAGE

A Literary Man of Unusual Ability and His New Departure.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. - Mr. Howells assumption of editorial control of The Cosmopolitan Magazine has involved several changes in Franklin square. where the Messes. Harper & Brothers make their New Monthly Magazine. Mr. Howells, as every magazine reader knows, has been writing reviews of books in a department called "The Editor's Study." This has always been a most a. ractive feature of the Monthly. as Mr. Howells is a most delightfully appreciative critic, who never makes the mistake when writing about books of being smart or stinging in his comments. To this department in Mr. Howells' stead Mr. Charles Dudley Warner has been transferred from "The Editor's Drawer," which he has conducted for several years, and the drawer is placed in charge of the gifted young Virginia story teller, Thomas Nelson Page. Mr. Page will not write pretty little essays, as has been Mr. Warner's custom, but will contribute to each magazine, beginning with the April number, one or more short stories. Therefore there will be no comparison made between his work and that of his predecessor's.



As a matter of fact the "Drawer" has never been made up, I believe, by the gen tleman who nominally conducted it. The anecdotes and jokes which are placed in it have been selected for four years past by that genial humorist, Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, and he will continue in the work for which he is so happily fitted. This engagement on Harper's Magazine will not bring Mr. Page to New York to live, though probably his connection with literature will be closer than heretofore. It has never been his chief occupation, and upon it, I fancy, he has never greatly depended for his living. His serious occupation is practicing law in Richmond, which has been his home since he was graduated from the Virginia University School of Law. And in this practice he has had a very gratifying success.

Story telling, or story writing, he has he had depended on his pen at the outset he would have had rather a discouraging time, for it was a long time before his work was appreciated and he got a hearing. When, however, his "Marse Chan," a tale of the civil war. was published, it attracted very general notice, and the world realized that a new writer, with a great gift for using the negro dialect, had arisen. Since then he has been in much demand, and stories he has found time to write. As a peculiarly happy, as he can render the

negro dialect with very telling effect. Personally, Mr. Page is a man of great gentleness, and those who have been thrown in contact with him have been charmed by his modesty and grace of manner. Some while ago, in the sud-den and tragic death of his young wife. he suffered a bereavement which does not grow less with time.

JNO. GILMER SPEED.

The Tattle Tongued Tradesman.

SOMETOWN, N. J., Jan. 21.-In this region it is as impossible not to know your neighbor's business as it is for your neighbor not to know yours. You may not be personally acquainted with many people whom you well know by sight, but you are sure to know something of them if you deal with the local butcher and grocer, because their drivers will enter the kitchen on a cold morning and chat as long as they dare to neglect the performance of their clerical functions. The grocer will say, among other things

"I don't see how the Smiths live; they don't buy twenty dollars' worth of groceries in a month-nothing but yeast cakes and soda crackers all the time. It makes me laugh when I drive up in a big red wagon to deliver a yeast cake. Now it's different with the Joneses across the street: their bill is always about ninety dollars a month. The Joneses are very nice people and know how to live. Why, they spend more on olive oil than the Rogerses spend on flour, sugar and coffee. The Rogerses are pretty close people: they keep chickens to save the price of eggs, and in the summer they buy tomatoes by the bushel when they're Mrs. Howser. dirt cheap and can them."

As soon as the grocer departs, the butcher drops in and says:

"Everybody is buying sausage because it is only twelve cents a pound. Even the Griggses, living in that big stone house and keeping four servants, have stopped on prime rib and taken to pork trimmings. They used to buy a hundred dollars worth a month, and now they're only buying forty and less. They used to have partridge and quail and wood-cock and terrapin and instantial and insta to have partridge and quail and wood-cock and terrapin, and just said send it up without asking the price. Slocum's trade isn't worth having any more. It doesn't amount to twelve dollars a month. They can make a soup bone produce a week's soup and last four days as cold meat and hash. With a piece of corned beef in the house they are prepared for a siege of two weeks," "How about the Mudds?" the girl

"We just had to sue Mudd," replies the butcher. "He owes us over a hundred dollars, and instead of paying five or six dollars on account, like a true rural swell, he goes off and buys meat in the city and carries it out in a paper bag."

R. K. MUNKITTRICK.

MR BOWSER GETS THE GRIP.

It Doubles Him Up in Spite of His Enor

Four or five weeks ago, when Mr. Bow ser came home one evening and found Mrs Bowser in bed, and was informed that it was a case of grip, he blurted out:

'Grip! And you have gone to bed and had the doctor for a case of grip? Humph! "But I am awfully sick!" she replied.

Rats, Mrs. Bowser! You just imagine it! This simply goes to prove what I have often asserted—that no person of any strength of character has ever had the grip. It's a namby pamby thing, which even a child three years old ought to be

You may have it before you get

through,"
"If I do-if I am silly enough to by Not if my name is Howser!'

Mrs. Howser was in bed three or four days, and Mr. Howser lost no opportunity to talk about her foolishness in giving up to such a triffing allment. He likewise re-

replied the doctor. "I will, th! There isn't enough grip in North America to pull down one of my ears! I'd really like to be attacked, just to which will polish it until it shines. show you bow strength of will could throw

comes you'll change your opinion." curtly

A week ago, at 3 o'clock one afternoon, Mrs. Bowser heard something fall against the front door. She called to the girl to open it and see whether it was a bag of potatoes or a cornsheller. It was neither. It was Mr. Bowser-not the Mr. Bowser who had gone away in the morning step ping high and carrying his chin in the air but the Mr. Howser who had come home shaking and shivering and all humped over until he didn't appear to be four feet high.

It was a case of the grip.
"Heavens, Mr. Bowser! but what does
this mean?" demanded Mrs. Bowser as be staggered into the hall. "I'm-I'm a dead man!" he gasped es

she pulled off his overcoat and helped hir i on the lounge in the back parlor. "Have you got a chill?"
"Y-yes! Get forty bedquilts to cover me up!"

'And does your back ache?"

"Does it? Great Scott, but I don't believe I can live half an hour longer! It's a cea gestive chill I suppose." 'It's simply the grip, Mr. Bowser. That s exactly the way everybody is taker. Hadn't you better exercise a little will

Mr. Bowser looked at her reproachfull, and shivered and shook. "Curious how it took hold of a man of

your strength of character," she continued as she got his shoes off.

Mr. Bowser's chin began to quiver in a suspicious manner and she said no more on the subject. He had been put to bed and was groaning and shivering when the cloc-

"Well, your ear has been pulled down, I see," remarked the doctor as he rubbed his hands together in a cheerful way done only in his moments of leisure. If "Have you tried to throw it off by strength

"I-I suspect it's pneumonia," replied Mr. Bowser

"Well, I don't. It's grip—just grip."
"And I'm sick enough to die!"
"Pshaw, man! you have got a mild attack—about as the babies have it. If you had it as bad as your wife did I should fee! very anxious. Just keep quiet and take this medicine every two hours." "How many weeks will I be in the

bouse? "Weeks? Why, you can go out tomor row if you feel like it. Better get up after

But Mr. Bowser's backache grew worse and when the chill finally went off he was out of his head most of the time with the fever. During Mrs. Howser's sickest night he had gone to bed to sleep and snore and rest undisturbed by her moans. She had to sit up with him, of course. He want ed vichy water, lemonade, ice water, gin ger ale, pickles, tea, toast and a dozen other things, and he seemed to take solid comfort in keeping up a groaning so dole ful that it finally stopped the clock. The doctor returned in the morning, to

find Mr. Bowser's pulse jumping, his tongue covered with fur and his throat almost raw, but he expressed his great sur prise that he had not gone to the office. He encouraged him to get up and go down cellar and up stairs, but Mr. Bowser stuck right to the bed.

"Doctor, I don't think you realize how

serious this case is," he grouned.
"I am sure I do. It's a very mild case of that namby pamby epidemic called the grip. I have five children in this neighbor-hood who have it worse than you, but all are up and playing with their dolls. Very

eurious that a man of your stamina should give up. Keep on with the medicine, how ever, and I'll send a gargle."

For four days Mr. Bowser gargled and dosed and doped and groaned. Mrs. Bow ser had to attend him as if he were a baby. He had very little to say during this in terval He seemed to flatten all out and lose his conceit. Once he even went so far as to observe that if his life was spared he would be a humble man in future. On the fifth day, however, after getting out to the gate and back, his meekness seemed to be disappearing, and on the sixth, as he started for the office he said:

"I propose to visit two or three different doctors today and flud out what caused my

"Why, it was grip, of course," replied "Not much! There was a combination there and I know it, and it was a mighty serious one too. Nothing on earth but my determination not to give way to it pulled me through. Plenty of men in my situa-tion would have turned up their toes, and plenty of others would have been in bed for months. Grip! Humph! Mrs. Bowser. you don't know me yet. When I knock under to grip I'll have the decency to go

Ma'm'selle Posem-1 haf been pausing for you, ze ---Mr. Easel - Pansing? Posing you mean

too!"-M. Quad in New York World.

Pause is to wait. Ma'm'selle Posem—Zat is eet; zat I mean. I haf been pausing for ze pay, and now I pause no longaire!—New York Sun.

The Only Way to Account for It. Bjenkins Have you met Miss Wittshire Bjohnson - Yes, I met her at a ball early in the season. What a lovely girl she is! Bjenkins--Do you think so? Say! It must have been a masquerade ball where you two met. --Somerville Journal.



How to Stain and Wax Floors.

The simplest way to apply staining to floors is to put it on with an ordinary paint brush. It is better to apply several coats, in order to get the desired tint. When this has been reached, melt some wax and mix in enough turpentine to make it when it cools a little harder than fresh butter. This mixture must be kept in a tightly stopped bottle or jar, and may be dug out with a broad down with any such thing as that-I hope bladed knife. To apply it place it in somebody will pound me to death with a small lumps on a rubber made of rags fence rail! I have the grip? 4 call a doc and covered with coarse cotton. With tor for such a nonsensical thing as that? this it is lightly rubbed on the wood. this it is lightly rubbed on the wood. Then make a wooden rubber of soft wood, with a handle like that on a scrubbing brush. The lower edges of the rubber are rounded, of course, and it will marked to the doctor that he thought it be found easy to work if it be attached very foolish in the medical fraternity to to a long broom handle by a stout strap encourage the public in any such delusion, iron hinge. With this give the floor a "You'll probably have it, and when it good rubbing until the wax is forced good rubbing until the wax is forced into the wood. If bare spots are seen put on more wax. When this process is finished go over it all with a stiff brush Floors do not require to be waxed that rubbed more than once in three months unless they become worn in spots, and these can be "patched" in a few minutes But they cannot be polished with the brush too often. When kept properly they should always shine.

> How to Make Rheumatic Liniment. Take two ounces sassafras oil, one ounce tincture of prickly ash, one onnce tincture of cayenne and one ounce hemlock oil. Rub the parts affected vigorously. A few applications will relieve the pain, but it is not claimed to be a permanent cure.

> How to Make Lemon Flavor at Home. The oil of the lemon peel is contained in the cells of the outer, yellow rind, and can readily be obtained by rubbing it off with pieces of loaf sugar, which absorb the oil. A fine extract can be made by paring off the yellow portion of the lemon rind. Place in a bottle of rectified spirits of wine, cork tight and steep two weeks. The proportion of parings to spirit should be as four to five by weight.

How to Teach Tricks to Cats. Cats are more difficult to teach than are any other animals. Still, patience, perseverance and food will go a long way. The best food to use is fish, and them to sit up by holding bits of food just above them. Then hold the finger only as soon as they rise readily to the food, and reward them for lifting the forefeet from the floor. Move the finger to one side and feed the kitten just as soon as it turns the body. Move the finger to the other side, and keep this up until when your finger moves the kitten will move its body with it. The next step is to make the kitten stand on its hind feet. At first you must support it for a second, feeding it for retaining the position. At last the kitten will stand and bow to the right and left supper and walk around. It's a wonder to this is called dancing. Of course when reader of his own stories Mr. Page is me that such a slight attack brought you giving the lessons you will see that you are alone in the room with your little pupil, as the presence of any one else will distract the kitten's attention. Do not punish it, no matter how slow it may be.

How to Make "Ivory" Harness Polish. Mix ivory black with copal varnisi The best method of mixing is to rub the black with a small quantity of the varnish until it is all moistened, and then add a sufficient quantity of the varnish to reduce it to the proper degree of consistency. This black, being elastic, can be used upon collars as well as other parts of the harness and as .. renovator for carriage tops, etc.

When about to buy sandpaper, rub your finger roughly over the surface to see if the sand is well secured. Then tear the correr to test its strength. If poorly made or rotten, don't buy it.

How to Train a Setter.

Three things are necessary to remember in training any dog-first, what he most desires; second, what he most fears. and third, that instinct will lead him certainly to certain results.

Your dog desires food more than any thing else, and the person who feed him most is to his apprehension his befriend. Therefore feed him yoursel. Be cruel with him for a time in order to be kinder afterward. Starve him for two days, tying him up and giving him nothing whatever but water during that time. Then feed him. You won't have to do this more than two or three times.

Pain is the only thing he fears. After he has learned to love you, make him fear you. Keep a stout whip always at hand and thrash him heartily for every fault, especially for disobedience to your orders, but never strike him excepting at the moment of the offense; otherwise he will not understand the pain and it will do him no good.

Teach him to retrieve when he is a puppy. You can do this readily and easily, after having taught him always to come to you at call. Use a rubber ball which be will run after without coaxing, and which he will bring at cail after he has learned that a call back must always be obeyed. Never allow him to disobey this or any other conmand that he can understand without prompt punishment. Pat his head and

speak kindly when he obeys. Take him in the field with an old dog already broken, and if his breed is good and his nose not diseased he will follow scent by instinct and mimic the old dog in all his maneuvers. The only thing to guard against is his roving too far afield. He will learn the field words of command by seeing the old dog obey them, and after two or three trials will retrieve your birds.



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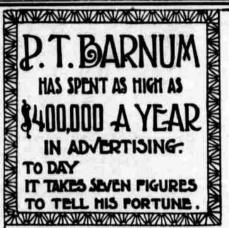
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