

A Precious Stone in High Favor.
A precious stone which at the present time is very valuable, because it is the stone of the hour, is the peridot, or "evening emerald." It is a lovely stone, with its exquisite shades of transparent green, the best suggestion of whose hue is the effect produced by looking at the light through a delicate leaf. Jewelers say that the peridot is a species of olivine, of the same class as the beryl, aquamarine and the topaz, and that it is in fact the ancient "topazion," otherwise known as chrysolite. It is found in Egypt, Ceylon and Brazil, good crystals being exceedingly rare. Of the various shades of green olive, leaf, pistachio or leek, the clear leaf green is the most admired.

Of all these precious stones the peridot is the most difficult to polish. The final touch is given on a copper wheel moistened with sulphuric acid, a process which requires the greatest care, for, if dipped into the acid the stone has the peculiarity of becoming soluble. Sometimes it is cut in rose form, or like a carbuncle, but it is better and more valuable when worked in small steps, as the brilliance is thus increased.

Owing to the quality of softness the peridot has been considered of little value, but now that it is the fashion fabulous prices are charged for the stone. —Montreal Star.

Ten Thousand Miles or Thirty.
It matters not which, may subject you to sea sickness on the "briny deep." Whether you are a patient traveler, out for a day or two's fishing on the salt water, or even an inland tourist in feeble health, you ought to be provided with Stomach Bitters, a valuable remedy for nausea, colic, rheumatism, nervousness and sick headache. Lay in an adequate supply.

Ants Keep Cows.
There are other ways in which ants are like us, though their bodies are so different from ours.

They have stables under the ground in which they keep—guess what?—tiny green plants like those mama will show you on her rosebush. The right name for these little things is "aphis." The stable ants take care of them and bring them bits of tender green leaves to eat.

The aphis is the ants' cow. It does not give exactly the same kind of milk that we drink, but the ants are very fond of what it does give. We call it honey dew. When an ant wants some he touches the aphis in a certain place and the aphis gives a tiny bit of honey.

This seems to me a wonderful thing, and makes me feel as if the ants were in some way related to us. Perhaps as nearly as third cousins. Indeed, the more we watch each little live thing, the more we find that each has something about it like us. Everything is a nice part of the lovely, useful world in which we live.

E. B. WALTHALL & CO., Druggists, Horse Cave, Ky., say: "Hall's Catarrh Cure cures everyone that takes it." Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Three Eyes a Day.
Cassell's Saturday Magazine: It is a fallacy to suppose that people who wear cork legs and glass eyes are indifferent to their personal appearance. They are often vain than ordinary individuals. A rich man, for instance, who is obliged to wear an artificial eye, will wear three different eyes every day—an eye for morning, when the pupil is not very large; an eye for noon, when the pupil is smaller, and an eye for evening, when the pupil has extended to its full size. A dealer in artificial eyes, who gave this information, said he made about an equal proportion of glass eyes for men and women. Some people keep quite a stock in their possession; in fact no fewer than twelve eyes have been made for one individual within three years. His son had got one made from measurement, and that eye fitted so perfectly that the old gentleman, in an outburst of gratitude, wrote off for eleven other eyes.

A Use for Marines.
Pearson's Weekly: Miss Inland (to old salt, who is showing the party over the flagship)—"And what are those soldiers on board ship for?"
Bo'sun's Mate—Them? Oh, thim's the marines, mum."
Miss Inland—"Marines? And what are they for?"
Papa Inland—"Don't ask so many foolish questions, Mary Ellen. Everybody knows those gentlemen are employed by the government for the sailors to tell stories to.—Pearson's Weekly.

A man was photographed in Georgia while dangling at the end of a rope.
Don't be a saint in church and a heathen on the street car.



KNOWLEDGE
Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

SOME BRIGHT SMILES.

SCINTILLATIONS OF HUMOR AND WIT.

A Quarter of an Hour With the Humorist—Funny Things Gleaned From Bright Exchanges—Laughable Sayings.

She Would do Her Best.
"Madame," he said wearily, "I'm a discouraged man, I am. I've been trying for two days to get arrested so's I could get somethin' to eat an' a place to sleep."
"And haven't you succeeded yet?" she asked sympathetically.
"No'm. I'm hungry and sleepy yet. I've got ter ask for assistance. An' I ain't going away till I get it."
"Well," she answered thoughtfully, "I'll help you."
"You will?"
"Yes. My brother-in-law's a policeman, and he'll be home in fifteen or twenty minutes. You just hang around here for that time and I'll use my influence with him to have you arrested."—Washington Star

A Modern Cerberus.



Student (returning from a long excursion, FI—hic—Tido! C'm here! met amination of beer mugs—Hereetaoin amination of the bottom of beer mugs)—Here, FI—hic—Tido! C'm here! Whoa! That ain't Fido. Thass Cerberus keeps wash at 'fernal re—hic—regions! By Pluto off Thass Cerberus! C'm ere, Cerberus! Goo! dog!—Flegende Blaetter.

The Quarter Came Back.

"Excuse me, sir," said a Woodward avenue car conductor to a passenger riding on the platform with him the other morning, "but can you change a quarter?"
"Is it a plugged quarter?" cautiously asked the passenger.
"Yes, sir—plugged in two places."
"Get it about a week ago?"
"Yes, sir."
"From me?"
"Yes, sir."
"No, I can't change it; I carried that old coin around about three months and offered it to at least fifty conductors before you took it and having finally worked it off I can't take it back. If you want to borrow two tens and a five all right, but I can't take plugged quarters—can't possibly do it, even to oblige."—Detroit Free Press.

At the Pearly Gates.

St. Peter (from within)—Who agitates the celestial latchstring.
Strong Voiced Shade—"This I, the New Woman. A mere man is with me."
St. Peter—"This well. Let each state his attributes."
New Woman—"You know me. I came. I saw. I conquered."
The Mere Man—"My office is to salute submit and surrender."
St. Peter—"The 'I's have it. Place your sycepant on the toboggan and step inside."—Washington Times.

Hard.



"Why don't you work? Don't like it, I suppose?"
"Like it? Why, boss, work with me is a passion, a vice. 'That is just the trouble. The moment I commence to do a little I cannot leave it alone, and it grows upon me like drink, opium or lawn tennis. That is why I have to make an effort and leave it entirely alone."—Life.

A Protest.

Bobby had been served with a very small share of pastry and he was doing his best to smother his resentment of the discrimination.
"I am very much afraid," said his mother, "that this pie needs more shortening."
"Mamma," said the boy in an audible undertone, "that isn't what my piece needs."
"Isn't it?"
"No'm. My piece needs lengthening."—Washington Star.

A Memorable Experience.

"Well," he said thoughtfully, as he stroked his snowy beard, "I'm glad I lived to see it."
"What do you mean?" said his grandson; "the work on the Ninth street road?"
"No. This spell of weather. I've been an oldest inhabitant for many years, and I am prepared to wager a large amount of money that the summer we have just had was the shortest the country has ever known."—Washington Star.

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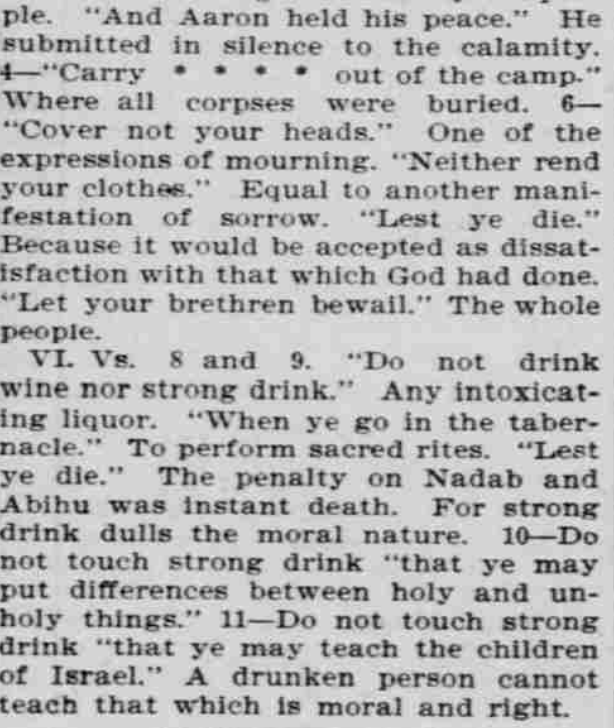
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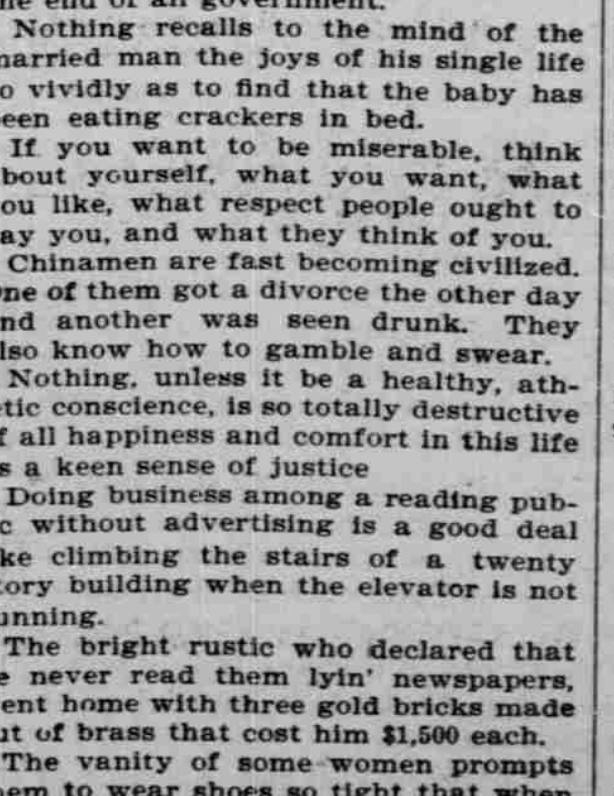
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Japan and the Cotton Trade.

One of the consequences of the new relations between Japan and China, it is predicted, will be that the British and American cotton industry will be injured by rapid development of cotton manufacturing in Japan. But to make our operatives accept 50 cents for the dollar in their wages will avert the predicted shrinkage would not seem intelligible to any but an incurable fanatic. For an American workman to subsist on half rations is not an immediate economic necessity, nor is it ever going to be. There are other trades to turn to when cotton manufacturing for export declines. Meanwhile, moreover, domestic demand is bound to increase.—Chicago Times-Herald.

GRASS IS KING! 6 TON PER ACRE.

So grass; that is the foundation of all successful farming. Sow this fall! Did you ever hear of six tons per acre? Salzer's seeds produce such yields. Wheat 60 to 80 bushels! Rye 60 bushels! Cut this out and send for free sample of winter wheat and grass and fall catalogue to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. (W.N.U.)

A Queer Journey.

Various towns in Washington county saw a curious expedition in progress last week. A man and woman, both well along in years, were trudging steadily along the country roads, the man pushing a wheelbarrow with what appeared to be bedding, his wife bringing up the rear, carrying a lunch wrapped in a red bandanna. They occasionally halted by the roadside, brewed and partook of the cup that "cheers but not inebriates," then filled their pipes and had a social smoke. They claimed to have walked from St. John and were coming to Bangor looking for work. They seemed to be contented with their lot, and to feel as though their lines had fallen in pleasant places.

Hegeman's Saffron Ice with Glycerine.

Cures Chapped Hands and Face, Tender or Sore Feet, Chubbiness, Piles, &c. C. G. Clark Co., New Haven, Ct.

The Wise Maiden.

An Ohio man who is being sued for breach of promise makes the defense that he proposed and was accepted on Sunday, and that according to the laws of his state contracts made on Sunday are not legally binding. If this defense is held by the court to be good, future courtships in Ohio will proceed about in this way:
The Wise Maiden—I cannot consider your offer today. If you are in earnest repeat it tomorrow, and perhaps I may give you the answer you wish.
The Suitor—But why not today? Why will you keep me in suspense?
The Wise Maiden—This is Sunday, you know. I don't intend to get left on any future breach-of-promise suit by entering into a Sunday contract.—Buffalo Express.

Tabacco-Weakened Resolutions.

Nerves irritated by tabacco, always craving for stimulants, why is it so hard to SWEAR OFF. No-To-Bac is the only guaranteed tabacco-habit cure: it acts directly on affected nerves, relieves irritation, promotes digestion and healthy, refreshing sleep. Many gain 10 pounds in 10 days. You run no risk. No-To-Bac is pure and guaranteed by Druggists everywhere. Book free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., New York City or Chicago.

English Muffins.

One quart flour, one-half teaspoonful sugar, one teaspoonful salt, two large teaspoonfuls baking powder, one and one-quarter pints milk. Sift together flour, sugar, salt and powder; add milk, and mix into smooth batter, trifle stiffer than for griddle cakes. Have griddle heated regularly all over, grease it and lay on muffin rings, half fill them and when risen well up to top of rings turn over gently with cake turner. They should not be too brown, just a buff color. When all cooked, pull each open in half, toast delicately, butter well, serve on folded napkin, piled high and very hot.

"I have tried Parker's Ginger-Tonic and believe in it," says a mother and so will you say when familiar with its revitalizing properties.

If there is any dog in a man it is sure to growl when his food is not to his taste.

The wise can learn something from the mistakes of a fool.

Just how it does it is not the question. It is enough to know that Hindercoats takes out the cold and a very pleasant relief it is. See, at druggists.

Minnesota has a variety of voices which so closely resemble the Siberian wolf that many people believe they came from that country.
Cast-steel billiard balls are in use in Sweden. They are made hollow, so that their weight is about the same as that of ivory balls.

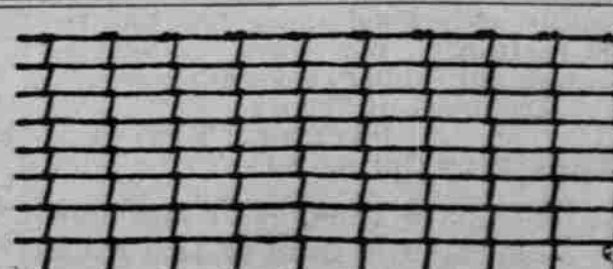
The Angler's Paradise.

Northern Wyoming holds out very special inducements to the summer vacationist, particularly if he be of a sporting turn of mind. Its streams teem with the gamiest, greediest trout that ever rose to a fly. Four pounds are not infrequent and several fish weighing over six pounds have been brought to bank.

The fishing waters are so extensive and so accessible that it is not even necessary to go to the trouble of making preliminary enquiries about them. Just purchase a round trip ticket to Sheridan and place yourself after arrival in the hands of one of the numerous capable guides who man their headquarters there. They will "do the rest."

J. Francis, the general passenger agent of the Burlington Route at Omaha, Neb., will take pleasure in promptly answering letters asking for information about the cost of tickets, best way to reach Sheridan, etc.

The world pays more for pleasure than it does for bread.



Cabled Field and Hog Fence,

Don't Take the Earth.

Wheelmen are on the high wave of popular favor just now, but they should not demand the earth. They should permit those who do not ride the bicycle to live, or at least share the ozone in a restricted way. The humble worm will turn, and if they do not grant the pedestrian some rights he may arise in his might and demand them.

Make Your Own Bitters!

On receipt of 30 cents in U. S. stamps, I will send to any address one package Steketee's Dry Bitters. One package makes one gallon best tonic known. Cures stomach, kidney diseases, and is a great appetizer and blood purifier. Just the medicine needed for spring and summer. 25c. at your drug store. Address Geo. G. STEKETEE, Grand Rapids, Mich.

An Optical Delusion.

Mrs. Hammond—"Mrs. Hashcroft has bragged again today about her keeping boarders so long."
Mrs. Forawick—"She don't really keep them long. She keeps them so thin that they look longer than they really are."—Indianapolis Journal.

Tobacco Chewing Dog.

Supt. McAlvey has a little English mastiff pup, eight months old and weighing 155 pounds that has developed an abnormal appetite for tobacco. He aquired this taste for it by watching Amos chew no doubt, and he is never happier than when he is given a "chaw." He chews and spits like any other man and has never yet been sick. His tobacco habit is a very expensive one and he will be given a treatment of No-to-bac in the hope of curing him.—Crawfordsville Argus News.

There are said to be over 3,000,000 deities in the Hindoo mythology.

In France there are far more female than male bicyclists.

I believe Fiso's Cure for Consumption saved my boy's life last summer.—Mrs. ALLIE DOUGLASS, LeRoy, Mich., Oct. 20, 94.

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Estes Park, Colorado.

Sixty-five miles northwest of Denver and reached by a two hour ride by rail, one of the most delightful retreats it is possible to imagine. Year by year its attractions become more widely known and each succeeding season witnesses a larger influx of summer visitors who find in the wholesome out-of-doors life that is there the rule just what their systems most need and they themselves most enjoy. The fishing in Estes Park is unequalled in Colorado. Shady nooks abound. And the hotels, cottages and camping facilities are all that can be desired.

A copy of a little book containing all the information about Estes Park one requires will be mailed to any address on application to J. Fran. is, G. & T. A. Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

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