

RUSKIN COLONY.

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Some time ago the Independent published an article concerning Ruskin colony. The ground taken was that Ruskin was not a socialist community but was firmly based on capitalism.

Ruskin colony is a corporation formed on capitalistic lines. It gets more free advertising than any other business enterprise in the United States.

It is not our object to provide for all the paupers and criminals whom competition and monopoly creates, but to prove to such obtuse citizens as the "Independent" editor that paupers are not necessary in this country.

As to Ruskin being composed of "picked" people, that is a fact, but that of itself does not account for its success. This content was also settled by picked people; the early pioneers were the most enterprising and free-spirited people whom Europe contained.

There is no obstacle to prosperity in America except ignorance. We have enough land for Heaven on earth. All the people in the world could stand in the state of Texas, and then there would only be nine to the acre.

There is a vast difference between fighting for the liberation of the Cubans or fighting for the subjugation of the Filipinos, one was a peoples war the other McKinley's war.

BYLO LAND.

When out of the west long sha' w's creep, And the stars peep out—a shi... id— Our baby, weary of fun and play, Goes out thro' the gates to Bylo Land.

O, which is the road to Bylo Land? By the way of grandpa's easy chair, Or better, by mother's loving arms, With kisses pressed on the shining hair!

A wonderful land is Bylo Land, To judge by the smiles on 'by's face, The angels must surely wear her dreams, And lend to her of their winsome grace.

BIDDY'S SONNET.

Biddy was washing the parlor windows. As the ray grocer's boy drove by he gave hardly a glance at her, although he had a reputation in the neighborhood as a connoisseur of hired help.

On a bright Tuesday afternoon she took it into her head to wash the parlor windows. They looked right through the pretty little drawing-room to the study beyond, and there seated on the sofa where only the blindest of eyes could have failed to perceive them were two young people in an ecstasy of bliss.

"It's a pretty risky thing for both of us, Janet dear," he was saying wistfully. "You know I have no prospects to speak of and a doctor without patients is as melancholy an object in nature as I know."

"You must begin with the other sort of patience, Dick, like Job's. I'm sure he turned out capitally in the end after trials that no dime-novel hero ever went through. I will wait for you cheerfully until you are a shining light in the medical firmament, getting \$50 a visit, but you must promise me one thing, that you will never experiment upon me."

"You shall prepare a patent pill. It must be something for the liver. Every human being has a secret belief that something is wrong with his liver. I will advertise it for you. I'll have 'Ty Brown's Pills' painted in large white letters on the back of my village cart. I'll make the dress-maker embroider it all over my gowns. I'll send testimonials to all the newspapers, and O Dick!"

"You forget my love, that the seats must be paid for on the spot. A box office does not allow even three days of grace, and where is the money coming from?"

Biddy, looking in at the window which she was scrubbing till it shone

like a jewel in the sun, saw the de-nouement of the little love story that had been going on all winter under her very eyes.

"Sure, Miss Janet's ather 'fixin' it up with Mister Brown, I'm thinkin,'" said Biddy to herself. "It's him will be stayin' to supper the night an 'tis the laste I can do to stir up a bit of cake for the occasion."

She shut down her window with a bang. Janet in the distance glanced up startled at the noise, and seeing who had made it, nodded at the old servant in the effervescence of her new gladness. Biddy took her way to the kitchen. She gathered her pans and dishes together as in a dream, feeling for the first time in all her ignorant innocent life the hungry longings of a woman's nature to love and be loved, a dim comprehension not of that great mystery, indeed, but of its existence.

At last the little feast was ready. The bell rang. In tripped the family, papa and mamma smiling indulgently at the young people and willing to overlook Dick's ineligibility, in the affection which their one daughter felt for him beyond all question.

"My dear, Biddy must have guessed what was in the wind. She has outdone herself to-night. Here is a supper fit for the gods!"

"That was the very nicest supper you ever gave me, Biddy," said Mrs. Graham when the meal was ended at length and they were rising from the table.

"Yes'm," answered Biddy, humbly, as she gathered up the napkins. "And it happened to be at a very happy time," went on her mistress, because Janet's engagement to Dr. Brown has just been settled. You must congratulate her by and by."

Organism by the Millions. In the milk of a cow or in the water in which vegetables have been infused, the microscope discovers animalculi so minute that 100,000 of them would not exceed in bulk a single mustard seed.

ARMY AND NAVY.

It is said that when the sentimental naming of the Yale and the Harvard was reported to Admiral Dewey he was asked if he would not give a collegiate christening to some of the sunken Spanish cruisers when they were raised. "Certainly," said Dewey. "I will call one the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and another the Vermont Normal College for Women."

The following is a summary of the enlistments for the line of the army during the month of December, 1898: Enlistments for general recruiting service, 4,279; enlistments for special recruiting service, 1,085; total, 5,364.

Gen. Greely, chief of the United States signal service, is preparing a cipher code for use in the army, which is calculated to save the government between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually in the cost of its cable service with the Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba.

NOTABLE MEN AND WOMEN.

Mrs. Collins P. Huntington of New York has given \$10,000 for a new girl's dormitory at the Tuskegee normal and industrial institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is a firm believer in and a stout supporter of the Salvation army. She and her mother regularly send generous checks to the organization to further the work in Holland and in its colonies.

Pope Leo XIII, although over 80, has written a libretto for an oratorio on the subject of "The Baptism of Clovis." The oratorio was performed in the cathedral of Reims in December by an orchestra of 120 pieces and a chorus of 200 voices.

VARIOUS FACTS.

It is an unexplained fact that glow-worms are much more brilliant just before an approaching storm than at any other time.

The richest gold mine in the world is in Victoria, Australia, under the thriving town of Ballarat, and in 50 years has yielded \$150,000,000.

The word "spread," as a slang word, originated at Cambridge university. It did not imply a profuse feast, however, but a poor one, spread over the table to make a show.

The inventor of the propeller wheel studied the motion of a fish's tail when swimming. The velocity of the propeller's blades are exact like the motions of the fish's tail.

Pointed Paragraphs. Chewing gum was probably invented by a woman who had no one to talk to.

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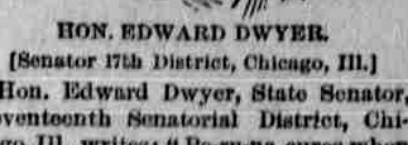
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