

The moth exhibits much taste in dress.

Some girls never flirt—but perhaps it isn't their fault.

It is better to know little than to know a lot that isn't true.

Promises may get friends, but it requires performances to keep them.

If fame came only after death no man would kill himself striving for it.

One glance at a political orator proves that all are not geysers that spout.

It isn't necessary to spend money in advertising your troubles; simply tell them to a gossip.

Often it happens that a man isn't known by the company he keeps until after he mysteriously disappears.

Somehow the sun doesn't seem to shine half so hot on the baseball grounds as it does on the harvest field.

A lot of citizens would gladly give up what Dr. Stevenson classifies as a privilege of citizenship—the privilege of paying taxes.

Women talk about their clothes being uncomfortable, but there are lots of men who envy them every time they see a peek-a-boo shirt waist.

A New Orleans "chickadee" states that he has discovered the long-hunted yellow fever parasite is arousing some interest. If he lived up North he would be advertising a parasite with every shirt.

It is said that 10,500,000 people are employed on the farms of America. Nobody appears to be able to explain why they have not gone to the charms of flat life in the cities.

The traveling public unanimously will approve the order of a trainmaster discouraging flirtations by trainmen. Switches and semaphores are too likely to be neglected by the sentimental brakeman or the impassioned conductor.

Investigations made in the Zoological Gardens in Berlin give an interesting idea of the comparative water requirements of animals. The record showed that the giraffe, whom nature has equipped to enjoy a drink, is less of a drinker than the donkey. The daily summary puts the elephant at the head of the list, as was to be expected, with the rhinoceros as an unhandy second.

Italy has a new law to prevent the exportation of works of art. Some things, like church properties, are as they have been before, inalienable, and cannot be sold out of the country. When a picture is sold from a private collection the government can buy it at market price over the head of the individual, and all works of art taken from the country bear an export tax. It is wise for Italy to keep her art treasures, the unique wealth in which she leads all the world.

Boston has recently added an automobile policeman to its police department. He is expected to arrest automobilists who run their cars too fast. Every large city has had bicycle policemen for a long time, to keep the wheelmen in order, and officers on horseback are common in the parks and public drives where men are tempted to speed their horses. The next thing to come will be flying-machine policemen, to keep the people sailing in the air from violating the speed ordinances.

A Western technical school has invented a profession, and will offer next year for the first time a "fire protection course." It will be four years long, and a student will be trained in architecture and building, electricity, chemistry, insurance and the duties of a fireman, so that he will be "able to build a fire wall, to make a scale of insurance rates, to run a fire engine or to carry a hose into a burning building." Losses by fire in this country amount to about one hundred and fifty million dollars a year, and we pay about two hundred millions for the maintenance of fire departments. There is a field for experts on prevention, and if we have "money to burn," as the figures seem to show, we can afford to pay them good salaries.

A national gallery of art seems a fitting complement to the great Library of Congress, and a bill to establish such an one is to be urged upon Congress at the next session. One rich man offers a million dollars toward an endowment. The owner of the most noteworthy private collection in the country is reported to have offered to give it. It is understood that the Corcoran Gallery at Washington would be incorporated in the new institution, and it is positively stated that other famous collections would be absorbed with it, wholly free of cost. It was a notion of more "dollar-billions," as some unfriendly critics would say, but it is evidence that the government has ceased to be true, and that the strong arm of the law is in the hands of the people. It is the only way in which America

can have pursued the practical that has given them leisure to appreciate beauty, and a moral right to possess it.

Is 1903 an "annus mirabilis"? correspondent of the New York Times insists that it is, and offers in support of his statement unseasonable weather, every month, unprecedented drought, the bottom falling out of the stock market, the Serbian assassinations, the death of the Pope, and "the gloomy record of crimes of violence, lynchings, murders, suicides, to say nothing of the 'fight to a finish' in which labor and capital are now engaged." In conclusion, the correspondent wonders whether the events of the "wonderful year" could have occurred in any year the digits composing which did not form the fatal number, "thirteen." If the matter depended upon "the fatal number thirteen" this correspondent might well set his mind at rest. The last year whose digits compose thirteen was 1840 and it was about the dullest, most uneventful year of the century. There was nothing "wonderful" about it. Queen Victoria got married, penny postage was introduced in England, President Harrison was elected, the Mormons founded Nauvoo, the opium war with China was brought to an end, and William I of Holland abdicated. Nearly every other year in the nineteenth century was more an "annus mirabilis" than 1840. And 1894, the preceding "thirteen" year in the list, was not as wonderful as 1840. But what is there specially "wonderful" about 1903 that should make this correspondent so pessimistic? Do we not have unseasonable weather every year? Supposing the bottom of the stock market has fallen out. Has there not been marked activity in all lines of legitimate business? Have the mishaps of speculation been reflected in trade and industry? Has the assassination in Serbia created a ripple in the political or diplomatic world of Europe? The Roman Pontiff is dead. He was old and he was mortal. Was not his death significant, however, in its revelation of the unity of Christian sentiment and sympathy? As to crime, it is no more rampant this year than it was last year, only certain unusual circumstances in certain unusual places have called special attention to it. In the long flight of time one year averages up very like another year. The "wonderful years" are extremely rare.

WEED REMEDIES.

Effective Cures Are Accomplished by Common Wayside Growths.

Many of the plants that are popularly known to-day as "just common weeds" were treasured by the ancients, and even so recently as "grandmother's day," for their medicinal properties. In fact, our grandparents believed implicitly that in every locality might be found the plants that would prove effective for the diseases of that country. The people of to-day are slowly awakening to a realization of the value of these inexpensive home remedies, many of which are sold by druggists under a different name.

There is a frequent demand for a remedy for catarrh in the head. Much relief may be obtained by using a nasal douche, twice a day, of warm water with a little salt and sweet milk added. Afterward snuff pure olive oil into the nostrils. The douche cleanses and the oil heals, which may prove effective in some cases, but a "weed remedy" has proved more effective. A bad case of catarrh has been cured by smoking mullein leaves. The smoke must be forced through the nostrils, and has a tendency to heal and dry those passages leading to the lungs. Mullein is a plant that grows wild in many States, and resembles the tobacco leaf in color, shape and growth.

The best of salve can be made from the mullein blossoms. If the blossoms are gathered and put into a bottle and hung in the sun they will in time become oil, which is very healing. They may be fried in fresh butter and the liquid strained into boxes ready for use when cold.

"May butter is best to use for salves," said an elderly lady. No doubt some of the readers may think, as I thought at first, that this is superstitious, but after much thought will agree with her. In May pastures are generally of clover, dandelions, etc., and these are said to contain excellent medicinal properties. Clover tea and salve made from the clover blossoms is said to be an effective cancer cure. Philadelphia Record.

No Sympathy.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "you know I never blame you for anything that is not your fault."

"But when the horse you bet on I see, that isn't your fault, is it?" "Charley, dear, the winner was just as easy a horse to bet on as any other, wasn't it?"

"Why-er-yes."

"No one forced you to bet on some other horse?"

"No."

"Then I can't see that you deserve any sympathy whatever."

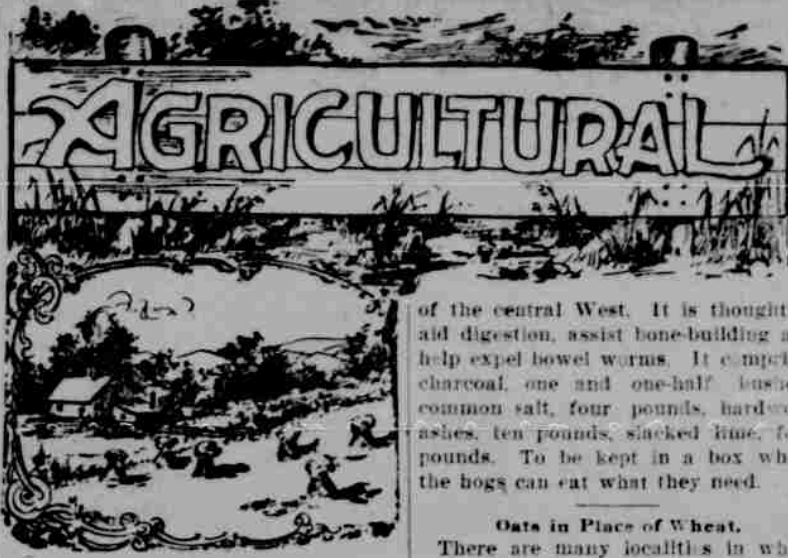
The Facts in the Case.

There is nothing like simplicity and plain fact in poetry. Here the Whitsett singer:

I roamed the weary world about
Many a time dejected,
But after the rain the sun came out—
Which was just as I expected!

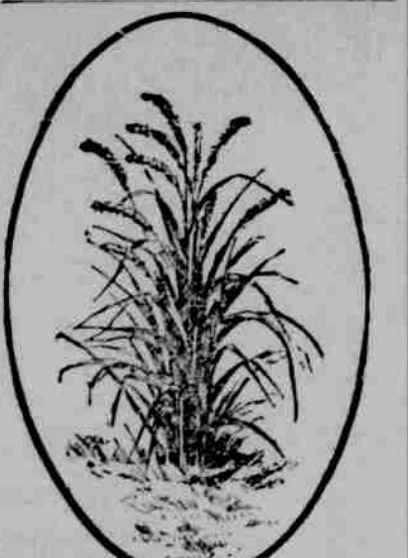
—Atlanta Constitution.

Cheap Home Power in the West.
The melting snows and glaciers of the Rockies and petroleum now furnish such abundant power for San Francisco, that the cost of one-horse power one hour is just 2 cents.



Hungarian Millet.

In sections where the hay crop is short, one of the best and quickest catch crops is Hungarian millet. The seed is comparatively cheap, ranging from \$2 to \$2.25 a bushel, and the crop does well on any good soil. In many localities farmers make a good business of sowing Hungarian millet for a hay crop on any ground from which a crop can be taken by the middle of August. If the crop was a cultivated one, but little preparation of the soil is necessary. Shallow plowing and a thorough harrowing will probably be sufficient in most cases. It is generally considered that this millet crop is worth all it costs to get it, and it is particularly valuable for cattle, or the grain may be saved and fed to poultry during the winter. One of the most



A LATE MILLET CROP.

successful poultrymen in the country has millet as a part of his winter ration for the laying hens, sowing it on the ground from which early potatoes have been harvested.

Go in to the Fair.

Put on your newest calico, an' comb the young 'uns' hair,
An' jump into the wagon—fer we're goin' to the fair;
An' we'll make the finest showin' o' all the people there
Fer Jenny'll be the finest gal a-goin' to the fair!

We've got a yoke of oxen that weigh a hundred ton,
An' a mule that in a century was never known to reel;
An' two live alligators, an' rattlesnakes to spare—
But Jenny'll be the finest gal a-goin' to the fair!

Oh, jump into the wagon!—the road is smooth an' wide
An' the crisp wind's kinder sayin', 'It's a mornin' for a ride!
I'm holdin' of the reins, an' won't the people stare!
Fer Jenny—she's the finest gal a-goin' to the fair!

Now, don't the ol' wheels rattle! we're kiverin' the ground!
The white sun's just a-dyin', an' the trees air goin' round!
An' Jenny, with her eyes o' blue an' sunny, dancin' hair—
The finest an' the sweetest gal a-goin' to the fair!

—Atlanta Constitution.

A Warm Roosting Pen.

In a bulletin issued by the Canadian Department of Agriculture, giving much valuable information for the benefit of Dominion poultry men, the following description and accompanying illustration of warm roosting quarters for winter are worthy of special attention:

The burlap curtain, which can be lowered in front of the fowls at night, should be tacked to a light wood frame



CONVENIENT AND COMFORTABLE.

and hinged to the roof of the house directly above the front edge of the drop board. This burlap-covered frame should extend across the pen and should fall an inch or so below the drop board. When not required in front of the fowls the frame should be hooked to the roof of the house. This frame when lowered, together with the board sides of the roosting quarters, form the warm roosting pen. The fowls will generate sufficient heat to keep themselves comfortable during a cold night.

Tonic for Swine.

The following is a favorite mixture among some of the large hog-raisers

TRIED TO BE FACETIOUS.

Postoffice Official Had Cause to Regret His Joking Proclivity.

"A facetious remark will sometimes beget the most regrettable circumstances," said the postoffice inspector to a group of listeners. "Men who are inclined to get funny should bear in mind one thing, that it is not profitable to be witty under all conditions. A facetious reply to a simply question almost cost my life once. I shall never forget the occasion. Providence and a little saved my life. I can see the rope at the end of which I was billed to do a wind-jig now just simply by closing my eyes and recalling the surrounding things. I had to inspect a mountain post-office several years ago. It was in the mountains of Alabama and about 30 miles from a railroad station. I was a total stranger in that section of the State.

"But I had started out with as light a heart as a schoolboy on a vacation. I had ridden all day and long toward sunset. My horse was still plodding along a mountain path while I was looking in every direction for curling smoke. I knew I would have to stop some place for the night. Suddenly I was halted and three men emerged from the bushes and stood in the road. One held my horse. The other two walked up to me. All of them carried rifles and I had a feverish chill.

"Whar-yer goin', neighbor?" asked one of them.

"Goin' the way my nose points," I answered.

"None of your sass," said one of the men, gruffly. "Whar's yer bizness in these parts?"

"Sellin' soap," I said, good humoredly.

"Whar kind o' soap?" asked the spokesman.

"Soft soap," said I, and the next minute I regretted it. I was literally lifted from the horse, which was led into the ravine.

"He's a rev'nol," I heard one of the men say, and then I experienced another chill. I knew I was in the hands of moonshiners. They blindfolded me and when they took the folds off my eyes I was in a mountain cabin. I explained that I was a postoffice inspector and had nothing to do with the department of internal revenue and told them if they would examine my credentials they would find that I was telling the truth. But they couldn't read and all government credentials looked alike to them. Then I told them to send for the postmaster and he would be able to explain to them. They then agreed to postpone the hanging until the mountain postmaster could be sent for.

"In the meantime there was a mountain dance in that cabin that night. I can play the fiddle fairly well, but that night I simply developed into a wizard with the bow. I played as no man ever played before, and those mountaineers danced until broad daylight by my music. I could hear strains of music for a month after that. The postmaster arrived and succeeded in establishing my identity, and I was allowed to go my way.

"We're mighty glad for yer, pard," said one of my captors, "cause it'd be a durned shame to string up a good diller like you! Never attempt to get funny unless you are familiar with your company."—New Orleans Times Democrat.

The Traveler's Tree.

One of the most curious, useful and beautiful palm trees found in dark and mysterious Madagascar is known as the "traveler's tree," or Ravenala Madagascariensis, as the scientists, with their renowned love of simple terms, love to call it. The stem resembles that of the plantain tree, and the leaves spread in a semi-circle like an expanded fan. The lower leaves drop off as the stem grows, and in old trees the lowest leaves of the fan are often as high as thirty feet from the ground. This palm tree receives its popular name from the fact that stores of pure and frequently cool water are found in the large, cuplike sheaths of the stalks, which the traveler may readily secure by tapping the sheaths at the base.

Population of London.

Greater London, which includes all the suburbs, has a population of 6,581,372, an increase of just under 1,000,000 in ten years, more than half of which occurred in the "outer ring." At the ages of 15, 20, 21 to 25, and 25 to 30, there are more than twice as many females as males. It is pointed out in summarizing the excess of females over males account must be taken of the large number of female domestic servants who are brought into London from the country. London has 234,338 female servants, and only 154,225 male servants. London has fewer children than it has had for many years, but it has more people over 45 than ever before.

His Acknowledgment.

"I never heard Dinsmore acknowledge that he was growing old before to-day."

"How did he acknowledge it?"

"He announced that he felt just as young as he ever did."—Detroit Free Press.

Turbines Come Into Favor.

The indications are that the steam turbine in its various forms will be long in being in practically exclusive occupation of the electric lighting and electric power plant field.

If a poor girl has hair of the spun-gold variety folks say it looks like streaked molasses candy.

A sweet expression covers a multitude of freckles.

It is natural that a man who hasn't a coat to his back can't put up a good front.

Some rich men seem to be suffering from fatty degeneration of the pocket book.

A woman isn't necessarily behind the times just because she is shy a few birthdays.

It is possible to work yourself up in the world by treading on other people's toes.

Philadelphia now leads the world in the number of Christian Endeavor mission study classes. It has fifty-six, twenty of which have been organized in the past year.

"I Found It So."

McCormick, Ill., Sept. 28.—Miss Ethel Bradshaw of this place has written a letter, which is remarkable for the character of the statements it contains. As her letter will be read with interest, and probably with profit by many women, it has been thought advisable to publish it in part. Among other things Miss Bradshaw says:

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At an industrial school in Liverpool, where twenty children were bathed in the same water, several cases of pneumonia have been set up.

There are said to be more specimens of the cedar of Lebanon in the gardens round London than on Mount Lebanon itself.

In the city of New York there are only 737,477 white persons born of native parents.

The ministry is the only one of the learned professions that is not now overcrowded.

This is the season of the year when people in the northern woods should go south if they don't want to be shot for deer.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Had a Catarrh Cure been discovered and sold, it would be the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of this remedy that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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