

Religion is never worn out by every-day use.

Two often cease to be company after they are made one.

No man has the heart to say "No" when a girl asks if he really and truly loves her.

Canada wants to buy Greenland. All right, if she will put her torrid little temper on cold storage there.

Boston is pleased to note that the period of intense refrigeration has passed. In other words, the beans have thawed.

A Philadelphia skio-grapher has discovered that the X-ray will bleach the blackest negro. Farewell, then, to the color line.

Poet Laureate Austin continues to demonstrate that an author with sufficient influence can manage to get on without inspiration.

This year's cotton crop is reported to be worth \$700,000,000. How is it that Mr. Rockefeller hasn't taken over the cotton business?

Why we smile. The rain-making hoax, which has run its course in this country, is being worked extensively by "drought-busters" in Australia.

Perhaps after reading about the Iroquois theater horror the Chicago car-barn murderers may feel that they were hopeless amateurs.

Emperor William's voice is as good as new again. He has, however, demonstrated his ability to run things just about as well without as with the use of it.

A New York man committed suicide rather than undergo an operation for appendicitis. He must have been afraid the doctors would do something worse than kill him.

The skeleton of a man eleven feet high is said to have been found in Nevada recently. He must have gone there in an early day and grown up considerably beyond the country.

The Pope has promulgated the somewhat caustic comment that there is too much operative singing in the churches and too little real worship. No sinner may climb to heaven on the chromatic scale.

A scientist has figured it out that 5,000,000,000 years hence the days will be fifty-five hours long, but the laboring men who are now clamoring for an eight-hour day should not allow this to worry them.

The personal tax list for 1904 was issued in New York not long ago. It shows that J. Pierpont Morgan will pay on a valuation of \$400,000 this year as against \$600,000 in 1903. Notwithstanding the bump Mr. Morgan appears to have a tidy sum left.

A man isn't necessarily a preacher because he wears a sanctimonious face and has an abnormal appetite for fried chicken. The most ministerial-looking man we ever saw wore till he scorching all the paint off one side of a freight car just because his train was late.

The habit of swearing is not as common as it used to be in this country. Gentlemen no longer use the language with the unvarnished freedom of the days of Sheridan, when a gentleman was accustomed to consign himself, collectively and in sections, to the lowest depths of perdition in the presence of ladies while paying tribute to their charms. Undoubtedly many youths who were not brought up to swear do swear now and then under provocation, but there is, all things considered, an increasing respect for the English language.

Plainsmen on Western cattle ranches have called attention to a new illustration of the adaptability of animal instinct to emergencies. The cattle of former days were of the long-horned kind. When the herd was threatened with an attack by wolves, the calves were placed in the middle of the bunch, and the older animals formed themselves into a solid phalanx about them, all facing outward. The cattle of to-day are largely hornless. If, as occasionally happens still, the herd is attacked by wolves, the calves are guarded as before, but the herd faces in instead of out. Their horns, not their horns, are now their weapons.

"The average woman" does not sound like a phrase of high compliment. Yet the average woman is doubtless the most needed woman in modern civilization. It is interesting and inspiring to see that she has made marked progress during the centuries. She is much more capable and more lovable than three hundred years ago. Her advance is somewhat due to the work of those few leaders who make new paths, and encourage more timid souls to follow them. But for the most part it can be traced to the steady, slow improvement all along the line—an improvement traceable directly to the average woman herself. She makes better bread and better soup than she used to make; she reads more books and writes more; she has a firmer hand on a more understanding heart with children; she gives more cheerfulness in clearing; her household, man-

or large, is better ordered; her love has more purity and more fire; her religion is more Christlike in its wisdom and its compassion.

Of all the exhibits of the early year none is more imposing nor of wider interest than that of the life insurance organizations. These annual showings of what life insurance really is, what it does, how it stands and what it is doing are the source of attention and pride to hundreds of thousands of families directly interested in the statements in question. Great arrays of figures, remarkable lists of responsible managerial names and high official endorsements of the grand total footings characterize the tabulated statements, while sound logic and good, vigorous English are features of those which have assertions or arguments to present. They tell of a remarkable yearly story of protection to the family; of vast sums disbursed just at the time when the heart is heaviest and the brain most distraught; of the alleviation of distress to bereaved homes and of comfort to advancing age. They show how mighty are the sums yet to be distributed and the certainty of their distribution as soon as due. Whatever else happens in the realm of business and finance, it seems to be certain that men are determined to insure their lives. This is something they are doing in and out of season and, though their fellows are of course dying day by day, the growth of the companies continues and the new insurances are ever greater in number than those who pass from the scene.

Congress virtually decides each year what the salaries of the government officers shall be. Few matters require more care than the adjustment of these salaries in the appropriation bills. If they are made so low that no man without independent means can afford to take a public position, only the rich will be officeholders. Members of the British Parliament serve without pay, but to apply that system in this country would necessarily deprive Congress of much of its best material. On the other hand, salaries which are too large become prizes for persons looking only at the pecuniary inducement. Uncle Sam has accordingly adopted a compromise policy. He underpays the occupants of his more responsible positions; he overpays the lower grades. The supervising architect's salary would be small return for an architect of the same rank in New York or Chicago. The routine clerical work in his office is better rewarded than similar service in private establishments. Although the public properly objects to large salaries, it has never adopted the principle laid down by a woman who wrote an open letter to the newspapers at the time a bill for raising the Governor's salary was under discussion in the Legislature of a certain State. She asked if the State had found difficulty in getting men to take the place at the existing compensation. Until there was some trouble on this score she saw no occasion for a change. In private life we rarely hire the cheapest person we can get, whether it be to whitewash a fence or to set a broken leg. There are some curious anomalies in government salaries. The sub-treasurer at New York has a larger salary than the treasurer in Washington; collectors of customs in the great cities receive more than the Secretary of the Treasury; important consuls more than the Secretary of State, who usually selects them. Such facts as these emphasize the fact that the government officer is the servant not of his immediate superior, but of the whole people.

LAND OF NO MONEY.

Primitive Methods Prevail in Leslie County, Eastern Kentucky. "I have just returned from eastern Kentucky, where I went to inspect some timber," said L. A. Hotchkiss of Norfolk, to a representative of the Lexington Herald. "My principal operations were in Leslie county, and was surprised to discover a community in the United States where money is unknown, or practically so. The entire business of this community is done on the barter system. The country storekeepers exchange merchandise for anything and everything the natives have to sell, and ship his motley array of products down to Catlettsburg, where the merchant has it placed in bank to his credit, when he orders more goods paying for them with check. "These merchants usually keep a small amount of money in case a small amount be required, but the natives, as a rule, do not handle a cent of cash from one year's end to the other. The barter among themselves and with the merchants, and when I bought land the most of those who sold to me would not accept my money until the merchants assured them that it was genuine. Leslie county is in the heart of the Kentucky mountains, and is very sparsely populated, which accounts for its primitive condition, but it is probably the only section of the United States remaining where the people do not know what money is.

Easily Believed. "Many have said that if Longfellow were living to-day he could not see his poems," remarked the girl with the book. "I'm sure of it," replied the amateur poet. "Why, I haven't been able to sell mine."—Philadelphia Record. Live by Amusing Others. In the vaudeville business alone 100,000 persons earn a living in the United States. All told something like 120,000 persons gain a livelihood from it as amusement stage in our country. A man who has time to keep a pig, right isn't very busy.

HETTY GREEN RIDES AN AUTO. Hetty Green sometimes rides in a \$12,800 automobile, but it is owned by her son Edward H. R. Green of the Texas Midland railroad.

WARMTH AND LONGEVITY. It has been discovered in Europe that the warmer a country the more centenarians it has.

AVERAGE SUNSHINE. Spain has an average of 3,000 hours of sunshine a year, against only 1,400 in England.

A Physician's Advice. Yorktown, Ark., March 7th.—Dodd's Kidney Pills must not be confounded with the ordinary patent medicine. They are a new discovery, a specific for all diseases of the Kidneys and have been accepted by physicians only after careful tests in extreme cases. Dr. Leland Williamson, of this place, heartily endorses Dodd's Kidney Pills "as a remedy for the various forms of the diseases of the Kidneys, pains in the back, soreness in the region of the Kidneys, foul-smelling urine and cloudy or thickened conditions of the urine, discharges of pus or corruption, Gout, Rheumatism, Inflammation and Congestion of the Kidneys and all kindred complaints." Continuing he says: "I could mention many cases in which I have prescribed Dodd's Kidney Pills with success. For instance, Mr. Robert Weeks, farmer, malaria haematuria or swamp fever three times, kidneys weakened, continual pain and soreness in back, which made him very nervous, had a little fever and sometimes chills. Urine changeable, but generally very high-colored, an old chronic case who had taken much medicine with little effect. After taking Dodd's Kidney Pills about six weeks he was entirely cured and had gained fifteen pounds in weight. The last time I saw him he was the picture of perfect manhood."

ODD THINGS ON THE FIRE AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

Voice of the Lord and the man who utters it. A flood of fifty thousand gallons of water every minute. A ride three hundred miles in a real train of pullman cars. Chorus of 100 talking birds at perfect liberty. Fire engine and horses dash 500 feet under roof to burning block. Real waves on a real beach of sand five miles from spectators. Man who carves images from a single grain of loe. Submarine boat sinks beneath real water, with its human cargo. One show with 300 houses, 22 streets, covering 11 acres. Miniature men of war operated by electric motors on large expanse. Relics from the golden temples of rangoon. Theater of flowers, masterly conception of a dead woman. Japanese roosters with tails ten to twenty five feet long. Old hand fire engine once pumped at fire by George Washington. Zuni Indians dance the mask, the lute and snakes dances. Eleven sections of arched banians of Stramboul reproduced. Children ride giant tortoises with bridges and bits. Trees whose roots are of the same length and fiber do not thrive as well as those which are unequal; they develop better when their roots reach for nutriment in different strata or depths of the earth. In the Royal Aquarium of St. Petersburg there are several carp that are known to be more than six hundred years old. It has been ascertained in several cases that whales live to be over two hundred years old.

ON A RANCH

Woman Found the Food That Fitted Her. A newspaper woman went out to a Colorado ranch to rest and recuperate and her experience with the food problem is worth recounting. "The woman at the ranch was pre-eminently the worst housekeeper I have ever known—poor soul, and poor me! "I simply had to have food good and plenty of it, for I had broken down from overwork and was so weak I could not sit up over one hour at a time. I knew I could not get well unless I secured food I could easily digest and that would supply the greatest amount of nourishment. "One day I obtained permission to go through the pantry and see what I could find. Among other things I came across a package of Grape-Nuts which I had heard of but never tried. I read the description on the package and became deeply interested, so then and there I got a saucer and some cream and tried the famous food. "It tasted delicious to me and seemed to freshen and strengthen me greatly, so I stipulated that Grape-Nuts and cream be provided each day instead of other food and I literally lived on Grape-Nuts and cream for two or three months. "If you could have seen how fast I got well it would have pleased and surprised you. I am now perfectly well and strong again and know exactly how I got well and that was on Grape-Nuts that furnished me a powerful food I could digest and make use of. "It seems to me no brain worker can afford to overlook Grape-Nuts after my experience." Name given by Food Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Get the miniature book, "The Road to Well-being," in each pkg.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

Women Are Not Extravagant. One is constantly hearing and reading of the extravagant follies of women, but there is seldom anything said of the wastefulness of the opposite sex. Of course, everyone knows there is extravagance in both sexes, but the women are not responsible for the extravagant men, while the men are responsible for the extravagant women. Women, as a class, not being wage-earners, have not the same reason for appreciating the value of money as men.

Husbands and fathers, as a rule, are either very stingy or fail to let their womenfolk know their real financial condition. In the first case, a woman naturally attributes the doling out of money to her pure selfishness or lack of regard, and takes a natural delight in extracting and spending all she can. In the second case she had no reason to think the man "can't afford it" or realize that economy is necessary; in either case it is the man, not the woman, who is to blame. The majority of women are certainly not extravagant, declares a writer in The House-keeper. The reports show that there are more women depositors in the savings banks than men and they are slower in withdrawing their savings, and the man's "bargain counter" joke, with its odd cent price, is conclusive evidence of woman's regard for the penny.

Every man knows that a woman is better and closer at making a bargain than he is. The woman's mind is constituted to consider trifles and it is trifles that count in economy. The average woman can get along on less and "make an appearance" than the average man can. I have never met a man yet who stinted himself on cigars or his stomach or his neckties, but if the woman wants a new 98-cent shirtwaist this man will want to know what she has done with the one he bought two years ago—New Orleans Picayune.



ABOUT THE BABY. "Don't feed the baby with adult food. Giving the child this sort of nourishment too early produces soft bones and hence the host of bowlegged and knock-kneed youngsters." Don't box the baby's ears. You are liable to render it permanently deaf. In fact, consider well before you chastise the child, since it is quite easy to use the rod and spoil the child. The weight of a growing child is the most important index of its general health. The standard weight for growing children usually given by authorities in the matter is that at 5 years of age a child should weigh as many pounds as it is inches high. As a rule this will not be much over or under forty pounds. Children who come of large parents should weigh something more than that. The rate of increase should be about two pounds for every inch of growth, with a tendency for the weight to exceed this standard rather than to fall below it. When a child is heavier in proportion to its height than this standard, it is a sign of good health. If the child is growing rapidly, it should not be allowed to fall much below it without being made to rest more than has been the custom. A deficiency of weight in proportion to height is always an unfavorable sign. Any interruption in the progress of increase of weight, especially while growth continues, is a danger signal that should not be neglected by those interested in the child.



Theater Houses. (1) Of heliotrope crepe de sole with black chenille fringe and lace. (2) Soft white satin with long lace cuffs and berthe of applique lace. For the Woman Who Travels Alone. My plan for locating in a strange place, especially when it savors of a foreign country, is to ask the purser or steward which is considered the best family hotel. Then, on arrival, to wait until the first rush of landing is over, thus avoiding the confusion which reigns supreme at such times. Banding quietly back, the excited en-

deavors of the crowd to hurry all the officials into attending to them trifles, always worth a visit in such places; you can examine local papers and guide-books in the reading room and get at the addresses of private boarding houses and smaller hotels, easily locating their whereabouts.—Women's Home Companion.

Japanese ladies as a rule make their own dresses and if the sewing is done for them the beautiful embroidery, at any rate, is their own handiwork. Shamokin, Pa., has a woman called Mrs. M. M. Cloutier. She was born in France 92 years ago. The old woman has "seen better days," as she is possessed of education and culture.



Women of the World. An extraordinary head of hair is possessed by Mercedes Lopez, the wife of a poor sheep herder in San Vincente Mexico. Her height is 5 feet, and when she stands erect her hair trails on the ground four feet eight inches. The hair is so thick that she can completely hide herself in it. She has cut it very frequently, as it grows so quickly, enabling her to sell large tresses to hair dealers every three or four months. A certain Mrs. Beaumont, of Bretton England, who lived in the time of Pitt and whom the possession of lead mines made wealthy and purse-proud, one day thought to impress Pitt, who was staying at Bretton, with her riches. She had the most splendid service of plate at dinner and, waving her hand she said: "There, Mr. Pitt, that's all from the mines." "Indeed!" answered Pitt. "If you had not told me, Mrs. Beaumont, I should have thought it was silver."

Pin-Money Made at Home. I owe my first success at making pin money to my chafing-dish and a corner drug store, the proprietor of which is a friend. Through frequent practice, the fudge which came from that dish reached such a state of perfection that one day I bought some dainty boxes, and ventured into the store with the plea that they should sell the sweets for me. Of the five boxes, only two were sold that day, and I believe I shed a few tears over the failure of another pet scheme. The next day the sales surprised us both, and now my usual order for the day is ten pounds, and sometimes a message comes for an additional order before the day is over. Making it in the quantity that I do, it costs only ten cents a pound, including the little boxes. The druggist gets a commission of five cents on every pound, so that out of the thirty cents charged for them, fifteen cents is profit.

The recipe is very simple. This amount will make about one pound: Two cupfuls of light brown sugar, one cupful of rich milk or cream, one-fourth of a cupful of butter and one-fourth of a cupful of chocolate. The fineness of the fudge depends on knowing just when to take it from the fire and just how long to beat it.—Woman's Home Companion.

Styles in Coats. Some of the new neck coats end well above the deep waist belt with broad black chenille fringe and lace. Of quite another nature are the whole back coats reaching to the knees, while the most fashionable are a revival from the middle of the '50s. With the addition of a wattleau plait they have the same turndown collar and wide, hanging sleeves. Some of the shorter ones have little attempt at fastening save cords, which are but seldom secured, and are usually accompanied by a big turndown collar, often with drooping tassels or cord ornaments.

Men who love the least to make munny, love the most to spend it. "Expense of time is the most costly of all expenses." He is admired most, who does best, what many do well. Buy in the Black Hills. Hidden Treasure Gold Mining & Milling Company. South Dakota, is offering its Treasury Stock, a limited amount, for sale. Investors looking for a safe place to put their money, would do well to invest in this. I can furnish the genuine S. T. Sullivan stock. R. O'SULLIVAN, High Class Mining Stocks, 11 Broadway, New York.

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WESTERN CANADA'S RESOURCES

Farming Very Successful. By Western of Northwest Canada is usually meant the great agricultural country west of Ontario and north of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana. Part of it is agricultural prairie, treeless in places, park like in others, part is genuine plains, well adapted to cattle ranching; part requires irrigation for successful tillage, most of it does not. The political divisions of this region are the Province of Manitoba and the territorial district of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Athabaska. At present, however, the latter is too remote for immediate practical purposes.

The general character of the soil of Western Canada is a rich, black, clay loam with a clay subsoil. Such a soil is particularly rich in food for the wheat plant. The subsoil is a clay, which retains the winter frost until it is thawed out by the warm rays of the sun and drawn upward to stimulate the growth of the young wheat, so that even in dry seasons wheat is a good crop. The clay soil also retains the heat of the sun later in the summer, and assists in the early ripening of the grain. It is claimed that cultivation has the effect of increasing the temperature of the soil several degrees, as well as the air above it.

Western Canada climate is good—cold in winter, hot in summer, but with cool nights. Violent storms of any kind are rare. The rainfall is not heavy. It varies with places, but averages about seventeen inches. It falls usually at the time the growing crops need it. The Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, has agents established at different points throughout the United States, who will be pleased to forward an Atlas of Western Canada, and give such other information as to railway rate, etc., as may be required. That agriculture in Western Canada pays is shown by the number of testimonials given by farmers. The following is an extract made from a letter from a farmer near Moose Jaw: "At the present time I own sixteen hundred acres of land, fifty horses and a large pasture fenced, containing a thousand acres. These horses run out all winter and come in in the spring quite fat. A man with money judiciously expended will make a competence very shortly. I consider in the last six years the increase in the value of my land has netted me forty thousand dollars."

A butcher in Cleveland received a visit from a shabby-looking man, who said he wanted three cents' worth of dog meat. After the butcher had picked up a handful of scraps, he said: "Shall I wrap it up, or do you want to eat it here?" The "hello girls" will probably consider Signor Turchi, of Ferrara, Italy, a scientific meddler. He has invented an apparatus, called the "separator," for transmitting telegraphic and telephonic messages simultaneously over a single wire.

Leather waste, which used to be thrown away, is now compressed, and makes an excellent substitute for iron when it is converted into cogwheels. Rheumatism's Killing Pain. Left in quick order after taking 14 doses of Dr. Skirvin's Rheumatic Cure in tablet form. 25 doses for 25c, post paid. WISCONSIN DRUG CO., LA CROSSE, WIS. (C. N. U.) Locomotive engineers, on the run from Crew to London a distance of 166 miles, have to notice no less than 2-5 signals.

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