

Being out of debt is the best thing out.

When a woman loses her temper she shows her age.

Lots of people come to grief by meeting trouble half way.

About the time love lets up on a man rheumatism takes a fall out of him.

Shortly after getting the political bee in his bonnet the average man gets it in the neck.

If all women who look back were turned into salt pillars the streets would be full of statues.

Another feature of the Japanese-Russian struggle is that it is a contest between meat eaters and vegetarians.

It always angers a girl who breaks off an engagement if the young man in the case refuses to make a fuss about it.

When a young man is old enough to cast his first vote what he doesn't know about running the country isn't worth knowing.

It may be that every college professor needs a wife, but the question is, How can he support her in the style to which she has been accustomed?

A court has decided that a man must treat his mother-in-law with respect. Mighty few mothers-in-law need any order of the court to make the young man do the proper thing.

But if China should get courage enough to cry, "Asia for the Asiatics," would it be so very different in principle from "Germany for the Germans," or "America for the Americans."

Walking on all fours is said to be a cure for appendicitis. Why not have parties where the guests may cure their appendicitis in this way and at the same time compete for prizes, the one who can go it on all fours longest and most gracefully taking the honors?

The negro in the South is coming to the front as a money-maker. If the cotton crop yields \$150,000,000 he will get \$200,000,000 of it. He is better off than ever before. But this prosperity is said to have made him uneasy and migratory. Still very few of the great mass of negro workers emigrate to the North. The fact is that the South is growing rapidly. The white population of Mississippi, the banner negro State, is growing faster than the black.

It is said that Egyptian and Turkish harems are being demoralized by the fashion plates. The European "delineators" tempt the plural wives of the eastern potentates to extravagant expenditures for dress, and it is becoming impossible for the poor kings and princes to keep more than one wife dressed in the Parisian fashion. Instead of 200 wives, some of the old fellows are finding it difficult to support two. It is said. The same evil cause is producing what we Americans call a desirable reform in Utah. The modern Mormon finds it too expensive to support a bunch of wives. He finds it cheaper to obey the law of monogamy.

The ashes of Chicago were not cold when temporary places of business were provided and men were making contracts for the rebuilding of their warehouses, their stores and their homes. In a couple of years nearly the whole of the burned district was again covered. In Boston the losses were much less and the local capital was greater. Baltimore is making arrangements to rebuild her business center at once, and in a handsome and more substantial manner than before. The fire in which granite crumbles and steel melts does not destroy the ground or the commercial advantages of the city's location. Very much of the property of the people is beyond its reach, and their courage and their credit—a very great part of the stock in trade of any community—are absolutely proof against it.

All over the land there is a dearth of schoolmistresses. Even in the East, where women are superabundant and the schoolm'am was always noted for her staying qualities, there is now a cry for more teachers. School agencies say that never before were so few well-trained women instructors obtainable. All give marriage as the cause. Time was when the schoolmistress was a drug on the matrimonial market. A woman put off as far as possible the evil day of entering the schoolroom, knowing that it meant for her a lonely life with no hope of marriage. "Old maid school-teacher" was the offensive phrase which labeled her social status. All that is now changed and the schoolmistress is having things her own way. Her college education, her vacation trips abroad, her leadership in clubs, have made her a most delightful companion, fitted for any social station. She has free scope for the development of her talents and is using her opportunities to advantage. Men have been quick to see the change and have learned that now the school-

mistress is the most companionable and efficient of women. She is skilled in household arts and in kindergarten, as well as in the ancient and modern languages. She understands how to keep the home sanitary and how to make the purse serve the best interests of the entire family. What wonder then, that boards of education and school superintendents are at their wits' ends to secure teachers willing to sign a contract containing an anti-marriage clause covering a specified period. They will soon have to be thankful if they can get them on any terms which the women themselves are pleased to make, for just now the way to the schoolhouse seems to be the direct road to matrimony.

The chairman of the Western Passenger Association says the great increase in immigration during 1903 was due largely to the inducements offered by the railroads to settlers on the farm lands in the northwest, the south west and the far west. Nearly all the railway systems, it is said, have their agents in Europe drumming up immigrants. When the question of restricting immigration by imposing an educational qualification was before the last Congress representatives of several large western roads were heard in opposition to it. They did not say that the proposed restriction would interfere with the work the roads are doing in planting settlers on their own lands or on other untitled lands in the regions traveled by their lines. It was claimed then that the railroads were hard put to it to get all the common labor they needed and that it would be an injury to them to cut off the European supply in whole or part. The railroads do not feel so prosperous as they did two years ago. They have not the need of labor they had then or which their officers said they had immigration is stimulated now not to get labor but to get settlers—and also to get the sums which they pay for their transportation. It has been surmised that as the steamship lines solicit immigration because they make money out of it, so many railroads are governed by the same motive.

It will be admitted that an immigrant planted on a western farm is a desirable acquisition. That is not necessarily true of an immigrant who, when he lands, plunges into the overcrowded slums of New York City and stays there either because he prefers to stay or has not the money with which to make his escape. Only a small proportion of the steerage passengers of 1903 appear to have found their way to the far west. While 4,778 settled in Colorado, 2,438 in Texas, 6,967 in Washington, and 7,996 in Oregon, 254,445 made their homes in New York, 177,169 in Pennsylvania, and 65,757 in Massachusetts. There came to Illinois 63,378 but of those who remained here the larger number probably settled in Chicago. If last year's increase in immigration was due largely to the efforts of the railroads the roads did much more to increase the population of the great cities of the east than of the rural districts of the west. It may be that their efforts brought more of a desirable than undesirable immigrants to this country. Railroads and steamship companies should let the matter of immigration regulate itself and not attempt to stimulate and direct it to promote their selfish interests.

Taking No Chances. A new reason "why men do not go to church" has recently been discovered by an English clergyman. Walking along a lane one day, says Tit-Bits, the village rector noticed an old man ahead of him. Seeing that it was one of his congregation who had not been to church of late, the vicar hurried and soon caught up with him.

"Hallo, John," said he. "How is it that I haven't seen you at church lately?"

At first the rector could get nothing out of him, but after a little persuasion the parishioner said:

"Well, sir, it be your youngest daughter, Nelly, I be afraid of."

"What, afraid of Nelly, a girl of nineteen, and only just returned from school?"

"Yes, sir. You see," replied John "when I went courtin' an old forlorn tinner told me as 'ow I should be spliced three times. First to gray, an' then to a yellow, an' then to a ginger. Now when I buried my poor yellow Nell, three months ago, an' your darter with the ginger 'air comed 'ome from school, I says to myself, I says, 'That 'er; that's the ginger 'un; an' if I don't keep away from church she'll nab me.'"

No Excitement. In Panama under the Columbian regime, one could get up a "revolution" almost at a moment's notice. Slight matters, says the New York Times, scarcely interrupted the routine of business.

One day a number of American travelers had taken their seats at breakfast when they were startled by loud shouts in the street. They hastened to the window, and saw a crowd of men in greasy, ragged clothes, rushing along, brandishing machetes.

"What is the trouble?" one of them asked their Columbian host.

"Why," he said, apologetically, "I am afraid it is a revolution."

The travelers began to be excited but were calmed by the sweet voice of the hostess, addressing her husband in ordinary tones:

"Did I put enough sugar in your coffee, Gabriel?"

Involved Disturbance. Parker—We've moved again. Barker—You have? Parker—Yes; our children were noisy that we couldn't stand what the neighbors said about them.—Detroit Free Press.

SUICIDE AND ITS CAUSES.

Some Interesting Data Relative to the Mania for Self-Destruction.

There is much of public interest in the motives that prompt men and women, and not infrequently children, to take their own lives. Frederick Hoffman, who is interested in life insurance, has taken the trouble to compile some statistics concerning this subject, which will prove of interest. It appears from the figures presented that the mortality from self-destruction is nearly or quite twice as large in cities as in the farming districts. Another remarkable fact is that in the former the rate is on the increase. Summing up the results in fifty of the largest cities of the United States, it appears that the average number of suicides in 1890 was 12 per 100,000, while in 1901 it had grown to 16.4. At no time in the twelve-year period did the rate fall below the minimum here given, but in 1897 and 1898 it rose temporarily to 17.5. The steady progress shown by this comparison leads Mr. Hoffman to think that a further increase in the suicidal tendency may be expected in the next decade.

A rather more puzzling comparison is that which Mr. Hoffman makes between different centers of population in this country. Taking the average for the whole ten-year period ending with 1901, he finds that there were 25.7 suicides for every 100,000 persons in St. Louis, while the rate in Trenton was only 5.1 and in Fall River 2.9. The percentage in several other cities was almost as high as that in St. Louis. The figures for Chicago are 23.5; Hoboken, 23; Oakland, Cal., 21.5, and that part of New York City included in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, 20.5. Even in Newark the rate is 16.2, while that for Brooklyn is only 15.7. Boston makes a better showing—15.1—while Jersey City's figures are still lower—14.6. Why one suburb of the metropolis on the west shore of the Hudson should have a higher rate than New York City and another one very much lower is a conundrum to which it is not easy to find the answer.

Causes of death are of special interest to life insurance companies, and the latter have collected statistics regarding the same. One insurance company has records going back more than half a century. These show that among the insured, presumably a class of people a little superior to the average of mankind, the mortality from suicide between 1803 and 1885 was 1.4 per cent of all deaths among the company's policyholders, while between 1885 and 1898 it was 2.4 per cent—a perceptible increase. This showing corroborates the other figures presented by Mr. Hoffman. It also appears from the company's tables that while 3.9 per cent of deaths from all causes between 1886 and 1898 among men under 42 years of age were due to suicide and 6.2 per cent between the ages of 43 and 60, the rate for men of 61 and over is only 0.7 per cent, although the actual number of deaths for its three groups was about the same, either a little above or a little below 5,000.

A Wish Congregation Didn't Share. One of the local churches was heavily in debt, and in order that the debt might be cleared it was suggested and agreed that one of the best money raisers in New York State be brought here and by his efforts secure the amount needed to reduce the debt. The pastor came and began his work with that effort which was characteristic of him. When the allotted time had arrived for him to have secured the amount a discouraging moment faced him when he discovered he needed but \$900 to wipe out the long standing debt.

Telling of the discouraging circumstances under which he labored, he concluded by asking if there was no one in the congregation who would donate the amount. After vainly bringing into play every word in his vocabulary one member of the congregation arose and said: "Rather than see you plans defeated, I will give you \$500 of the amount."

Jubilant at his success and wishing to pay a flattering compliment to the donor, the pastor said: "Bless you, brother; may your business increase many fold during the coming year."

At that a smile crept over the face of every one present, for the donor was no less than one of the city's well-known undertakers.—Wilkes-Barre Leader.

He'll Do. "He'll do," said a gentleman, decisively, speaking of an office boy who had been in his employ but a single day.

"What makes you think so?" "Because he gives himself up so entirely to the task in hand. I watched him while he swept the office, and although a procession with three or four brass bands in it went by the office while he was at work he paid no attention to it, but swept on as if the sweeping of that room was the only thing of any consequence on this earth at that time. Then I set him to addressing some envelopes, and although there were a lot of picture papers and other papers on the desk at which he sat, he paid no attention to them, but kept right on addressing those envelopes until the last one of them was done. He'll do, because he is thorough, and in dead earnest about everything." You may naturally be a very smart person; you may be so gifted that you can do almost anything; but all that you do will lack perfection if you do not do it with all your heart and strength.

Explained. "Jenks seems to be pretty prosperous now. He says his income is out of sight." "I should think it would be. He lives so far beyond it."—Philadelphia Press.

STILL A CHILD

Old Man—"What! Marry that child?"

Sulter—"Your daughter is no longer a child, sir; she is a woman."

Old Man—"Nonsense! Why, she isn't a bit bossy yet."

SMALL BILLS. Friend—"If your washer woman charges by the piece it must be rather expensive."

Young Housekeeper—"Oh, no. She loses so many things that her bills are never high."

In the Spring. Lowndes, Mo., April 4th.—Mrs. H. C. Hart, of this place, says:—

"For years I was in very bad health. Every spring I would get so low that I was unable to do my own work. I seemed to be worse in the spring than any other time of the year. I was very weak and miserable and had much pain in my back and head. I saw Dodd's Kidney Pills advertised last spring and began treatment of them and they have certainly done me more good than anything I have ever used."

"I was all right last spring and felt better than I have for over ten years. I am fifty years of age and am stronger today than I have been for many years, and I give Dodd's Kidney Pills credit for the wonderful improvement."

The statement of Mrs. Hart is only one of a great many where Dodd's Kidney Pills have proven themselves to be the very best spring medicine. They are unsurpassed as a tonic and are the only medicine used in thousands of families.

Truth witnesses in vain where malice is the judge.—Ram's Horn.

Among the state buildings Missouri, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona, Utah, Connecticut and Nevada are finished. Iowa and Kansas are 90 per cent finished and work on the remaining pavilions is sufficiently advanced to warrant the statement that all will be completed by the day set for the opening of the Exposition, April 30.

Everybody trims his sails to catch the wind, whether on sea or land.

Fruit salads will not stain goods dyed with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

A woman likes to be suspicious so she can feel so confident afterwards.

We use Piso's Cure for Consumption if preference to any other cough medicine.—Mr. S. E. Borden, 442 P street, Washington, D. C., May 25, 1901.

LOVELY WOMAN'S AMABILITY

Mrs. Jinks—"If you are so fond of playing poker, why don't you cash me, and spend your evenings at home?"

Jinks—"Um—suppose I should win?"

Mrs. Jinks—"I have plenty of money. Sit right down."

Mr. Jinks (the next day)—"No man can understand women. They are mysterious. Why, sir, my wife insisted on my playing poker with her last night. Of course, I won a pile from her. Well, sir, she paid over the money with a smile on her face—didn't mind it a bit."

Caller—"Beg pardon, but I am Mr. Houseowners' gent, and have called for the rent."

Mr. Jinks—"Why don't you go to the house as usual? I left the rent money there for you a week ago."

Caller—"I just came from there. Mrs. Jinks said she gave the money to you last night!"

Samuel Ball of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the holder for the present year of the fellowship in gas engineering supported at the University of Michigan by the Michigan Gas Association.

EMPTY NOW.

How One Woman Quit Medicine. "While a coffee user my stomach troubled me for years," says a lady of Columbus, Ohio, "and I had to take medicine all the time. I had what I thought was the best stomach medicine I could get, had to keep getting it filled all the time at 40 cents a bottle. I did not know what the cause of my trouble was, but just dragged along from day to day suffering and taking medicine all the time."

"About six months ago I quit tea and coffee and began drinking Postum, and I have not had my prescription filled since, which is a great surprise to me, for it proves that coffee was the cause of all my trouble, although I never suspected it."

"When my friends ask me how I feel since I have been taking Postum I say, 'To tell the truth I don't feel at all only that I get hungry and eat everything I want and lots of it and it never hurts me, and I am happy and well and contented all the time.'"

"I could not get my family to drink Postum for a while until I mixed it in a little coffee and kept on reducing the amount of coffee until I got it all Postum. Now they all like it and they never belch it up like coffee."

"We all know that Postum is a sunshine maker. I find it helps one greatly, for we do not have to think of aches and pains all the time and can use our minds for other things." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The one who has to bother with coffee aches and pains is badly handicapped in the race for fame and fortune. Postum is a wonderful builder. There's a reason.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Tourist (to Utah)—"Polygamy is no longer practiced, I am told."

Ex-Mormon (dejectedly)—"No and it's a shame. Only one wife! What good is one wife? Just a trial, that's all."

"How so?" "Everything is at sixes and sevens. Nothing ever done. Buttons off, meals half cooked everything wrong. In the good old days we had one wife to sew on buttons, another to darn stockings, another to boss the servants, another to do the shopping, and another to attend to the duties of society. A man had some comfort then."

HE WOULDN'T DO. Railroad Superintendent—"Yes, I have decided to open a bureau of information for the accommodation of passengers who wish to know about trains, and I am looking for a good man to run it."

Applicant—"Well, sir, I have been a railroad ticket agent for a good many years."

Superintendent—"Then you won't do. I want a man who is accustomed to giving information."

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE. Cholly—"What's the matter with Algy. He's cutting all his friends dead."

Chappie—"He has to, poor fellow. He can't master the new English handbase, don't cher know."

Now we get far more illumination from electricity than from gas. According to figures just issued from the Census Office there are nearly 4,000 electric light stations in the United States, and not quite a thousand gas plants. The electric light plants are earning about \$85,000,000 a year, and the gas plants \$75,000,000 a year.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden for some one else.—Dickens.

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