

GOOD Short Stories

A New York divorcee and a man who is noted for his conquests among young matrons furnished the occasion for Harry Lehr's latest witticism. The two were strolling across the lawn, when a lady with Lehr called attention to them. "They look as happy as children," she remarked. "They ought to be," he remarked; "she's a grass widow and he's a rake."

Kipling once described the Sunday morning service of a battleship on which he too, a cruise. It was a very well attended service, every sailor not in duty being there, and after it was over, Kipling said to one of the jacksies, "Are you obliged to attend these services every Sunday morning?" "N—no—o," said the sailor, "not exactly obliged, but our grog would be stopped if we didn't."

The late Channing Clapp, of Boston, was for some years after the Civil War a cotton planter in the South. Mr. Clapp had on his plantation a little boy in buttons called "Sam." Sam one afternoon pointed to a bottle on his master's bureau, and said: "Mars Channing, am dat hair oil?" "Mercy, no, Sam, that's glue," said Mr. Clapp. "I guess dass why I can't get mah cap off," said Sam, thoughtfully.

It is said of the Rev. I. K. Funk, whose book on spiritualism has made such a sensation that even as a child he had a peculiarly subtle and discerning mind. One day, at Sunday school, a clergyman put a number of questions to him, and finally said: "What commandment, my lad, did Adam break when he ate the apple?" "If you please, sir," was the reply; "there weren't any commandments at that time."

Dr. Evans, the American dentist, who achieved such success in Paris, once received, before he went abroad, a letter from a young Vermonteer who wanted a set of false teeth made and sent to him. The letter concluded: "My mouth is three inches across, five-eighth inches thick, and has a hump on the edge. Shaped like a boss shew, toe forward. If you want to be more particular I shall have to come thar."

It was Gladstone's habit when in Paris to visit the Latin Quarter, where he haunted the second-hand bookshops. One day, as he entered a shop near the Odéon, he found the bookseller talking with an odd-looking person who held in his hands an old edition of Villon's poems. His dress was ragged and dirty, his face matted with hair, and he had "the eyes of an archangel and the mouth and jaw of a baboon." The respectful attitude of the bookseller showed, though, that the man was a personality. Gladstone entered into conversation with him about Villon, and for an hour they discussed early French poetry; then the stranger shuffled out of the shop. "Who is that gentleman?" inquired Gladstone, with interest; "he has an extraordinary knowledge of French poetry." "Monsieur, he himself is our greatest poet. 'C'est Paul Verlaine!'"

MECHANISM VS. BRAINS

Substitutes Found and Patented Many Times Each Year.

"From the corn miller's little bell that sets up a fuss thinking the moment the hopper runs empty up to the calculating machines that are now to be found in banks and insurance offices, clearing houses and observatories, there are so many mechanical substitutes for brain workers that it is difficult at times to realize that it is, after all, only mechanism and not intelligence that is being evolved," said an employe at the patent office to a Washington Star reporter.

"Some of the touches of what, for convenience, we may call mechanical intelligence to be met with in various odd corners of the industrial and commercial world are really quite amusing, and they have their prototype in that little bell of the old windmill."

"There is, for instance, to be seen in any screw factory a different application of that device. The machinery takes hold of a rod of metal, pulls it rapidly along, gives the end of it the general shape of a screw, cuts the thread round it and the slot in the head and then snips off a perfect screw."

"If you watch the thing actually making the screws the idea strikes you that it is really a piece of mechanism; but when the machine comes to the end of its material and gives a sharp, impatient ring of the bell for the attendant to bring more you cannot help laughing and you would scarcely be surprised if, when the man came with another rod, the busy screw-maker gave him a sharp reprimand for inattention and disorderliness. In these days of phonographs, of course, it would be quite possible to make it do so."

"The machine by which railway tickets are printed gives another amusing little show of intelligence or what looks to be very like it. Railway tickets are not, as might be supposed, printed in large sheets and afterward cut up. The cardboard is cut into tickets first and they are printed one by one afterward."

"The little blank cards are put in a pile in a kind of perpendicular spout, and the machine slips a bit of metal underneath the bottom of the spout and pushes out the lowest ticket in

the pile to be printed and consecutively numbered.

"It is of no use trying to print a bad ticket. The machine finds out an imperfect blank in an instant, and flatly refuses to have anything to do with it."

"These are simple instances of a good imitation of watchfulness and discrimination; indeed, the latter looks almost like conscientious care. They afford a droll suggestion of the trained intelligence of the learned pig or the performing dog; and we may find various degrees of the same. At the United States mint they have weighing machines for coins to which it is difficult to deny a very acute intelligence. The mint apparatus is the more remarkable of the two.

"The new coins at the mints, however, are sometimes a trifle over weight, while sometimes, of course, they are under, so it is necessary to sort them out in three categories—light, heavy and good. This delicate business is done with unerring precision by a long row of wonderfully clever little machines.

"Into these machines single piles of shining new coins are put, and quite automatically the mechanism takes each coin, puts it into the scale and in a fraction over two seconds—at the rate of twenty-five a minute—weighs it. If the coin is light the machine shoots it into its proper receptacle; if heavy into another, and if it is of correct weight or with a margin, as they call it, it is pushed into a third receptacle."

FATE OF THE LAST CHILD.

Motherhood Relic of Past Through Modern Usage.

The last child looked about him painfully, and winced, without knowing why, at the contemptuous glances of the grown-ups. His mother, shame-faced and absorbed, fed him furtively from a bottle, and blushed as she did so.

"Mother," said the child curiously, "what is the matter? Are we different from the rest? What have we done to cause all this prying contempt?"

His mother sighed as she replied: "My boy, it is no longer good form to have children. The idea of not having them, promulgated at first by a few queens of society, gradually spread to the masses, until it became firmly established. Now no self-respecting wife ever has any babies. You are the only one left. You are the last child."

"But, mother, whom am I to play with?"

"Playing went out long ago, with the advent of psychology and the higher education. It was discovered that children got a certain amount of pleasure out of playing, and this not being in accordance with the scheme of life as taught in the highest thought circles, it was stricken off the list."

"But mother, is there no hope for me?"

"None whatever. By being born you have fatally compromised yourself and me. You are a freak, and I am ostracized. There is no help for us."

And the last child, overwhelmed by the seriousness of the situation, conclusions of the humiliation of his position, turned sorrowfully to his mother and said:

"Oh, mother, will you forgive me? I knew not what I did."

And the mother folded him in her arms.

"My dear child," she sobbed, "don't you see that I am to blame? In the race for supremacy I have been left behind. I am a relic of the past. Alas! to think that I should turn out to be only a mere mother!"—Smart Set.

Runs Drive Out Negroes.

It is enough to make all the old Mississippi River men who have passed away and gone to their reward stir in the tomb could they know that Hungarians are to be substituted for negroes as roustabouts on the river. This shatters the last tradition. We cannot imagine these silent, taciturn little men of central Europe making the moonlight nights vocal with their minstrelsy on the lower deck or scrambling with each other for nickels thrown by sportive passengers.

Nor shall we believe that the mate dare unwind that panorama of picturesque profanity at his long, wavering undulating line of roustabouts as they move from deck to shore with the cargo. The darky roustabout hears their objurgations with a joyous and appreciative ear and welcomes a burst of originality in it by rolling the whites of his eyes expressively at his fellows, or, if it is particularly moving, by a loud, "Yah, yah, yah," that is reward enough for the objurgator. What will the Hungarian care for the explosive wit that stirs the responsive negro heart so deeply? He will not understand it, and if he did his perception of the humor of swearing is not of the open ready nature of that of the sons of Ham. He would get mad about it. Everything is changing on the river. The passengers are not the same, the boats are smaller, table fare is sadly scant and luxury has long since departed.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Putting It Mildly as Possibly.

Grimes—Oh, come; Miss Muggins is not so bad looking as you seem to think. Why, I believe you think she is positively ugly.

Grant—I hope I am too much of a gentleman to think anything so uncomplimentary of a lady. But I don't recall any person whose face is so splendidly fitted for a thick veil.—Boston Transcript.

It is almost impossible to discourage the man who thinks he can tell a funny story.

AN OLD MAN'S TRIBUTE.

An Ohio Fruit Raiser, 78 Years Old, Cured of a Terrible Case After Ten Years of Suffering.



SIDNEY JUSTUS.

These were especially severe when stooping to lift anything and often I could hardly straighten my back. The aching was bad in the day time, but just as bad at night, and I was always lame in the morning. I was bothered with rheumatic pains and dropsical swelling of the feet. The urinary passages were painful and the secretions were discolored and so free that often I had to rise at night. I felt tired all day. Half a box served to relieve me, and three boxes effected a permanent cure.

A FREE TRIAL—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers; price 50 cents.

When tincture of benzoin is added to any lotion or cream it should be dropped in slowly, constantly stirring or beating to prevent curdling.

A carbolic ointment for chapped hands and lips and fever sores around the mouth is made by dropping fifteen drops of carbolic acid in two ounces of glycerin.

Care of the Hair.

It is now generally agreed that many of the shampoos in use are injurious to the hair. The best treatment is frequent brushing and absolute cleanliness. Wash the hair in a lather of Ivory Soap and rinse thoroughly. Let the last water be cool, as it closes the pores of the skin and prevents dandruff.

ELEANOR R. PARKER.

When brushing the hair the strokes should be long and even; short uneven strokes have a tendency to break and snarl the hair.

To keep the hair in curl take one half ounce of gum tragacanth and dissolve in a pint of rose water, let stand over night, strain through cheese cloth and add a little oil of roses or oil of yavander. This should be bottled and applied to the hair just before curling.

Common baking soda is one of the best remedies for the removing of warts and corns. Bind on wet and moisten the soda several times a day. The warts and corns coil quickly disappear.

HINTS ON ETIQUETTE

Invitations to a wedding should be sent out two weeks in advance.

The guests are received by the bride's mother at a home wedding. The tactful and successful hostess always succeeds in putting her guests at ease.

At a dinner party the place on the right of the hostess is considered the place of honor.

A gentleman takes the initiative in asking to begin a correspondence. A widow retains her deceased husband's name on her visiting card, thus: Mrs. James Collins.

A professional man's title is used in an introduction, as "Dr. Blank," "Professor Thompson," etc.

The lady enters a carriage first, but the gentleman gets out first in order that he may assist the lady.

The day at home is engraved in the lower left hand corner of the card, the right-hand corner being reserved for the address.

Most things are done best when they are done according to rule; but the man who never takes the chances is a going to miss the luxury of merrily brilliant hits.

One reason why we all love babies is because we ain't jealous of them; their purity and innocence is out of our reach.

The man who marries a woman simply for her beauty but little more property in her than his nabor's nay.

Repentance is the highest price we can pay for anything, and yet mankind are continually trading against each other for the privilege.

White spots or scars on the face can be done for them but to wait until the nail grows out.

The too frequent use of cold cream will in some cases promote the growth of a slight down.

The sponge when used for bathing purposes is hard to keep thoroughly clean and is liable to sour. The sponge may be thoroughly cleansed and sweetened by rubbing through it the juice of a lemon; wash and rinse in warm water.

To reduce the waist exercise the waist muscles; place the hands on the hips, keeping the hips and lower limbs perfectly still and firm, twist the trunk vigorously from right to left. This is one of the best of exercises for reducing the waist line.

900 DROPS CASTORIA
A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN.
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.
A Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and Loss of Sleep.
Fac Simile Signature of Dr. J. C. Howe, NEW YORK.
646 months old
35 Doses—35 CENTS
EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Howe
In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA
THE CERTAIN COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

If we were only half as wise as we think we are, we should know at least twice as much as we do now.

There are few men who ever doubt their judgments. You can find scores of men who cannot tend a tillage and make their accounts balance, who can tell you exactly how the finances of the country ought to be managed.

A lake containing fresh water on top and salt water at the bottom has been discovered on Kildin Island, Lapland. The lake rises and falls with the tide, and the salt water evidently comes from the sea by an underground channel.

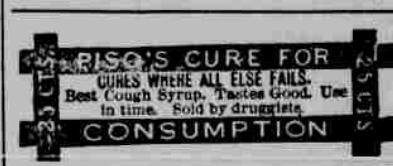
I notice one thing, when I have my store clothes on everybody is more polite to me.

England's only female gravedigger, Mrs. Elizabeth Geese, died recently at Lewes at the age of seventy-six. On the death of her husband, in 1879, she was appointed to fill his place as grave-digger in the Lewes Cemetery, and since then performed the duties.

Every time the face is washed and especially before retiring the muscles should be gone over with cold cream. Relaxed muscles, if this suggestion is followed, will soon be strengthened and firm.

I am allways just a little afraid of those who are very oily; blunt tools an't apt to cut.

BEGGS' BLOOD PURIFIER
CURES catarrh of the stomach.



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ONE PINT LIQUID KOAL

Makes One-half Barrel of Medicine or Lice Killer. One-half Million of Pint Cans Given Away.



The process of making Liquid Koal requires three days. The process of reduction requires 350 degrees of heat.

It is a compound embracing every germicide, antiseptic, and disinfectant found in coal, treated chemically with an alkaline base until every objectionable feature is eliminated, being non-poisonous and harmless.

LIQUID KOAL is a combination of Creosol, Guaiacol, and Kalium. **LIQUID KOAL** is a black oily liquid. Sells for sixty cents a pint, one dollar a quart, three dollars per gallon.

You may have a pint free without any expense to you whatever if you will cut out the coupon in this advertisement and mail it to the National Medical Company at Sheldon, Iowa.

LIQUID KOAL cures and prevents hog cholera, chicken cholera, pink eye, black leg, and all the germ diseases of animals, because it is a germ killer and goes into the stomach, into the bowels, and into the blood, and wherever the blood goes. It permeates the entire system of an animal through the medium of circulation, and denudes the system of every disease germ.

We are giving three hundred thousand dollars worth of it for advertising purposes and to prove to farmers and stock raisers what it will do.

LIQUID KOAL has been tested for the past five years in the largest laboratories of this country, and Germany, and in many of the experimental stations.

We have proved beyond a question of doubt before the greatest experts of the country, that it destroys germs of diseases common to all domestic animals, and thereby cures domestic Worms, Intestinal and skin parasites, ticks, lice, insects, and vermin suck the life blood and sap the vitality of domestic animals and f. w. s until the animal losses to farmers and stock raisers reach enormous footing.

The farmer and stock raiser who would increase his bank account, and, of necessity wage a continuous warfare against these robber worms, parasites, vermin, and insects.

The most effective and inexpensive remedy for all these is **Liquid Koal**. **Liquid Koal** neutralizes the acid

condition of the system which is a condition favorable for the production of worms causing such diseases as hog cholera, anthrax, chicken cholera, etc.

Liquid Koal is in general use by physicians and veterinary surgeons throughout Europe and America embracing a wide range of uses than any preparation on the market.

If you need **Liquid Koal** and have never used it please send us the coupon below. We will then send you an order on your dealer for a sixty cent can and will pay your dealer ourselves for it. It will cost you nothing. You are not obligated to us in any way if you accept this offer, we will not ask you to buy any after you have given it a trial. All we want is a chance to prove to you what it will do.

If you want to know to the result from giving **Liquid Koal** to a sick animal, no matter what the cause of the sickness is, send us the coupon today.

If you want special expert advice regarding your stock that is sick send us full description of the symptoms and also ten cents in postage. You will also be entitled to the thirty-two page book on the germ diseases of animals.

Liquid Koal is the Best and Cheapest Worm Killer Known to Science

- A list of the diseases that **Liquid Koal** cures
- Hog Cholera
 - Chicken Cholera
 - Pink Eye
 - Black Leg
 - Cornstalk Disease
 - Aberdeen in Cows
 - Colic
 - Glanders
 - Distemper
 - Pinfever
 - Intestinal Worms
 - Influenza
 - Pink Eye
 - Foot Rot
 - Tape Worm
 - Lung Fever
 - Inflammation of the Bowels

- Texas Fever
- Crutch
- Farcy
- Stange
- Stange
- Botis
- Scouris
- Nasal Gleet
- Blind Staggers
- Scritch

Liquid Koal Acts as an Appetizer and Vitalizer

No disease germ can escape it, that is the reason it cures for when the germ is destroyed the disease is gone.

Two Things to Remember

Use **Liquid Koal** to destroy the parasites on the inside.
Use **Liquid Koal** to destroy the parasites on the outside.

Parasites exist and thrive only at the expense of live animal tissue.

One Thousand Dollars Deposited in the Union Bank at Sheldon, Iowa, to be Given to Anyone Who Finds Any of These Testimonials Not Genuine.

Smith Center, Kan., July 5, 1903.
Gentlemen:—Have used your **Liquid Koal** for a cure of cholera in hogs and I have not found its equal. I had fifty head of hogs and five out of fifty I was sure would die, but by the use of your **Liquid Koal** I brought them out O. K. and have not been bothered with cholera or any other swine plague since. Therefore can say to the swine breeders of Smith County and also county raisers that it has no equal. You can purchase this valuable medicine of Walker & Son, of Smith Center, who can not misrepresent this valuable medicine to you.

Yours Fraternally,
JOHN PYLE.

P. S. I have at the present time about six head of hogs and pigs that are doing fine and I believe if it had not been for the use of the **Liquid Koal** I would have lost one-half or probably all of them.
KEARNEY COUNTY NURSERY,
G. A. Strand, Prop.
Grower of Cholera Nursery Stock
Minden, Neb., Dec. 5, 1902

provement was so marked that I bought a gallon can and used it with the result that my hogs all recovered and I did not lose one. My herd of over 200 are in fine condition and you may put me down as a constant user of **Liquid Koal**.
G. A. Strand,
Dec. 1902.

We the undersigned stock raisers and farmers gladly testify to the merits of **Liquid Koal** manufactured by the National Medical Co. of Sheldon, Iowa and York, Nebraska. We have used this product with great success and advise all to give it a trial. It should be every farm in Nebraska.

Rufus Peary, Bee, Neb.
Geo. Mills, Bee, Neb.
Chris Schall, Staplehurst, Neb.
Geo. Ringelberger, Seward, Neb.
J. H. Peary, Bee, Neb.
W. Plughaupt, Staplehurst, Neb.
F. C. Meyer, Staplehurst, Neb.
J. Ringelberger, Sr., Germantown, Neb.
Bloomfield, Neb., Dec. 18, 1902.

I have used **Liquid Koal** for a year now and never have found an article that gives such universal satisfaction as **Liquid Koal** does. I can safely say that I have not one dissatisfied customer. I honestly think that if every farmer could use it there would be very little hog cholera in the country.
H. G. Mandeloh,
Wassau, Neb., Dec. 12, 1902

I have been using **L. K.** as an insect destroyer and find it all you claim for it. Would recommend it to all. I will keep it on the place all the time.
Yours, Sam Gross.

It is a positive preventative of contagious diseases.

For it may not appear again. Fill out the blanks and mail to the National Medical Co., Sheldon, Iowa

My Kind of Stock: Have Disease I have never tried **Liquid Koal** but if you will supply me with a sixty cent can free I will give it a trial.

Give full name and address and write plainly. Send this coupon today. If you desire a thirty-two page book on the germ diseases of animals and special expert advice regarding the diseases that effect your own stock send ten cents in postage with this coupon to cover cost of mailing and expense to us. The can of **Liquid Koal** is to be furnished you without express or freight charges to you