

### FROM SUNNY ORANGE GROVES.

The Twice-Told Experience of a San Bernardino, Calif., Man.

From Sunny San Bernardino, in the midst of orange groves, writes Lionel M. Heath, of 158 Eighth Street: "For fifteen years I suffered with pains in my back, frequent calls to pass the secretions, dropsy, rheumatic aches and other symptoms of kidney trouble. I could get no relief until I used Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured me five years ago, and this is twice I have publicly said so. The cure was thorough."

Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

### PERHAPS A NATURAL MISTAKE.

Physician Had Reason to Think He Had Lost His Patient.

Henry Grimm, who was formerly one of the prominent members of the German-American society, tells a story about a German friend of his who was taken ill.

For many days the German was close to death, but after a time he showed improvement in condition. The doctor told the German's wife that her husband might have anything to eat that he liked.

The German expressed a desire for Limburger cheese, and the wife, being a generous woman and pleased at the improvement, and in order that her husband might have a nibble at any time he had a taste for it, put some cheese in every room in the house. It is easy to imagine the aroma.

The next morning the doctor called at the house, and as soon as he opened the door he asked:

"When did he die?"—Hartford Post.

### HE COULD BE TRUSTED.

Youngster "Made Good" Before Temptation Was Put in His Way.

A train from the north pulled into the station at Charlottesville, Va. An elderly man thrust his head out of a window of a day coach and summoned a little colored boy. The following colloquy ensued:

"Little boy, have you a mother?"

"Yassuh."

"Are you faithful to your studies?"

"Yassuh."

"Do you go to Sunday school?"

"Yassuh."

"Do you say your prayers every night?"

"Yassuh."

"Can I trust you to do an errand for me?"

"Yassuh."

"Well, here's five cents to get me a couple of apples."—Success Magazine.

Losing a Tenant.

A landlord in the Highlands of Scotland had a "crofter" tenant, who paid him ten shillings a year as rent for the little farm. At the end of the second year the tenant came to the landlord and said that he was not able to pay more than five shillings a year, as crops had been poor. The landlord agreed to this.

At the end of the third year the tenant appeared before the landlord again and complained that things were going so poorly with him that he was not able to pay any rent. The landlord agreed to let him remain rent free. At the end of the fourth year the tenant once more appeared before the landlord, and said:

"Colonel, if you don't build me a barn I'll have to move."

John D.'s Eagle Stone.

John D. Rockefeller pretends that he is not and never was superstitious; still he carries in his pocket an eagle stone. It is a perforated stone of great antiquity, found in an eagle's nest, and is supposed to be a charm against disease, shipwreck and other disasters. It is of a brownish tint and about the size of a pigeon egg. When shaken it rattles as if another stone were enclosed within it. A ribbon passed through the perforation is said to possess more virtue than even John D. himself. When the old gentleman wants to confer a particular favor upon some one he gives a few inches of this ribbon.—New York Press.

The Thunder Cloud.

Rt. Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, D. D., bishop of Connecticut, told an interesting story not long ago of a colored clergyman, who was far from being a brilliant preacher, and had the habit, when exhorting his brethren, of shouting in a very loud tone of voice. The bishop thought he reproved him, so suggested kindly that perhaps his sermons would have as good an effect if delivered more softly. But the colored minister replied:

"Well, you see, it's this way, bishop, I has to make up in thunder what I lacks in lightning."—Harper's Weekly.

No Trouble to Show Goods.

Old Gentleman (to beggar)—What do you do for a living?

Beggar—I make post holes, sir.

Old Gentleman (absent-mindedly)—Yes? Well, I never give charity; bring me along any you have on hand and I'll buy them from you.

Who Likes Lemon Pie?

You should try at once "OUR-PIE" Preparation for delicious Lemon pies. A lady says: "I will never again try to make Lemon pie in the old way while I can get 'OUR-PIE' Preparation." Try it and you will say the same. At grocers, 10 cents. Put up by D-Zerta Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Didn't Want to Pay More.

"You are fined ten dollars for contempt of court."

"I'm glad, judge, that this is not a higher court."—Harper's Weekly.

It Cures While You Walk.

Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for hot, sweating, callous, and swollen, aching feet. Sold by all Druggists. Price 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

There is no evil that we cannot either face or fly from but the consciousness of duty disregarded.—Daniel Webster.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c. You pay 10c for cigars not good. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Power, be it ever so great, has not half the might of gentleness.—Hunt

## ODDITIES IN SHANGHAI

The Funny Things One Sees in Smiling Round the World

By MARSHALL P. WILDER

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When I first arrived in Shanghai it was something of a shock to hear our honorable consul general say to the boy when sending upstairs for a friend to come down to my room, "Boy, go topside, look-see can ketchee Mr. M. Spissie have got, teller come down-side," to which the boy answered seriously, "Can do," and disappeared.

A story is told in Shanghai of a Russian diplomat who fell in love with a charming German lady. Unfortunately neither could speak the other's language and were at a standstill as to how they were going to conduct the love-making. They could both talk pigeon English, however, and fell back on that. When anyone in China makes a contract they say "Can puttee in book," so the Russian, looking unutterably love at his fair lady, cooed softly, "My likee you—sposee you likee my, can puttee in book?" To which she shyly answered, "Can do," and they were married.

I found that in point of advancement in the drama the Chinese could not be compared with the Japanese.

The stage is merely a raised platform with a row of gas lights across the front, each little jet blinking furiously at the top of a piece of pipe that sticks bravely up for four or five inches. Another row of lights is below the stage, and at the back two curtained doorways complete the entire stage arrangements.

The play begins at seven, and shortly after that time the tables on the ground floor are fully occupied by Chinese sipping the tea that is an inevitable part of every entertainment, social call or business meeting.

One dollar, Mexican, pays the entrance fee, entitles one to a place at one of the tables, a program and tea all the evening. Extra refreshments, such as fruit, nuts, sweets and the ubiquitous melon seed, are charged at the rate of 20 cents a bowl.

The attendants who keep renewing the tea cups do so by adding hot water, never more tea, but the pinch of tea leaves in the bottom of each cup seem to possess wonderful powers of endurance.

In the balcony, that contains the best seats, for which extra charge is made, people sit by the railing, which is broadened out into a sort of table. On this they lean, and place their tea and refreshments.

The waiters walk about on a narrow platform outside of the balcony rail, dispensing the hot water and eatables, occasionally passing around napkins, scalding hot with steam, that are considered very refreshing for wiping the hands and face.

Chinamen and their wives attend the theater together, the only public place where a man is seen with his wife. She is always spoken of by him as "my little stay-at-home," when he doesn't politely refer to her as "my dull thorn" or "my stupid one."

I saw one Chinese lady, richly dressed and thickly painted, sitting demurely beside her imposing looking husband. She was smoking a beautiful gold water pipe that my Chinese friend assured me cost no less than \$300 in gold, or nearly \$600 Mexican.

A strange distinction is made by serving with special cups women who are notorious. The attendants are supposed to know them all, and when they come in attended by their Chinese gallants, instead of receiving their tea in the flowered cups that everyone else has, they are served in cups of plain green china.

The play is well under way when we enter, and painted and gorgeously robed actors are shrieking (apparently out of the top of their heads) in falsetto voices.

The progress of the play is highly amusing to a foreigner, for, there being no curtain, the action is never interrupted even though the stage hands are on the stage quite as much as the actors.

This seems at first rather a useless performance, but after a while one realizes that if an actor didn't give some idea of who he was, and what he intended to do, it would be difficult to pick him out and follow his performance amid the confusion and bustle of stage hands arranging or removing properties and make-believe scenic effects.

Though there is no scenery there are crude attempts at properties. For instance, a piece of curtain laid down to represent a river; a curtain hung from two bamboo poles held by coolies is a temple gate; draped chairs and tables are rocks and mountains, and a boat is made of two chairs with a pit of cloth stretched between.

When an actor is supposed to enter on horseback he prances in, curvetting handsomely. The whole performance is singularly reminiscent of child-like days, when "let's pretend" turned everything to exciting realities.

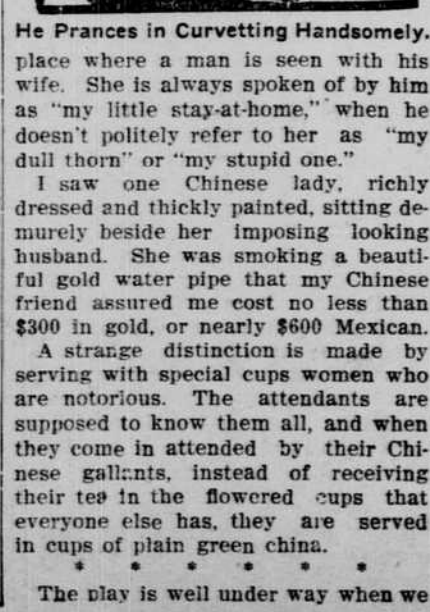
When the actor has informed the audience what he is going to do he retires, and then makes his proper entrance, going through all the details as he has promised them. As he climbs over the mountains, or gets out of his boat, the stage hands quickly remove them, or should he enter the temple gate, it immediately walks off, for its usefulness is over, and it must give way to the next scenic representation, which will be arranged as the need for it arises.

When an actor dies or is slain in combat he has a most impressive death scene, wriggling all over the stage, to the great delight of the audience, who do not seem to perceive any incongruity when he gets up, after he is thoroughly dead, even to the last little shiver, and calmly walks off.

The actors either wear masks of painted silk or gauze, or else paint their own faces with water colors and a brush until all semblance of a human face is obliterated.

There are no actresses, men assuming every part. When they make up for women they wear wigs and put blocks of wood under their feet to counterfeit the proper walk of ladies swaying along on their "Golden Lillies," as the Chinese hood-like feet a Chinese woman spends years of torture in obtaining.

There are numerous traveling theatrical companies in China, and these generally pitch their tents in the temple courts, thus affording the peo-



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## PROPER POISES

Refined, Healthful Manner of Walking.

As a rule women do not enjoy walking, and in consequence they deny themselves exercise and fresh air.

It is not always a lack of strength of the leg muscles, nor is it a lack of time that makes women shrink from long walks. In most cases the trouble can be traced to a lack of knowledge of body carriage.

In some cases it is ill-fitting shoes. Get a shoe to fit your foot. Don't fit your foot to the shoe!

In selecting footwear for street, secure that which will enable you to walk with comfort—no sloping heels, nor thin soles. Neither must they be too large.

The following exercises and suggestions will aid in attaining a proper body poise for walking as well as strengthening the leg muscles.

In illustration No. 1 we have the proper poise of the body for rapid walking for health exercise. The head should be held well erect, but the chin should not project. The neck should remain free from tension.

To walk correctly the most important point to observe is the elevation of the chest. It is not necessary to pay especial attention to throwing the shoulders back—many carry this to extreme—simply lift your chest and leave your shoulders alone; they will take care of themselves. In lifting the chest to the utmost the lungs acquire their full capacity.

In regard to the capacity of the lungs, a few suggestions concerning the manner of breathing would be timely. The breath should never be taken with a gasp, but should be full and deep; in so doing the movements of the muscles can be felt just below the stomach, which demonstrates that when starting out for a walk the clothing should be loose, allowing free play of the abdominal and waist muscles.

Many people use the upper part of the lungs only, which is the cause of many ills.

In walking, the arms should swing easily from the shoulders, hanging lifelessly at the sides, and not bending at the elbow (see illustration No. 1); and, above all, not held tightly, with elbows pressed against the sides or thrust back of the body.

Illustration No. 2 shows the position many slow walkers assume, especially if deeply engrossed in thought. This is a wrong position at any time, for when the head is held forward so constantly it is almost impossible to straighten it, and a stooped appearance is the result, the breathing is interfered with, and may result in other complications.

One should remember that when walking for exercise, all concentration of thought and care should be thrown aside and the head held erect to enjoy the beauty of nature, for variety of thought is as necessary as variety of motion.

Bad Position for Walking.

Decorative Effects for Luncheon and Dinner Parties.

Decorative place cards for luncheons and dinners have never been offered in greater variety. Standing cards outnumber cards designed to lie flat upon the tablecloth. A new French device in metal comes for holding the cards erect.

Among the most popular of the standing cards are those representing young women and men cut out in paper doll fashion and tinted in water color. A Gibson girl holding a long flower box in her arms is one of the newer cards.

Watteau and colonial figures predominate. Dancing figures and young girls dressed as flowers make a favorite theme. For a dinner to be followed by bridge there come kings and queens sketched from playing cards.

Hand-painted Japanese place cards are a novelty. Sets of cards show Japanese landscapes. These scene cards are comparatively inexpensive. Each one is a finished picture.

Flour Sack Center Piece.

Take a flour sack, large or small, and be careful in ripping so as not to tear it. Make one row of hemstitching an inch wide, allowing a hem two inches wide. If more rows of hemstitching are made the centerpiece will be more attractive. Go over this hemstitching and finish it with the three thread stitch. In the corner are spaces left by the hem-stitching, and it is best to fill them, so they will not be so bare. In order to fill them make a spider web in each one of these spaces. If wanted you can stitch some fancy work in the center. This makes a pretty and attractive centerpiece costing nothing but the work, it also launders nicely.

A New Mascot.

A new mascot has just been introduced. It is a bar of gold in which is set the tooth of a wolf or that of a badger, which, when highly polished, looks like a piece of ivory or white coral. It is a very old superstition that connects the wearing of an animal's tooth with immunity from bad luck, and the newly revived talisman will take its place among the various other mascots already worn with a historical reputation in its favor.

Walking Dress in Brown and Checked Linen.

FINE TUCKED MALINE NET.

Material is Largely Taking Place of Lace and Chiffon.

For yokes, collars and cuffs fine tucked maline net is now used to no small extent, and even threatens to temporarily take the place of silk lace and chiffon in yokes and separate gumpies. This net is, of course, unusually fine and cheap, so that it is delightfully cool to wear, besides from an economical standpoint being a great advantage in that it can be replaced whenever soiled at far less expense than when a costly lace yoke must be replenished. A lining of chiffon and mousseline de soie is necessary in this thin net yoke and collar in order to keep the soft net from pulling out of shape and tearing.

Trimmings.

Soutache braid as a trimming is coming back to the greatest popularity, while gold braid, so much used last fall, is still being used on the newest dresses. Ordinary lace, such as valenciennes, or mechin, is now run with gold or silver threads or adorned with fancy stitches.

Public Inspection Invited

FROM 8 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

SATURDAYS

LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

This sign is permanently attached to the front of the main building of the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company, Lynn, Mass.

What Does This Sign Mean?

It means that public inspection of the Laboratory and methods of doing business is honestly invited. It means that there is nothing about the business which is not "open and above-board."

It means that a permanent invitation is extended to anyone to come and verify any and all statements made in the advertisements of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Is it a purely vegetable compound made from roots and herbs—without drugs?

Come and See.

Do the women of America continually use as much of it as we are told? Come and See.

Was there ever such a person as Lydia E. Pinkham, and is there any Mrs. Pinkham now to whom sick women are asked to write? Come and See.

Is the vast private correspondence with sick women conducted by women only, and are the letters kept strictly confidential? Come and See.

Have they really got letters from over one million, one hundred thousand women correspondents? Come and See.

Have they proof that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured thousands of these women? Come and See.

This advertisement is only for doubters. The great army of women who know from their own personal experience that no medicine in the world equals Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for female ills will still go on using and being benefited by it; but the poor doubting, suffering woman must, for her own sake, be taught confidence, for she also might just as well regain her health.

## THE CALL OF THE SOIL.

DAYS OF FINANCIAL STRESS MAKE FARM LANDS LOOK RICH.

A staff contributor of a western newspaper has taken up the question of the return to the farm of many who had forsaken it for the glitter of the city. He says: "It is a well known fact that the history of this Government shows that those men who have been most successful in life and who have left their impress upon its people and its institutions as statesmen, soldiers, financiers—have as a rule been those whose youth was spent on the farm, and it is to such as these that there comes with overmastering power THE CALL OF THE SOIL. More especially does it come with redoubled persuasiveness, greater power and sweeter pleading to the man of affairs when the clouds of financial unrest begin to darken the sky; when the cry of panic causes people to lose their wits and act like stampeded cattle; when with reason or without reason there arises before him the specter of ruin, grinning in his face and waving its gaunt arms in threatening gesticulation.

The pitiable state into which some men were brought by the recent financial flurry, which happily is now passed, suggests these reflections. Some were ruined and a very few became insane because of their losses. Two or three took their own lives.

It is when such times come that the statesman, the great financier, and the man of affairs becomes tired of the struggle. He lays down his pen, turns from his desk and listens to the CALL OF THE SOIL.

There are hundreds of cases throughout the United States of those who have money in the banks and are looking for investment in lands. No investment is better or safer. Take, for instance, the lands in Western Canada that can be bought at from \$10 to \$15 per acre which yield a revenue equal to and often greater than their original cost. Those lands make a certain investment. During the past two months large investments in these lands have been made, some intending to use the lands for farming purposes of their own. Others to resell to farmer friends. The agents of the Government of Canada located at different points throughout the United States have in their possession particulars of districts in which there are free homestead grants of 160 acres each accessible to railways, markets, schools, churches, &c. These are valuable lands. These agents will be pleased to give information to any desirous of securing, and will tell all about the railway rates, &c.

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## THE CALL OF THE SOIL.

DAYS OF FINANCIAL STRESS MAKE FARM LANDS LOOK RICH.

A staff contributor of a western newspaper has taken up the question of the return to the farm of many who had forsaken it for the glitter of the city. He says: "It is a well known fact that the history of this Government shows that those men who have been most successful in life and who have left their impress upon its people and its institutions as statesmen, soldiers, financiers—have as a rule been those whose youth was spent on the farm, and it is to such as these that there comes with overmastering power THE CALL OF THE SOIL. More especially does it come with redoubled persuasiveness, greater power and sweeter pleading to the man of affairs when the clouds of financial unrest begin to darken the sky; when the cry of panic causes people to lose their wits and act like stampeded cattle; when with reason or without reason there arises before him the specter of ruin, grinning in his face and waving its gaunt arms in threatening gesticulation.

The pitiable state into which some men were brought by the recent financial flurry, which happily is now passed, suggests these reflections. Some were ruined and a very few became insane because of their losses. Two or three took their own lives.

It is when such times come that the statesman, the great financier, and the man of affairs becomes tired of the struggle. He lays down his pen, turns from his desk and listens to the CALL OF THE SOIL.

There are hundreds of cases throughout the United States of those who have money in the banks and are looking for investment in lands. No investment is better or safer. Take, for instance, the lands in Western Canada that can be bought at from \$10 to \$15 per acre which yield a revenue equal to and often greater than their original cost. Those lands make a certain investment. During the past two months large investments in these lands have been made, some intending to use the lands for farming purposes of their own. Others to resell to farmer friends. The agents of the Government of Canada located at different points throughout the United States have in their possession particulars of districts in which there are free homestead grants of 160 acres each accessible to railways, markets, schools, churches, &c. These are valuable lands. These agents will be pleased to give information to any desirous of securing, and will tell all about the railway rates, &c.

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