

Home Department.

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ing a needle, her aunt began:  
 "When I was in Georgia, last October, I saw a queer vine growing over the porch of an old negro's cabin. It looked like a pumpkin vine, with its great coarse leaves, and it had green, gourd like seed pods of fruit hanging all over it. I asked the old colored man, who was hoeing near by, about it, and he said, in surprise: 'Lawsy me! Didn' you neber heerd tell ob a disrag vine afore?'"

"'Dishrag!' I echoed.  
 "Yes, they grow disrags on 'em,' he answered. Then, pulling off one of the funny gourds, he cut it in two and showed me the matted fibres inside. It seems when these halves are dried in the sun, that they become something like a tough sponge.

"He seemed very proud of the fact that his wife had used one for a whole year and asked, in a tone half of pity and half of disgust, 'Does you all hab ter use er rag?' He was pitying me just as I was sorry for him! It was too funny to see him hobble off, shaking his head and laughing at a white woman who 'neber knowed nothin' 'bout dishrag vines!'"

"Will you bring me one next winter, aunt?" Margie asked.

"Do you want to wash my dishes with it?"

"N-no. I'd rather hem cloths, I believe; but I'd like to try it on my doll dresses."—Lee McCrae, in *Birds and Nature*.

PINEY WOODS

Healthful but Not Always Curative.

To go to the piney woods is a help, but if one carries along the bad habits of food and drink that have caused sickness, the piney woods will not produce a recovery.

Coffee drinking caused blindness in a Virginia gentleman, and his remarkable experience is worth reading. "I have been a coffee drinker since my earliest remembrance. If I missed coffee at a meal it brought on headache. This should have shown me that I was a victim to a drug habit. Finally, wakeful, restless nights came on. After dinner I was always drowsy and after sleeping would waken stupid and morbid, and felt as though I had been drugged, and when this feeling wore off nervousness and restlessness would set in until I drugged myself with coffee again.

At last my eyesight began to fail. Some of the best optical specialists agreed that I had an affliction of the optic nerve, and after two or three years' treatment my eyes slowly lost their power and I became almost sightless.

I was advised to go to a pine woods near the sea in a most isolated place. This I did and lived there for two years without any visible benefit. I gave up all hope of recovery until last spring a friend expressed the belief that the coffee I drank was the cause of all of my trouble. He had been a slave to it and had been unable to find relief until he quit and took up Postum Food Coffee.

His experience startled me and I decided to try the change although I had but little faith in its merits. My first cup of Postum proved delicious and was a great surprise. It was evidently well made. I had not the slightest trouble in leaving off coffee for the Postum filled its place perfectly.

During the past six months I have gained in flesh, my sallow complexion has become clear, and my eyesight gradually improved until now I am able to read and write. My mind is once more clear and active, and I no longer suffer from sleepless, nervous spells. You can imagine I feel grateful for my restoration." W. Harold Fenton, Brighton, Va.

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Weekly Press Forum.

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lieve in denying rights to others which they claim for themselves.

Tampa (Fla.) Herald: Over in Arkansas a big man licked a little editor on Monday. On Wednesday the editor was able to hobble out again, and his first act was to plant a bullet skillfully into the big man who had pounded him. And the big man was gathered unto his fathers. Arkansas is very crude.

Scottsborough (Ind.) Journal: When you hear a man boasting that the silver issue is dead and that the democratic party is to be reorganized, you make no mistake in marking him as a republican or as a gold democrat. They are both anxious that both these things be true. They never let an opportunity to mention the subject pass. The real issue for 1904 will appear in time and the democratic party will be well organized.

Anoka (Minn.) Free Press: "Anti-Bryan" democrats had a chance to size themselves up in the late Ohio election. They were buried a thousand feet under the ground. Yet they are the kind of democrats that make pretenses at being able to save the country from republican misrule by leading the democratic party to victory. In reality they are the kind of democrats that betray the country into the hands of the enemy every time.

Macomb (Ill.) Eagle: Will anybody say why men who build ships should have subsidies or grants of money from the treasury? Such subsidies or grants will all go to men already rich, for none except rich men have shipyards or are in the ship-building business. The farmer or the wage worker will build no ships. Why should they be taxed to increase the wealth of those who do build them or may build them—if the treasury can be tapped for the money?

Dyersville (Ia.) Commercial: The money question is a vital one and will never die, and the time will soon be at hand when the people will bitterly realize the utter failure of our present monetary system. They will realize in full capacity that the fiat money issued by the money trust is not what it should be, and that congress had no constitutional power to delegate to others the right of our government to issue currency and regulate the volume of the medium of exchange.

Bolivar (Tenn.) Free Press: The shipment of gold to and from this country from time to time shows that Wm. J. Bryan was right when he said that the republican system of finance had made gold nothing but a commodity and as such it is shipped in or out of this country whenever the money brokers of Wall and Lombard street can make money by such shipments. As we have always said the brokers in Wall street do not want a settled and perfect system of finances—their manipulations would then cease.

Doniphan (Mo.) Prospect-News: If opposition to principles are to be taken as proof that the principles are wrong, the first few cycles of the Christian era furnish abundant testimony of the fallacy of the religion of the Son of God. We do not believe that's true, however; nor do we believe two defeats of the principles enunciated by the Chicago and Kansas City platforms are, by any means, conclusive evidence that those principles are wrong. And, most assuredly, we are not in favor of abandoning right principles to court popularity or to secure political victory.

New Philadelphia (O.) Times: The Commoner advises debating club in school districts or in neighborhoods to discuss leading national questions. It is a good suggestion and we believe that if properly carried out there would be much good wrought out. There are many questions which people will not consider, in an unbiased manner, during the heated campaign, but during the quiet of the winter's nights they will listen to reason and argument. If Mr. Bryan's suggestion takes root we do not believe that there will be so many advocates of the dollar, but we do believe that humanity will have more defenders and that would be a desirable result.

Dayton (Wash.) Courier-Press: The present tariff was shaped largely according to the demands of the interests that had furnished a great part of the republican campaign fund. The cattle trust gave more than a million dollars to that fund on the express condition that the duty on hides, which had been off for many years, should be reimposed if the republicans should gain control of all branches of the government. The contract was carried out and a tax upon every household and every individual in the land was the result. It was a mighty good bargain for the cattle trust, and there have been many other instances of such deals in which the masses of the people were the victims.

Bloomfield (Ind.) Democrat: The people of Minnesota and North Dakota are alarmed over the recent consolidation of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern into a monster trust. They fear the huge combination was formed for the purpose of circumventing and overriding the state laws and they are calling upon the governors of those states to convene the legislatures and pass laws forbidding corporations chartered in New Jersey and other states from doing business in their jurisdictions, unless legally authorized under the laws of those states. We are afraid it is too late, dear people of Minnesota and North Dakota. You have sinned away your day of grace. The time to have acted was in 1896, when Bryan was a candidate for president. Then you could have done something effective by putting in power men who were in sympathy with the people and whose efforts would have been directed to destroying the trusts or preventing them from springing up and swallowing up the country. But you voted to put in power the friends of the trusts and you are getting just what you voted for. You have no right to kkek. You must take your medicine.

THE FIRSTBORN.

Why is it that the firstborn child is so often the healthiest of a family of children? The reason seems to suggest itself. As child follows child the mother has less and less vitality; often not enough for herself and none, therefore, for her child.

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American Presidents.

Two presidents of the United States were elected by the whig party during the twenty-five years of its existence as an organization. These were William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor. Both died in office. The republican party, which succeeded the whig party, has elected in forty-one years six presidents—Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison and McKinley. Three of these—Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley—were assassinated. This is a startling and a tragic record. The democratic party has been in existence 110 years. During half that period it has been in power in the nation. It elected nine presidents of the United States—Messrs. Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Van Buren, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan and Cleveland. Five of these, namely, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson and Cleveland, served two terms each. Of the entire nine democratic presidents elected in 110 years not one died in office. It is worthy of note also that the only ex-president living is a democrat.—Boston Republic.

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