



### Why Was It

That Ayer's Sarsaparilla, out of the great number of similar preparations manufactured throughout the world, was the only medicine of the kind admitted at the World's Fair, Chicago? And why was it that, in spite of the united efforts of the manufacturers of other preparations, the decision of the World's Fair Directors was not reversed?

#### BECAUSE

According to RULE 15—"Articles that are in any way dangerous or offensive, also patent medicines, nostrums, and empirical preparations, whose ingredients are concealed, will not be admitted to the Exposition," and, therefore—

Because Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine, not a nostrum, and not a secret preparation.

Because its proprietors had nothing to conceal when questioned as to the formula from which it is compounded.

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#### He Was a Mind Reader.

"Mister," said the man with dejected clothing but a blythesome air, "you're the proprietor of this hotel, aren't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, I want to put you on to a good thing."

"What is it?"

"Me. I'll give you a chance ter let me work for ye. I'll take a position as clerk or cashier or anything; I don't care. I'm a prize, I am, an' I ain't hard ter please."

"But I don't need you. The places are all filled and you wouldn't suit anyhow."

"Wouldn't suit! Dat shows yer don't know me specialty."

"What's that?"

"I'm a mind reader. All I do is ter wave me hands in front of a guest an' look in his eyes, an' I kin' tell just how much money he has on him. An' de man dat makes out de bill does de rest."

—Washington Star.

#### Rapid Growth of Fungi.

The rapidity with which many, if not all, fungi grow baffles calculation; the great puffball, Lycoperdon giganteum, will grow as large as a peck measure in forty-eight hours, and specimens of Agaricus campestris have developed from the button—of the size of a pea—to a mushroom as large as a coffee saucer in a night. But this great increase is not actual growth; these species are many weeks forming under the surface of the ground; their cells are small and closely packed. When the proper degree of moisture and heat around this incipient fungus coincide, it rapidly absorbs moisture and, stimulated by the heat, swells to its full size in a few hours.—Boston Transcript.

#### Her Ideal.

Slimpurs—You say you are not in love with any one else, but you are in love with an ideal. Perhaps I can in time approach that ideal. Miss Beanti (regretfully)—I'm afraid not. He is a character in the "Arabian Nights." Everything he touched turned to gold.

#### A Truthful Boy.

Mrs. De Fad (in bric-a-brac shop)—You have a beautiful collection of antiques here. New Boy—Yes'm, we have all the latest novelties.

#### Pitcher's Castoria. Children Cry for

#### Every Man Who Is Dissatisfied

with his surroundings—who wants to better his condition in life—who knows that he can do so if given half a chance, should write to J. Francis, Omaha, Neb., for a copy of a little book recently issued by the Passenger Department of the Burlington Route.

It is entitled "A New Empire" and contains 32 pages of information about Sheridan County and the Big Horn Basin, Wyoming, a veritable

#### Land of Promise,

towards which the eyes of thousands are now hopefully turned.

#### MR. NOONAN'S BIG NUGGET.

It Is Worth \$500 and Was Found in a Heap of Tailings.

Mr. Martin Noonan, a Coeur d'Alene mining man, arrived in this city from Delta, Idaho, the other day with a \$500 gold nugget in his pocket, says the Oregonian. Mr. Noonan has had nearly forty years' experience as a placer miner and prospector all over the west and although, like the far-famed Reuben Glue, his countenance is ornamented at the lower end by a little bunch of whiskers, there the similitude closes, for, unlike Reuben, Mr. Noonan really knows a thing or two. Mr. Noonan exhibited his big nugget to several persons yesterday. They viewed it with great curiosity and wondered if it were really possible that so large a sum could represent the value of so small a chunk of quartz and yellow metal. It was about as large and much resembled in shape a fair-sized Bartlett pear. A quantity of dirty-looking quartz was mixed up with it and its rounded sides betrayed its origin in a bed of gravel.

"There's too much quartz in it to be worth so much," said a bystander. "You can tell nothing by the looks of a nugget how much it is worth," said another bystander, who looked like a miner himself. "You can only tell by hefting it, you see, and judging by the apparent weight of this, it is worth fully \$500."

"It weighs just 27 1-2 ounces," said Mr. Noonan, "and what quartz there is in it won't weigh much. It was rather odd how this here nugget came to be found. It lay in a heap of coarse tailings for five years before some one happened to pick it up. You see, it was forced out of the sluice box along with other rocks usually forked out to keep the box from being obstructed. The man that forked it out probably didn't notice its extra weight or it would have been found much sooner."

"How often can a man pick up stones like this in the Coeur d'Alene country?"

"Well, I don't know. It isn't exactly like digging potatoes in the Snake River valley. I have been looking for nuggets of all sizes for thirty-seven years, and this is a good deal the biggest I have yet found. This one came from Trail gulch, near Delta, Idaho, and I have worked around that camp eleven years without seeing any others like this."

#### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Opportune Appearance of a Man Who Was Supposed to Be Murdered.

A hanging was once averted in Hall county, this state, in a thrilling manner, says Atlanta Constitution. A man was murdered for his money, it was thought. He disappeared, and, after a long search, only a skeleton was found. There were circumstances pointing to another man as the perpetrator of the awful deed. The clue was taken up and one by one the links in the chain of convicting evidence were discovered. He was placed on trial, convicted and sentenced. The day for the hanging came. People by the thousands came to see a human being swung off into eternity. The black cap was placed over the victim's face, and in five minutes the tragedy would have been over. Just then a tall mountaineer, who had been attracted to the hanging along with the crowd, stepped upon the scaffold and a brief colloquy between him and the sheriff ensued. The tall mountaineer was the man who had disappeared and whose death was about to be avenged by the law.

#### General Mission of England.

In a recent article the London Times undertakes to enlighten the world as to the general mission of England. The argument is to the effect that the British empire is a commercial nation of vast extent, and that its maritime trade is the real circulatory system of the whole civilized world. England must maintain her supremacy upon all seas and punish her enemies by blockading their fleets. The Times is opposed to giving up anything held by England and believes that it controls the situation with its present fleet of 430 warships and 220 torpedo boats, equal to the navies of France and Russia combined. The article does not touch on the comparative smallness of the population of England. It is assumed that sea power is the key to the situation and that when Great Britain ceases to be first in this respect the days of its dominion will be numbered. In case of war with England, therefore, the United States must prepare to have its navy wiped off the sea and its ports blockaded, unless something unforeseen by the Times spoils the program.

#### A Sensible Fad.

If you are an engaged girl, of course you have started a "medley trunk." Don't you know what a "medley trunk" is? It is the latest fad, and a very sensible one, too. As soon as the engagement is announced, the bride-to-be buys a trunk, the larger the better and then her friends and acquaintances at once proceed to fill it for her. One donates a fine tablecloth and napkins another a bureau cover or a couple of pairs of gloves, and so it goes on, gradually filling up with odds and ends the gifts of generous friends, until at last when the wedding day has actually arrived, there is a varied but valuable assortment in the medley trunk that puts some of the utterly useless offerings that will be stored away in safe deposit vaults completely to shame.

#### A Lightning Phonographer.

Business Man—Can you write short hand? Applicant—Yes, sir. "How many words a minute?" "I never counted 'em; but the other day, when my wife found in my overcoat pocket a letter which she gave me to mail last fall, I took down every word she uttered as fast as she said them." "You'll do."

—New York Weekly.

#### A QUICK LUNCH FOR EIGHTEEN.

Business Man's Philanthropy Abused but He Offered No Rebuke.

There is a restaurant in Nassau street that is maintained solely by a "quick-lunch" trade, and every afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the hour of closing approaches a group of little boys and girls with small baskets gather at the door and wait patiently until the manager allows them to enter and receive their share of the sandwiches, cakes and rolls that are left over, says the New York Herald. One afternoon last week a well-dressed business man who evidently had been too busy to lunch earlier, dropped into the place for a cup of coffee about five minutes before the business closed. The pang of his own appetite probably strengthened his sympathy and deepened his compassion for the thin, eager faces of the three little boys who stood at the doorway and he asked them to join him in a lunch. The invitation was accepted with alacrity and the pleasure they displayed in devouring the first sandwiches he placed before them made him feel that he was purchasing his delight very cheaply, so he asked one of the boys if he did not know of any of his friends in the neighborhood who might be hungry. The urchin thus addressed gulped a reply in the affirmative and with a half-eaten sandwich in his hand disappeared through the door. In less than two minutes he returned. He had only gone as far as Theater alley, just around the corner, and exactly fourteen ragged and hungry boys were the result of his mission. As they struggled through the door in his wake the eyes of the host almost started from his head in amazement, but he wasn't going to disappoint a single boy, especially as he had prompted the invitation which had been so ruthlessly abused. As soon as he caught his breath he ordered sandwiches and coffee all around and then completed the happiness of his unexpected and surprised but delighted guests by ordering pie. When the last crusts disappeared and the cups had been drained to the last drop the boys began to express their appreciation verbally.

"Much obliged, mister," sung out half a dozen in unison.

"Boss, yer er bird," chirped a dirty-faced gamin with two evening newspapers under his arm. "Any time yer want a palper off'n me it won't cost yer a red."

So the comments ran. With a very large smile the business man pulled out a roll of bills and paid \$2.75 to the cashier. For the first time in the history of the restaurant there was nothing left over that afternoon.

#### BOTH WANT THE CHILD.

Religion Causes a San Jose Wife to Leave Her Husband.

Mrs. James Clearwater, who came to this city from Los Angeles recently, took her 9-year-old daughter, Perley, this afternoon from the possession of Mrs. L. Vincent, who was given charge of the child by the father, says a San Jose, Ca., special. The police were appealed to to secure the return of the child, but they refused to interfere in the matter. The parties were not divorced, but separated last May. For three years there had been trouble in the family over religion. Clearwater claims that his wife, after becoming a Seventh-Day Adventist, left him. An elder and preacher in the church named Saunders, it is claimed, told her it was a sin to live with her husband because he was not a believer. Last May, after a camp meeting excitement at Oakland, Mrs. Clearwater left her husband and went to Los Angeles.

#### A Magnifying Show Window.

One of the most extraordinary devices for attracting custom on record was that of a fruiterer in a Midland town in England. Instead of the ordinary plate glass a large number of rough magnifying glasses formed the window. Seen through one of these panes an orange looked as large as a pumpkin and cherries as large as apples. A great disadvantage attached to this novelty was the fact that at a distance of a few yards from the window it was quite impossible to see into the shop. Everybody knows that you must hold a magnifying glass very close to the eye to see anything through it. Nevertheless, for some time, at all events, the enterprising proprietor did a roaring trade.

#### New Women in Boston.

Mrs. Brown—It's funny, but I meet you wherever I go.

Mrs. White—Yes; fact is, my husband is right in the midst of his housecleaning and I am willing to go anywhere to escape from the atmosphere of soap-suds and deluges of hot water. I really believe he is crazy on the subject of housecleaning.

Mrs. Brown—That's just the way with Mr. Brown. It's perfectly awful. I haven't been near the house for a week.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Anna Gage, wife of Ex-Deputy U. S. Marshal, Columbus, Kan., says:



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#### EDITOR MEDILL'S COMMENT.

When He Looked Over the Brilliant Array of His Newspaper Workers.

The venerable Joseph Medill, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, and than whom no wiser editor ever walked the quarterdeck of a great daily, spends most of his time in California, where he has divers and various possessions of a fruit plantation sort. In his absence the paper is under the controlling guidance of Managing Editor Van Benthuyssen. Among his other emphatic editorial traits, Medill has the one of frugality. He likes not waste and extravagance. Recently Medill returned to Chicago on a brief visit. The men on the Tribune force, as told to a writer for the Star, concluded as an evidence of the respect and veneration which they felt for their ripe old chief, to give Medill a reception at the Newspaper club. Van Benthuyssen had the celebration most in command, and that night beneath the central chandelier he stood with Medill and introduced to him the Tribune young men, as one by one they filed by and shook the old editor's hand.

"Do all of these splendid young men work on the Tribune?" asked Medill in his simple, genuine way, as the sixty-seventh suited gentleman gave his hand a South Clark street grip and passed on.

"They do, Mr. Medill," replied Van Benthuyssen proudly, "they do. And I can assure you sir, that a better or more competent set of newspaper men never took an assignment in Chicago."

"No doubt of it," said Medill, in a musing far-away tone, "no doubt of it, whatever. I can see it in their faces. But I'll tell you, Van," and here the old editor's far-away look faded, while a brighter and exceedingly fine-siecle expression supplanted it, "tomorrow you and I had better take a look over the pay roll."

#### THE PRINTING BUSINESS.

In England the Number of Learners is Still Ahead of Other Trades.

So many people appear to believe that there is no money in the printing business, and that, owing to the introduction of type-setting machines, compositors must turn their attention to something else, it is quite refreshing to learn from an English contemporary that, "notwithstanding the intermittent and desultory nature of a compositor's occupation, it still seems to be a favorite one with a great many parents, who no doubt consider it all couleur de rose. According to a return just issued by the London school board out of a number of scholars passing through the schools it was ascertained that the lads were destined for occupations as follows: Printers, 625; grocers, 257; greengrocers, 245; bakers, 202; engineers, 179; carpenters, 148; plumbers, 123; hairdressers, 120; drapers, 95; butchers, 21. Printers head the list by a considerable number.

#### Dresses Made of Aluminum.

Some new fabrics are now being produced, the novel feature of which consists in weaving or intertwining threads of aluminum, or alloys of it with the material used, in many cases employing that metal alone, for the purpose of making the cloth. It is claimed that the cloth made wholly or partly of this material will be free from chemical action, as few substances affect it. An attractive lustre is obtained, which renders the fabric very ornamental, and there is the additional advantage of the metal being equally applicable to the finest fabrics and to the heaviest. The wire or threads can be drawn to any degree of fineness, so that it may be employed in combination with silk, linen, and the like—it may also be drawn round, flat, or in any other form convenient for wearing.—Sun.

#### WOMEN TREATED FREE.

Female Troubles Treated Free by Correspondence by the Renowned Dr. Hartman.

Dr. Hartman, the renowned gynecologist, has announced his willingness to direct the treatment of as many cases of female trouble as make application to him during the summer months, without charge. The treatment will be conducted by correspondence. The doctor will prescribe all medicines, applications, hygienic and dietary regulations necessary to complete a cure. The medicines prescribed can be obtained at all drug-stores. This offer will hold good only during the summer months.

And woman can become a regular patient by sending a wait'n statement of her age, history and symptoms of her derangement and condition of life. All cases of female diseases, including menstrual irregularities, displacements, ulcerations, inflammations, tumors and dropsy of the abdomen, should apply at once and become registered as regular patients. All correspondences will be strictly confidential. No testimonials of cures will be given to the public except by the express wish of the patient.

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