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### PICKED UP FRESH.

The more bad habits the average man has the better he seems to enjoy life.

A man always knows how to govern his wife, but the trouble is she won't let him do it.

When a woman has nothing else to wish for she begins to wish that her husband was different.

Business is business, unless the customer happens to be a woman, and then it becomes strategy.

There are wives who drive their husbands to drink, and there are lots of husbands who would like to have just such wives.

An exchange wants to know what has become of Bryan? Might as well ask what has become of Benedict Arnold and Jefferson Davis.

A crazy man escaped from the asylum in Missouri and after a two days search the authorities found him sitting on a jury in the court.

A great many times during the day a business man becomes convinced that he is paying telephone rent to hear his clerks make dates.

Every time some women and girls get in front of a looking glass and scrub they realize how much they owe to face bleach, powder and paint.

A Chicago girl's awkward fall from her wheel led to her getting a husband. Many other young wheel women will doubtless tumble to the trick at once.

Husbands should remember that a kiss or a hug administered to the cook in the morning—no matter who she may be—generally insures a good dinner.

The fellow that tries to kill himself because some sweet ducky of a girl has fooled him, has not the slightest conception of the old phrase "there are others."

A learned doctor gives it as his opinion that tight lacing is a great public benefit, because it kills off the foolish girls and leaves the wise only to be women.

There was a time when boys went to college to acquire an education. They now go to play football, smoke cigarettes, chew "tobackey" and acquire other like accomplishments.

A correspondent wants to know what United States senators get? They get \$5,000 per year, clerk hire, mileage, free passes, profits on sugar stock, garden seeds and free drinks as a rule.

After all, it is doubtful if it is not a waste of time to teach the girls Latin and Greek. They generally get a common place husband and then get abused all the rest of their lives because they can't cook.

The most pitiful thing at a church social is to see an "old girl" who has been laboring for the Lord for years and who has probably baked most of the cakes and did more than her share of the work for the occasion, have to sit at one of the rear tables and eat alone.

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And now comes the news that the Pure Food Company of Chicago has failed. The reason assigned was that it was impossible for the pure food company to succeed without a little sand in the sugar, ammonia in the baking powder, chicory in the coffee, dead flies in the currants, worms in the peaches, wooden nutmegs and cold vinegar.

There's no use talking, this old world isn't at all like a novel. In novels when a girl gets sick she gets pale and big eyed, and looks like an angel in a white, loose thing that might be a wrapper—and might not be. In real life she has a red nose, swelled eyes, her hair is out of crimp, she has a red flannel rag tied around her neck, and a faded calico dress on, so that the turpentine and goose grease on her chest won't hurt if they soak through, and if you get near enough to kiss her you can smell quinine and ipecac all day.

He—"These weddings are a bore! Don't you think so?" She—"I don't know. I've never wried one."—Town Topics.

Lawyer—"Do you swear the collision raised the entire car?" Witness—"Well, it raised everything but the windows."—Judge.

Mrs. Oateake (reading newspaper)—"There are 15,000 Poles in Philadelphia." Farmer Oateake—"Gosh! what a place to raise beans!"—Philadelphia Record.

Dismal Dawson—"Oh, well, the pore man can't choose his lot, as the feller says." Everett Wreast—"No; but he has to take a lot he don't choose."—In...

### PERSISTENCE OF LIFE.

Delicate Animal and Plant Forms That Can Survive Great Extremes.

While the great changes of temperature to which the surface of the earth is subjected are undoubtedly inimical to many living things, yet investigations have shown a surprising ability on the part of seemingly delicate animal and plant forms to survive and defy such changes. It has been discovered, for instance, that the seeds of many garden and field plants which find their way into the River Thames not only survive a long immersion in the water, but are not even killed by the cold after being enclosed in ice for twenty days.

Mr. H. B. Guppy, who has studied this special subject, says that "some seeds will develop the first leaves during the daily thaw, while locked in the ice at night."

Looking in the opposite direction it has been found that in the hot springs of the Yellowstone park, and in other hot spring waters, water plants thrive at a temperature as high as 185 degrees, only 27 degrees below the temperature of boiling water.

Some micro-organisms also exhibit a remarkable adaptability to temperature. Several different species of bacteria examined in Germany, part obtained from sea-water and part from the soil, could be cultivated at the temperature of freezing as well as at a temperature of 68 degrees. Other similar organisms have been found which flourish at a temperature of 158 degrees, although some of them are apparently not incriminated by so comparatively low a temperature as 59 degrees. This gives them a living range of one hundred degrees.

Man himself, perhaps, furnishes the most striking example of the power to withstand alternations of heat and cold. No climate has yet proved to be absolutely unendurable by man, though, of course, he has an advantage peculiar to himself in his intellectual ingenuity and manual skill, which enables him to provide various defenses and mitigations that aid him effectually in his contests with nature.—Youth's Companion.

### NEED OF THE POET.

The Laws of the Mind Make Him an Important Factor.

It is impossible for men to live in the world without poetry or some sort of other. If they cannot get the best they will get some sort of substitute for it, and thus seem to verify the Augustinian slur that it is wisdom of devils, says James Russell Lowell in Century.

The mind bound down too closely to what is practical either becomes inert, or reverts itself, rushing into the savage wilderness of "isms." The insincerity of our civilization has disgusted some persons so much that they have sought refuge in Indian wigwags and found refreshment in taking a scalp now and then. Nature insists above all things upon balance. She contrives to maintain a harmony between the material and spiritual, nor allows the cerebrum an expansion as the cost of the cerebellum. If the character, for example, run on one side into religious enthusiasm, it is not unlikely to develop on the other a counterpoise of worldly prudence. Thus the Shaker and the Moravian are noted for their worst managers. Through all changes of condition and experience man continues to be a citizen of the world of ideas as well as the world of fact, and the tax gatherers of both are puny.

There is as much poetry as ever in the world if we only knew how to find it out, and as much imagination, perhaps, only that it takes a more prosaic direction. Every man who meets with misfortune, who is stripped of material prosperity, finds that he has a little outlying mountain farm of imagination, which did not appear in the schedule of his effects, on which his spirit is able to keep itself alive, though he never thought of it while he was fortunate. Job warns us to be a great poet as soon as his flocks and herds are taken away.

### SMUGGLING GOODS TO MEXICO.

Passing through Hudson street recently with a friend, says a New York Herald writer, I chanced to pass the establishment of a firm of "folders and repackers" of dry goods. Before the door were a hundred or more little bales of goods, bearing odd markings, but showing that they were destined for a firm in Texas, doing business in a town near the Mexican line.

"Do you know," asked my companion, "why these goods are put up in such small packages?"

Upon replying in the negative he continued: "They are to be smuggled across the Mexican line. The goods are purchased in their original packages and delivered here. The wooden boxes are discarded and the goods subjected to hydraulic pressure and baled. Each bale contains about thirty pieces or half the number of an ordinary dry goods case.

"The goods are then shipped to Texas, and all marks removed. When all is arranged some night the little bales are slung across the backs of mules, two bales to each animal, and with an armed escort the train proceeds over the border to some distributing point in Mexico, where the goods are sold to Mexican traders at a good profit.

"Smuggling in this manner is quite extensively carried on between this country and Mexico, the United States getting in return for its dry goods, which are the most easily handled, cheap Mexican coffee and cigars. Of course there is a suspicion that the illicit traffic is known to the custom officers of both countries and connived at, but that would be a hard matter to prove."

OFFICIAL PERMITS, 1901.—Application for clearance permits for 1901 should be filed at the earliest possible date with the local agent of the B. & M. R. R.—J. FRANCIS, General Passenger Agent.

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### SORES AND ULCERS.

Sores and Ulcers never become chronic unless the blood is in poor condition—is sluggish, weak and unable to throw off the poisons that accumulate in it. The system must be relieved of the unhealthy matter through the sore, and great danger to life would follow should it heal before the blood has been made pure and healthy and all impurities eliminated from the system. S. S. S. begins the cure by first cleansing and invigorating the blood, building up the general health and removing from the system a CONSTANT DRAIN all morbid, UPON THE SYSTEM.

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State of Nebraska, in Webster County, in the County Court of Webster County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Alexander G. Willis, deceased.

Now on this 20th day of November, 1900, came R. M. Cochran, executor of said estate and filed his final account as such executor, and a verified petition praying for a final settlement and allowance of said account as filed, and for an order of distribution.

It is therefore ordered that the 29th day of December, 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the county judge in said county and state, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for hearing said petition and examining and allowing said accounts, and the heirs of said deceased, and all persons interested in said estate are requested to appear at the time and place so designated, and show cause, if any exists, why said account should not be allowed.

It is further ordered that said executor give notice to all persons interested in said estate of the time and place fixed for examining, allowing and settling said account by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Red Cloud Courier, a weekly newspaper printed and in general circulation in said county, for four consecutive weeks prior to the day set for said hearing. JAMES DUFFY, County Judge.

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