

Helen Keller is a Class Officer. Miss Helen Keller, the blind deaf mute, has just been elected vice president of the senior class at Radcliffe college, the woman's department of Harvard. She is pursuing four full courses, two in English and two in Latin. She has thus far passed all her examinations with as much credit as if she had all her faculties and is accomplishing more in scholarship than any other person in the world so handicapped.

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. WATSON & TUCKER, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKER, KEENE & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Quiet Reform.
Those interested in the fall elections would do well to take a look at an article in the November Everybody's if they are at all uncertain what a reform administration can accomplish. In "Reform that Reforms" Alfred Hodder tells specifically some of the changes for the public good that have been brought about in New York during the present administration—notably by the commissioners of health and charities. The quiet reforms of which the public does not hear are often the most significant—the stopping of a leak, accomplished, for example, by paying fifty cents of the public money for a gallon of alcohol in place of a former \$5.75; the rigid inspection of drugs and groceries to check adulteration. Reform may make its mistakes, but one is inclined to think that these are mistakes in an uncommonly good direction, after considering Mr. Hodder's facts.

Sensible Housekeepers
will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

If you stand around and wait for some one to shake the tree, you will never fill your sack.

There are some bluffs you can't afford to call.

The best men are always looking for the best ment.

The babyless go-cart is not yet in rogue.

ON THE "DUDE" TRAIN.

Johnny Drummer, Who is Side-Tracked to let the Limited Go By, Expresses His Sentiments Regarding That Superb Train.

"It has been my dream of joy supreme To ride in plush and velvet splendor Parlor car for a swell tallender Platform fenced with a swell brass fender On the Regular Limited Train

Electric bell right under your nose Porter to come and brush your clothes Grub in the diner the best that grows A downy bunk for a night's repose On the Regular Limited Train

Chorus
Biff! Bang! a mile a minute No other method of travel is in it I want to go ripping, skipping and zipping Away on the Limited Train."

These lines are not original with me. They are taken from a tuneful little ditty sung in George Ade's comedy, "Peggy from Paris." The jingle danced through my brain the other day as we lay on the siding at Prairie Junction, or some such place, to let the Santa Fe's west bound California Limited go by. It was a gorgeous train of palace cars, and behind the plate glass observation windows beauty and fashion and the luxuriant cushions, some violet, some reading, some pleasantly dozing, some making wreaths or cigar smoke, some gazing dreamily through the windows at the passing of cities, and fields, and forests and rivers.

I stood on the rear platform of the last car of our train and watched the California Limited as she faded away toward the golden west. And I thought of the difference between travel now and travel in the days of '49, when it took the gold-seeker half a long, weary year, filled with all kinds of hardship to travel the distance that is now covered in three days. I thought of the slowly moving wagons, the dust, the stones, the jolting, the thirst, the hunger, the homesickness, the snail-like crossing of plains, the laborious climbing of mountains, the weary dragging weeks, the never ending trail.

In these palaces that had just glided by were people going to the same place to spend the winter months where the climate is perpetual summer. And they were not to endure a single hardship on the journey. When night came they were to lie in beds whose soft embrace makes sleep a luxury—and in the day time the velvet cushions of their seats were to be made deeper still by pillows—and they were to spend a delightful part of their time in the gilded and glittering dining car, where every dainty that ever tickled the palate is enticingly served—in short, they were to have on the trip all the comforts of home—and of the best kind of home.

I stood there and watched them pass out of sight while my soul was consumed with envy. But I derived some consolation out of reasoning that sometime I, too, would see California, and I promised myself that if I ever did go there it would be over the Santa Fe.

"JOHNNY DRUMMER."

Every widow exaggerates her money.

Santa Claus in Larrigans

A BALLAD OF THE LUMBERING CAMPS By Holman F. Day

Dumphy had ducked the dough-boys—Dumphy had bucked at beans. For most of a week he wouldn't speak, but he chopped like four machines. He hadn't a word for no one, not even for me and Mike.

And whenever we spoke or tried to joke, he growled like a Chesny tyke. When Bill, the P. L., added, or Charley Canuck would jig, Dumphy would crawl to the dark o' the wall and sog there like a pig.



Daytime he chopped like fury—nighttime he hugged his bunk. —Physog as long as a boardin' house arm, and chawin' some bitter hunk. And the deacon-seat crowd it wondered, for we sartintly liked the lad, But he wouldn't let out what it all was about, though we saw he was havin' it bad.

Some allowed he was homesick, while others said 'twas wuss. For Tote-team Jake had heard at the lake that 'twas sort of a family fuss. If 'twas family fuss we were sorry—we wondered how it began.

And this as because young Dumphy was our only family man. Now family men, I don't care who, belong at home with their broods. —No hearts will ache nor grieve for sakes of us lonesome old chaps o' the woods.

Here's good health to ye, family man, Wherever ye've built your nest; Ye've more 'an your share of the good things, sut there!

We reckon it's all for the best. There's an arm for your neck and a kiss for your cheek When there's trouble ahead of your courage is weak, And comfort and courage and grit you will need, With a wife and some youngkers to house and to feed, God bless you with patience and peace and with goods, Is the very best wish of us men o' the woods, —Us lonesome old bachs of peavies and patches, Bills, Jimmies and Jacks, o' the Ax.

The cook he had hung a shoe-pac, the cookee hung one, too, And Larrigan Joe a sock with a toe—the only whole sock in the crew.

Some others hung sleeves and leggins —the boss hung a rubber boot— 'Twas Christmas eve, and we made believe. Jest the lark of a Christmas foot!



We hadn't thought of presents—why, the most of us never had hung A stockin' up at the chimney-side even when we were young. It was only a bit of foul'n, and a part of our ev'nin' plan Was a Santy Claus, and Dumphy was our only family man.

We dug him out of his blankets and hauled him out to the light. —His eyes were red with tears he had shed, but now he wanted to fight, And screaming a string of curses, he struck as he raved and swore, Floored Joe Lacrosse and the swampin's boss, and announced he was ready for more.

And it's wicked y'd better believe, When ye find that there's trouble piled heavy and double, On the poor little home that ye leave, There are sharks who are hungry when money is due, And a man is away in the woods with a crew; Shiver'n' babies and heart-broken wife Don't hinder the shylocks who're out with a knife. And the tear-spotted letter that cookee chucked and read Was writ from a poorhouse—and "baby was dead."

One after the other, we forty-five men, Kissed where the kisses were marked by her pen, Kissed on the smooches of little ones' smacks, —We lonesome old bachs of peavies and patches, Bills, Jimmies and Jacks o' the Ax.

Old Santy Claus, like other friends, had passed that poorhouse by. We looked to Dumphy's corner, where he curled with buried head, But his grief and tears stopped eyes and ears to all we did or said.

"Dang rat the man that's secret," growled the boss, "but others can be jest as clus' as that secret cuss, our only family man."

Then boss he fetched a pen-stock and thawed the yaller ink, And he scratchity-scratchity a writin' and he wunk a swishy wink; He whispered, "There's an order for thirty days o' my pay; If the rest of ye's men ye'll take that pen and do a stunt my way."

We fought to get that pen-stock, and them as couldn't write They had the boss attest their cross to make their writin' tight. When all had made their papers, he stacked a reglar dome.

Says he, "It's done! Less rum and fun, but boys, there lays a HOME!" Then he clinched his fist and muttered as he turned to Long-gear'd Mike, "Ye're Santy Claus for us, because ye've got the legs to hike."

Take snowshoes to the carry, catch tote-lean to North Twin, Then huff it again to strike the train and cash them orders in. Then stiver it to that poorhouse where she has said they be— Ye're startin' NOW, and we don't allow for sleep nor stop-offs—see! It's a blame dark night, but ye're startin' NOW, and if for any cause Them babies cry termorrer night, Gawd help ye, Santy Claus!"

Here's a good health to ye, family man, From the depth of our hearts and the woods; Boughs for our bunks and salt boss in junk And a very light load of world's goods.

Keep your neck near the arms and your cheek near the kias, And never come here to the troubles o' this. God bless ye with plenty and strength to the arm That shelters the wife and the babies from harm. We've tasted of life and we know what it lacks— We lonesome old bachs of peavies and patches, Bills, Jimmies and Jacks o' the Ax.

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But no one was 'specially anxious and we backed away, because Good will to men was not jest then in the eye of our Santy Claus.

The boss was a-thinkin' to swat him, but allowed he had better not. For 'twas trouble bad that Dumphy had, whatever it was he'd got. So back in his bunk he butted—unsocial kind of a goat— While our pryn' cookee was takin' a look at a letter that dropped from his coat.

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ADMIRAL SCHLEY ENDORSES PE-RU-NA.

Pe-ru-na Drug Co., Columbus, Ohio: *Gentlemen: "I can cheerfully say that Mrs. Schley has taken Pe-ru-na and I believe with good effect."* W. S. SCHLEY.—Washington, D. C.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY, one of the foremost notable heroes of the Nineteenth Century. A name that starts terror in the heart of every Spaniard. A man of steady nerve, clear head, undaunted courage and prompt decision. Approached by a friend recently, his opinion was asked as to the efficacy of Peruna, the national catarrh remedy. Without the slightest hesitation he gave this remedy his endorsement. It appeared on later conversation that Peruna has been used in his family, where it is a favorite remedy. Such endorsements serve to indicate the wonderful hold that Peruna has upon the minds of the American people. It is out of the question that so great and famous a man as Admiral Schley could have any other reason for giving his endorsement to Peruna than his positive conviction that the remedy is all that he says it is. The fact is that Peruna has overcome all

opposition and has won its way to the hearts of the people. The natural timidity which so many people have felt about giving endorsements to any remedy is giving way. Gratitude and a desire to help others has inspired thousands of people to give public testimonials for Peruna who heretofore would not have consented to such publicity.

Never before in the annals of medicine it happened that so many men of national and international reputation have been willing to give unqualified and public endorsements to a proprietary remedy. No amount of advertising could have accomplished such a result. Peruna has won on its own merits. Peruna cures catarrh of whatever phase or location in the human body. That is why it receives so many notable and unique endorsements.

Address The Peruna Drug M'fg Co., Columbus, Ohio, for free literature on catarrh.

Ask Your Druggist for free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1904.

A young man lately attended a party, and on his return home complained to his father that a girl sat on his lap.

The well earned reputation and increasing popularity of the Lewis' "Single Binder," straight 5c cigar, is due to the maintained high quality and appreciation of the smoker. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

The toasts at a banquet often make it a case of "stuff and nonsense." A full dress suit is especially full on a tipsy fat man.

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of Defiance Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch.

Too many high balls will lead you to the "three balls."

Debt is the hangman's noose around prosperity.

Beauty is skin deep, and few have thick skins.

To cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Making Glass.
The art of making glass was introduced into Japan about one hundred and fifty years ago by a Hollander, who settled at Osaka. For several generations the knowledge of the process was confined to a single family, and it was not until about 1879 that the general employment of coal, instead of charcoal, and the construction of brick chimneys enabled the manufacturers to introduce improvements which placed the industry on a substantial basis. Osaka has continued to be the center of the industry, and now manufactures for export, besides supplying the home demand.

An Electric Printing Apparatus.
Berlin will soon have an electric distance printing apparatus as an adjunct to the telephone. Through the contract with the postoffice department, of which the telegraph and telephone system is a part, the Ferndruck company is able to establish a special service for subscribers in Berlin and its suburbs, who can exchange communications in printed type by way of the main telegraph office. The apparatus is similar to a typewriting machine. After connection is made, communication can be had by simply manipulating the machine like a typewriter; even if the addressee be absent, the printing is done as if some one were at the instrument.

Well Remembered.
Valley City, N. Dak., Dec. 14.—Two years ago Mrs. Mattida M. Boucher of this place suffered a great deal with a dizziness in her head. She was cured of this by a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, and has not been troubled since.

Shortly afterwards she had a bad bilious attack, and for this she used Diamond Dinner Pills and was completely cured in a short time.

In January, 1903, she had an attack of Sciatica, of which she says:

"I was almost helpless with the Sciatica, but remembering what Dodd's Kidney Pills and Diamond Dinner Pills had done for me before, I commenced a treatment of these medicines and in three weeks I was completely restored to health. I have great faith in these medicines, for they have been of so much benefit to me."

Dodd's Kidney Pills are very popular in Barnes County, having made a great many splendid cures of Sciatica, Rheumatism and Kidney Troubles. Many families use no other medicine.

There are so many ways of becoming unpopular that it is a wonder the average man has any friends at all.

"World's Fair."
A St. Louis World's Fair Information Bureau has been established at 1601 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb., in charge of Harry E. Moores, where all information will be cheerfully furnished free of charge.

Piecework—the pie man's.

Telling a girl she has a heart of stone is not equivalent to calling her a "peach."

Quit Coughing.
Why cough, when for 25c and this notice you get 25 doses of an absolutely guaranteed cough cure in tablet form. Postpaid. DR. SKIRVIN CO., LA CROSSE, WIS. (W. N. U.)

When Loubet Retires.
M. Abel Combarien, secretary general to President Loubet of France, is quoted as saying in a recent interview: "At the expiration of the period of seven years, for which he was elected, the president will step back into the ranks. He is a plain citizen, whom the people have raised to office for a given time, but he would consider it contrary to the spirit of the constitution for him to take advantage of his present position in order to secure re-election."

Don't you know that Defiance Starch, besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in package and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

When you are cheering for your country, as you suppose, you are probably cheering for some big grafter.

You can't see an ideal oftener than once a week without scratching his veneering.

Ridicule has torn down more than it has ever built.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS
Use the best. That's why they buy Red Cross Ball Blue. At leading grocers, 5 cents.

You cannot carry a crooked rule along the straight road.

He became the Man of Sorrows for the sorrows of men.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality of Defiance Starch, makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

The serpentine dancer doesn't care to "see snakes."

"Don't feel flattered that I laugh at your jokes," said an Atchison man to a joker. "I laugh because I am good natured."

Feet Comfortable Ever Since.
"I suffered for years with my feet. A friend recommended ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE. I used two boxes of the powder, and my feet have been entirely comfortable ever since. ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE is certainly a godsend to me. Wm. L. Swormstedt, Washington, D. C." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

The letter carrier is not expected to die at his post.

A man may use his pen poorly and his inkwell.

To dog a man's footsteps is enough to make him feel hounded.

THRIFTY FARMERS
are invited to settle in the state of Maryland, where they will find a delightful and healthy climate. Free markets for their products and plenty of land at reasonable prices. Map and descriptive pamphlets will be sent free on application to H. BADENHOOP, Sec'y State Board of Immigration, BALTIMORE, MD.

BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP cures coughs and colds.

If afflicted with sore eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water