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Autumn, The Great Excursion Period.

To St. Louis: You will regret it for years if you fail to see the St. Louis Exposition. Special low coach excursion rates made daily each week from Sunday to Thursday, inclusive; seven days limit; slightly higher rates for tickets good in sleeping cars with longer limits.

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The death cup referred to has a round cap, white, yellowish or greenish in color, and the stem has a swollen base, surrounded by an envelope, or veil, of a white filmy substance, which parts as the stalk extends upward. This stalk is pithy when young, but hollow at maturity, and the gills of the cup, which in the meadow mushrooms are pink or brown, are white in the deadly variety, as are also the spores, which can be plainly seen if the cap is laid, gills downward, on a piece of colored paper for a few hours. The swollen, or bulbous, base is a distinguishing characteristic, and no fungus of that appearance should be gathered for cooking. One of the liabilities is that these cups may be broken off without due observation of its base, which is often covered with earth or dead grasses, hence not distinguished from some of the lepiotas, which, however, are never surrounded with the filmy veil of the death cup.

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The poisonous property of this fungus is largely the same as that found in the venom of a rattlesnake and also in cholera and diphtheria, and so far science is unable to produce any satisfactory antidote, atropine, the stomach pump and oil purgatives being about the only resources.—Washington Post.

A KOREAN CINDERELLA.

The Quaint Story of Peach Blossom, the Family Drudge. In Korea the people tell a Cinderella story that is much more ancient than that familiar to western people. The key of the latter story is the slipper, but not so theirs. Peach Blossom, the Korean Cinderella's name, was the family drudge. One day as the mother was starting off with the favorite daughter to a picnic she said to Peach Blossom, "You must not leave until you have hulled a bagful of rice and filled the broken crock with water." While sitting there bemoaning her hard lot she heard a twittering and a fluttering of wings. Looking up, she saw a flock of sparrows pecking the hulls off the rice. Before recovering from her surprise a little imp jumped out of the fireplace and so skillfully repaired the crock that but a few minutes of work was required to fill it with water. Then she went to the picnic and had a royal time.

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On another occasion the mother said, "You must stay until you have pulled up all the weeds in the field." This time a cow came out of the forest and ate up the weeds in ten mouthfuls. Peach Blossom followed the cow into the woods and was led to where there was an abundance of ripe, luscious fruit. Gathering a large quantity, she went to the fete and was the most welcome guest. Her jealous sister asked about it and, on being told, determined she would get some of this fruit for herself.

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When the next gala day came the sister stayed at home and let Peach Blossom go. The cow came out of the woods as before, and the sister followed it through tangled briar and thorn bushes, with the result that her face was much scratched and her skin deep beauty all gone.—Exchange.

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A Lazy Man. On a hot summer day a gentleman who was waiting for his train at one of our country stations asked a porter who was lying on one of the seats where the station master lived, and the porter, not moving, lazily pointed to the house with his foot. The gentleman, very much struck at the man's laziness, said, "If you can show me a lazier action than that, my good man, I'll give you two and sixpence." The porter, not moving an inch, replied, "Put it in my pocket, gov'nor."—London News.

DEFINITE INFORMATION.

"How much are these Scotch flannels, please?" asked a woman in one of the large department stores one day last week. "This lady will show them to you," airily replied the clerk, indicating with an indifferent nod a girl about three feet distant. "But," persisted the woman, "I don't want to buy now. I simply want to know how much they are." "Oh, different prices and—New York Times.

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"Doctor, tell me honestly whether my health is improving or not." "My dear sir, you're getting on famously—famously." "You are not speaking the truth, doctor, but I can tell without your assistance whether I am getting better or not." "How can you judge?" "By the behavior of my hairs."—Paris Gaulois.

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The Serious Part of It. Actor—Hurry, or we'll miss the train. Actress—I can't find my diamonds or my purse. "Oh, well, never mind." "Yes, but the purse had \$10 in it."—New York Weekly.

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For everything you have missed you have gained something else.—Emerson.

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