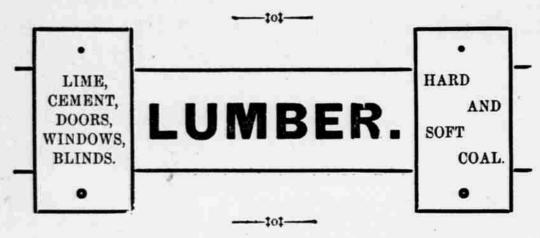
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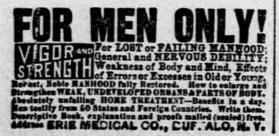


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ADVICE TO SUICIDES.

To Follow Aunt Mel-tabel's Very Sensible Example. Boston Transcript.

That, at least, was the explanation that suggested itself to the listener as he shivered through the stree's. Somehow the raw chill brought to his mind the case of Aunt Mehitabel offin, who not more than a short generation ago lived in a cold old house down the cold side of Cape Cod, with a houseful of rather frigid maiden ladies, her sisters and nieces-Becoming a little unsettled in her mind, Aunt Mehitabel resolved that she would battle no longer with an inclement world. She announced to the family, one particularly chilly morning, that she had fully made up her mind to commit suicide.

'Law's sakes!" exclaimed her vounger sister Abigail, incredulously: how do you think you're going to kill yourself, Mehitabel?"

"The most nat'ral way 'round here," said Aunt Mehitabel, with a An' that's the way I'm going to do

The rest of the family laughed her her preparations to go, and even The next night the thermometer went down almost to zero. Aunt Mehitable told them all a wailing good-by at about 9 o'clock in the evening, and went up to the spare room, which was, of course, the coldest room in the house. She put up the window, sat on the sill, and hung her feet out into the icy north wind.

There was no man in the household, and no woman strong enough or brave enough to compel Annt Mehitable to get back into the room. So the sisters and nieces gathered about, shivering in the intensified cold of the spare room.

By-and-by the suicide began to show signs of uneasiness in her perch at the window.

"Wal," she said, "I guess it's bout 's easy to freeze to death on the floor as 'tis out here."

She crept back into the room, and way, and stood waiting in the dark- and so on."

"Beats all," they heard Aunt Mehitabel murmur presently, "how hard this 'ere old floor is! I guess I'll set on the rug."

She moved to the rug, and set up a tions; but after she had sat here for some time, and had experienced no ne of the positive symptoms of freezing the foot of the bed.

"This damp old bed always was 'nough to freeze anybody, and I guess it'll fetch me," she exclaimed, if anything will."

Presently, almost without her own consciousness, she sank down upon the bed, and then one of her nieces glided into the room and softly covered her with a quilt.

"Oh, dear! oh, dear!" Aunt Mehitabel shrieked. "I'm goin' to sleep, an' that's a sure sign that I'm freezing to death. Yes, I'm goin'! Good-by to a cold, cruel world-good-by, good-by!"

Aunt Mehitabel slept soundly until morning, and awoke in a greatly improved mental condition. She did not renew her attempt at suicide, and never made any reference to it as long as she lived.

To people who are born to commit suicide, Aunt Mehitabel's method of shuffling off is, perhaps, to be recom-

Sweet but Costly Revenge. Some years ago one of the promi-

nent banks of the state failed for many thousands of dollars, says the Indianapolis News. The crash was precipitated by a "run," and many peo ple suffered. A gentleman was talk

Huddleston Lumber Yard will receive that bank failure that is known to nor bag nor box in which to earry but few persons, and has never been in print," he said. "In that town, them in their hands, each one going ten years ago, there was a poor boy who had patented an invention with which he expected to make a fortune, but he had no means. He called on the president of the bank for help,

> "The young man struggled along for a couple of years before he got the needed financial assistance, I think all he wanted was \$1,500.

but was repulsed and told to return

to his work and give up such foolish

in four years he was worth \$150,000. stock-enough to be on the insidelarge sums of money on poor security, and that a 'run' would bring about

bank was closed."

in the bank?"

"Fifteen thousand dollars. This he lost, but he has told me frequently that the \$15,000 he lost was nothing to the satis action he had in seeing the bank go under, and the wealthy president, who had treated hirs so

Death and Windmills.

harsbly, made penniless."

A farmer drove up as we were sitting on the side porch of the hotel and after fastening his horse he cam+ around to us, and began:

"Gentlemen, mebby it so happens that one of you is a preacher?"

We put in a denial one after another, and he continued: "Wall, the case is this. My hired

man died yesterd iy. He hain't got

no friends around here, and he didn't

amount to much, but we've got to hold some sort o'a funeral over him. Kin ary one of you do any talking?" It was finally decided that an Ohio man, who represented a windmill manufacturer, should "do the right thing by the late lamented," and that afternoon the landlord carshiver, "is to freeze yourself to death. ried us out to the farmhouse in a wagon. Four or five farmers had assembled, a grave had been dug down on some waste land near the to scorn. But when she had made all railroad, and the coffin was the cheapest affair to be had for the given away her Paisley shawl and money. It was evident that the deher string of gold beads, their scepti- ceased hadn't laid by any cash for cism turned to alarm. It began to such an occasion. When all was look as if she were actually in earnest, ready for the windmill man he stepped out from his chair and pitched

> Then he said: "My friends, death is a sad thing. It must come to all. Our poor friend here was hardly prepared for death when he took to his bed. He had been carrying water to the stock a long distance, and this exertion pulled him down. Had this farm been supplied with one of our 'None Such' windmills, warranted to pump 150 gallons of water per minute, this man's life might"-

the tune and we joined in singing.

"Hold on a bit," interrupted the farmer, as he rose up. "I've got that very windmill on this farm, and it was owing to the blame thing being out of order and then falling down that Jim got his death. This hain't much of a funeral, gentlemen, but what there is of it has got to be straight. Proceed, brother, and crouched down upon the hard floor, perhaps you'd better skip windmills moaning and complaining. By this and get in sunthin about our loss time the other women of the house. bein' his gain, the good die young, hold had fled back into the passage- death cometh to the high and low,

But the windmill man had lost his grip and he led off with the "Doxology" and closed the business in seven minutes from the start.-New York Sun.

new series of world-weary tamenta- Where Potatoes Came From.

The potato is a native of Peru. When the spaniard first visited the to death, she rose and sat down on | west coast of South America they found this esculant cultivated by the natives, although it grew naturally in uncultivated places, wherever a sufficient degree of moisture enabled the plant to live. Tradition has it that it was on the top of Mount St. Lorenzo, the island in the harbor of Calloa, where the Spaniard found the first potatoes, and from whence they took the seed to Europe, When Minister Hicks first saw the wild potato vine on San Lorenzo he could hardly recognize it. It was about six inches high, with delicate little vines, and a pretty blue blossom scarcely larger than a violet, while the potato on the roots below was no larger than a hazel-nut. From this insignificant plant has been evolved, by cultivation, the numerous family of the potato, which, within 300 years, has made its way to every part of the civilized world, and now forms an important item in the world's bill of fare.

The minister's American ideas were a good deal shocked one day when he came upon a cor pany of laborers at work digging potatoes in a field in the valley of the Rimac. A team of oxen plowed up the hills with a light plow, leaving the tubers exposed on the ground. Six Indian workman picked up the potatoes, and carried them to a pile in one corner of the field, while ing with a News reporter of the fail- the overseer, a Spaniard, stood watching the work. The men who were pick-"There is a story connected with | ing up the potatoes had neither pail them. Two of them put the potatoes in their hats, and the others carried from every part of the field to the pile in one corner, carrying five or six potatoes each trip.

A Cure for Obesity,

All persons afflicted with obesity will be interested to hear of the surgi cal operation which has just been performed at Paris upon M. Hiroguelle, a well known literary man, "The invention was a success, and whose fame as a gourmet is only equaled by that which he has achieved He purchased some of the bank with his pen. Unable to bring himself to abandon the delights of his and made deposits sufficient to be on | native cuisine or to submit to the friendly terms with the officials of the | Spartan diet and severe regimen prebank. In a few months he discovered | scribed by the "Banting" process, he that the bank president had loaned placed himself in the hands of Drs. Marx and Demars. The latter, after putting him under chloroform, raised his cuticle and cut away four and "He sold his stock and began check- three-quarter pounds of adipose ing his deposits, claiming he needed | tissue. The skin was then stitched up, the money for investments. When he and a week later M. Hiroguelle had I am prepared to do all kinds of had a small balance on hand he went | quite recovered from the effects of the to several heavy depositors and told operation, which is known as "de them the bank was shaky, and advis- graissage," and bids fair to become ment of his figure, and to have decid-"How much was the balance he left ed shortly to undergo further parings in other parts of his body.

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