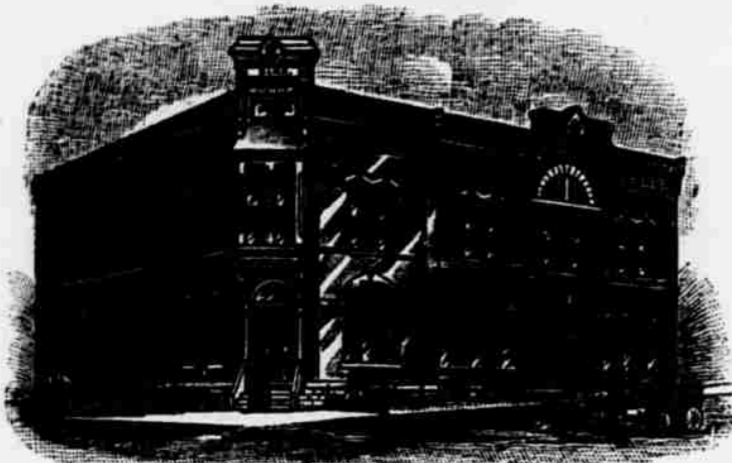


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Scranton Charles G.
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THE OLD CLOCK IN THE CORNER.

Of the morn of life—long years ago—
We've memories sweet and tender,
In days when youthful hopes were bright,
And means were small and slender;
When summer's heat and winter's cold
Were met and passed by lightly,
When friendships dear brought welcome cheer,
When evening lamps shone brightly;
When at the fading hours each day
The old clock in the corner ticked away—
When the old clock ticked in the corner.

The present is ours, with health and friends,
With blessings new each morning,
With bread and meat each day to eat,
And for comfort and adorning,
Apparel to wear, enough and to spare,
In cold or sultry weather,
And whether it snows, or rains, or blows,
What matters when we gather,
Where lamps fresh trimmed burn clear and bright,
While the pendulum swings to left and right—
And the old clock ticks in the corner.

Then let us forward look with faith
In planning future duties;
Let's seek out pleasant walks and ways,
New life, new loves, new beauties;
Fill heart and soul with noble thought,
Swell voice with joyous chorus,
Walking ahead with steady step,
Along the way before us;
Then, now and hence, going hand-in-hand
While the clock ticks off Time's hour-glass sand—
While the old clock ticks in the corner.
—Good Housekeeping.

WITH THE DRUMMERS.

Tales They Tell of Life on the Road.

A Gay Chicago Drummer Who Exchanged One of His Own Teeth for a Lady's—How It Changed His Tastes—Other Amusing Incidents.

"Well, yes, I might relate something that is rather extraordinary," said a drummer for a Chicago boot and shoe house to a Chicago Herald reporter, "if you will pardon me for narrating a story which chiefly concerns myself. I was down in a Central Illinois town drumming up trade one day when I was attacked with the toothache. I had an unsound tooth that had troubled me for quite awhile and I determined to have done with it then and there. I sought a dentist's chair and told him to pull it out. He tried to convince me that several dollars' worth of gold filling would make it good as new, but my ire was roused and I was bent on having revenge. I would not be satisfied until I had convinced that tooth that I could do without it. So I commanded him to pull it out, and with protestations he reluctantly did so. It occupied the place that this tooth does," said the traveling man, tapping one of his incisors, "and when it was once out I saw that I looked so strangely that something else must take its place as soon as possible. I asked the dentist if he had nothing else he could put in the place of it as I did not like my appearance at all. He was thoughtful for a moment, when a light seemed to dawn on his mind. He took from a cabinet a bottle in which was a tooth immersed in a liquid of some kind. 'I have here,' he remarked, 'a good, sound, healthy tooth that will almost exactly match the rest of yours, that I can plant in the one just extracted and it will grow as though nothing had happened.' He persuaded me, without much opposition on my part, that it would be better than a false tooth, and it was the work of only a few moments for him to put it in place. It was sore for a short time but soon grew firm and solid, and to-day it is as good a tooth as I have.

"But now for the stranger part of the story. Before the dental operation I speak of was performed I had been addicted to the use of tobacco. I smoked and chewed almost to excess. From the day I got my new tooth my love for tobacco began to decrease, and by the time the tooth had become firm and solid I couldn't use the weed at all. A chew of tobacco or smoking a cigar made me very sick. In fact I became opposed to the use of tobacco generally and have remained so till the present day. But as my love for tobacco waned my love for chewing gum increased, and I'm never without it now. I became passionately fond of ice-cream also, and during the summer season I can scarcely get enough of it, and a strange feature of the case is I want some other man to pay for it. There seems to be something about that tooth that makes me crave for ice-cream. It is with great difficulty I can pass a millinery store without going in and pricing all the goods in stock. Sometimes, when I'm in a great hurry to catch a train, I find myself stopping in front of some milliner's window to inspect the latest style of hats. When I pass a lady wearing an attractive gown or hat on the street, it wouldn't matter if there were a mad dog after me, I'd stop and look around to see if her dress and hat were becoming. It didn't take me long to surmise that the new tooth was in some way to blame for my strange antics, and when I visited the dentist's town again I went to him and told him every thing. 'Oh,' said he, 'it is even worse than I feared it would be. That tooth used to belong to a young lady.'"

NORTH DIVIDE NUBBINS.

Mrs. R. R. Hanlein of McCook sojourned in the country over the Fourth and Sunday.

Several of the North Divide people hid them away to the pleasant shades of Spaulding's Grove and tried to make themselves believe they were celebrating the Fourth and having a nice time.

E. O. Scott who has been connected with the Bartley Inter-Ocean for the past six or eight months is assisting Geo. Hanlein with his farm work for the present.

This is the proper time of year to murder sunflowers and other tame weeds. The act is said to be committed by cutting the roots off just below the surface of the ground.

A. J. Hanlein of Bartley and Miss Clara Hanlein of this place returned Monday evening from Akron, Colo., where they had been on a brief visit to their brother Henry.

There was quite a gay assembly of people that gathered at the home of Wm. X. Johnson, one evening last week, in response to an invitation to drop in and surprise Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins of Stratton. The time was pleasantly spent with singing and instrumental music, after which the company partook of an elegant repast. Rev. Hutchins formerly presided at the Box Elder M. E. Church and his many friends in this neighborhood were pleased to see him again. Mrs. Hutchins is an accomplished player on the organ and favored her hearers with a number of choice selections. She is certainly a lady of more than ordinary character and worth and must be of great help to her husband in his religious work. CONNIE.

UNCLE SAM'S ROAD.

A Military Highway Used by Early Western Settlers.

This military road was constructed by the United States Government to connect the military posts of the far West with one another. Beginning at Fort Leavenworth, on the Missouri river, it passed through Fort Riley at the junction of the forks of the Kaw, and then, still keeping up the north side of the Republican fork, went on to Fort Kearney, still farther west than to Fort Laramie, which in those days was so far on the frontier of our country that few people ever saw it except military men and the emigrants to California. At the time of which I am writing, there had been a very heavy emigration to California, and companies of emigrants, bound to the Golden Land, still occasionally passed along the great military road.

Interlacing this highway were innumerable trails and wagon-tracks, the traces of the great migration to the Eldorado of the Pacific; and here and there were the narrow trails made by Indians on their hunting expeditions and warlike excursions. Roads, such as our emigrants have been accustomed to in Illinois, there were none. First came the faint traces of human feet and of unshod horses and ponies; then the well-defined trail of hunters, trappers and Indians; then the wagon-track of the military trains, which, in course of time, were smoothed and formed into the military road kept in repair by the United States Government. — Noah Brooks, in St. Nicholas.

SNOW-SHOES IN WAR.

In the early wars with French and Indians many a winter campaign could never have been carried on but for the snow-shoes, which alone made marching possible. In the winter attacks of the savages upon the settlements in Northern New England and in the expeditions of English and French troops snow-shoes were a necessary part of their equipment, their baggage being hauled on sleds or toboggans. — N. Y. Star.

WHERE THE REQUEST CAME FROM.

Manager (to leader of orchestra)—I understand that that figure of yours was played "by request."
Leader—Yes, sir.
Manager—At whose request, may I ask?
Leader—At mine, sir.—Puck.

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Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from kidney and liver trouble. John Leslie, farmer and stockman of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best kidney and liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c. a bottle at A. McMillen's drug store."

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An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. 38-ly.

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ATTENTION, FARMERS! Will you please save a large bundle of rye, fall wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, flax, etc., in fact all kinds of small grain; also, timothy, clover, alfalfa, etc. Cut it close to the ground to show the height and bind the bundle in three places to keep the straw straight. Lay it away where it will keep dry. It will be wanted at the time of the state fair. Our county has never had an exhibit at the state fair at Lincoln, but must have a big one this fall. So save a large bundle of small grain before it is too ripe. WM. COLEMAN.

The Iowa Homestead is advocating the detasseling of every alternate row of corn. It claims that the detasseling process has, where the experiment has been tried, increased the yield of the detasseled rows over 50 per cent. The philosophy of the plan is that one row of corn will yield enough pollen for itself and its neighbor row. That no process in nature is so exhausting or causes such a drain upon the vital power in either the vegetable or animal kingdom as the production of the fertilizing principle, and all of this production in excess of the needs of a given field is at the expense of the corn production.

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