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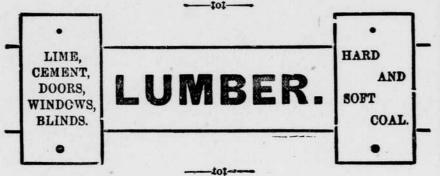
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THE DISPERSION OF MANKIND.

Stately on Shinar's ancient plain Uprose a mighty thought in stone. The thinkers scoffed in pure disdain Of forces mightier than their own. Full many a moon had waxed and waned, Full many a brain and hand had striven To pile a tower, which, unrestrained By bound or bar, should smite the heaven.

Then came the injured Godhead down And cursed them with an alien speech. And from the thunder of his frown Afar they wandered, each from each, But in the curse a blessing lurked, From baffled language nations grew, And thus the wrath of heaven hath worked The purpose of its mercy too. —W. Morley Punshon.

BARWELL'S MAID.

I used to have several customers in Silverado. It is only a pleasant ride out from here in the beautiful summer morning, long before the sun begins to peep above the Sierras and when the dawn is just beginning to break bright and fair, as dawn never does show anywhere except in this semitropical clime. The road to Silverado is bordered on both sides with long rows of pepper trees. Now, other fellows may have a different taste in trees, but for me there never was anything in trees so pretty as a row of peppers, with branches looking down like the eyes of a modest girl when she sees her lover coming along the road, and the first glint of day creeping through them and making little gold paths in them till you don't know whether the tree itself is green or yellow, and the morning breezes blowing through them till they ripple and shine all over as if they were laughing.

There never was anything else so like a pretty woman with a smile on her face as those pepper trees in the morning with the wind blowing over them-that kind of a smile that creeps over the face in a soft, lazy way and laughs in the eyes and hides away in the waves of hair. I used to think that the pepper trees were what made me like to drive my milk wagon out to Silverado. But that was before I had seen the little maid at Barwell's.

Barwell's was a boarding house. Silverado was a kind of health resort, and people used to come from the east and go out there winters and board at Barwell's. Maybe it did their health good, but I don't think Barwell's ever improved the health of the little maid very much. If it did, she must have been a sight to behold before she came.

The first time I saw her she came out with the milk can. Usually it stood on the stoop waiting to be filled, and 1 would pour in the milk and leave it standing there for the first servant who was up to come out and get it. But this time it seemed to have been forgotten, and the little maid had crept out in the early dawn to bring it and stood shivering in the morning chill, for the dawn of a semitropic morning near the sea is not warm, however the mind may tend to romance concerning its balminess. And she was such a very little maid I could scarcely see her on the other side of the milk can and thought at first that the can had just taken a notion to walk out alone and get itself filled. "Hello!" I said.

"Yes," she replied, quite as a matter of course. And then I saw what a very bath establishments are advertising it as thin and white little maid it was. "Where did you come from?" "If you please, I'm Mrs. Barwell's girl. work for my keep." Now, I did not please in the least. I should have preferred, if she must be anybody's girl, that it should be any one else in the world whom I had ever seen. And as for the "keep," if there is any proof in looks, it must have been very small. I chanced to have a big orange in my wagon that some one on my drive, who had an orange orchard, had given me. I threw it to her when I had filled the can. She caught it eagerly, and when I looked back as I drove off I saw her going up the walk with the orange pressed up close to her mouth. After that I never forgot to have an orange, or a nectarine, or some apricots in my wagon when I stopped at Barwell's. Sometimes the milk can would be on the stoop, and I would not see the little maid for several days, but when I did see her again I would give her all the good things that had accumulated in my wagon since the last time I saw her. And good things had a way of accumulating very rapidly at that time. Once when Mrs. Barwell happened to be up early to get a picnic party successfully off her hands I saw her seize the little maid and drag her into the kitchen. And I thought she struck her just as the door was closing. I grew hot all over and thought savagely that if Mrs. Barwell had been a man I should have called at. As it was, I had a fancy that it d do me good to get out and assault Barwell's kitchen door and fling inion at her gratuitously and forcineither course seemed quite feas-I picked up my whip furiously and around for something to lay it As I could see nothing available at purpose but my patient, good est excuse for savagery, I put it again with a resolution to make s more even some day, though it entered my ridiculous head in what ular way I could accomplish the ng process. But the little maid got le apronful of the nicest peaches ectarines and pomegranates in the et the next morning when I stopped iver the milk. ime went by until the little maid rown into a slip of a girl and would have been a pretty one, too, if she had not been so thin and white as to the cheeks and staring as to the eyes. She had beautiful eyes, but they in company with her other features had grown so starved that it made anybody hungry only to look at them.

drive off, which you might say was a much more convenient way.

But as day after day and week after week passed and I did not see her it did not seem so very comfortable after all. I wondered if she were ill or had gone away. I remembered how she used to look as she stood in the faint light of the morning, holding the big can in her arms. 1 wondered if her eyes were still so big and wan and hungry and half frightened looking. I wondered if her face was so pallid and pinched, and if she still shivered so in the morning wind that came up chill from the sea.

By that time quite a large pile of good things had gathered in my wagon, for I could not bear to throw them away and thought every morning that maybe the little maid would come out. I thought once of piling them up around the milk can and leaving them for her to find, but was afraid some one else might come and find them first.

So it went on till one morning just as I had filled the can and was going down the path the kitchen door was thrown open with a bang, and the little maid rushed out, Mrs. Barwell hard after her with some heavy thing in her hand, lifted up high to throw at the girl. Quick as a flash I caught the little maid in my arms, and put her into my cart, and jumped in after her, and drove off faster than I ever drove before in my life, Mrs. Barwell running after us down the street. But she soon gave up the chase

Down the lane we dashed, under the low hanging branches of the pepper trees, that touched me softly in the face as we passed. The breeze blew softly over us, laden with the fragrance that drifted from the rose trees that bloom perennially in the dooryards along the way.

Presently the little maid looked up at me with a face so rosy that I should not have known her had I met her anywhere else. There was a look, half frightened. half confiding, in her eves, and as I met that look I knew all of a sudden why it was that I had missed her so, and why I had wondered so much about her eves and her face.

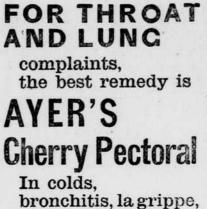
I bent over her and shouted: "Will you marry me?" for the horse was galloping, and the wheels were crunching, and the cans were rattling, and if I had whispered the question as men in stories and poetry do she would never have heard me. And when she slipped her hand into mine and looked at me with the fear gone out of her wide eyes and only the confidence left I thought it just as well as if I had done it according to all the rules of propriety.

There was a chum of mine lived along the way that had just been made a justice of the peace, and I whipped up to the gate and lifted the little maid out and almost carried her into the house.

"How long will it take you to marry us, if you go at top speed?" I asked my astonished friend. He did not answer me, but went to work in his liveliest style, and by the time Mrs. Barwell rattled up in her old chaise the little maid had passed away from her care forever. -M. E. Torrence in Pittsburg Leader.

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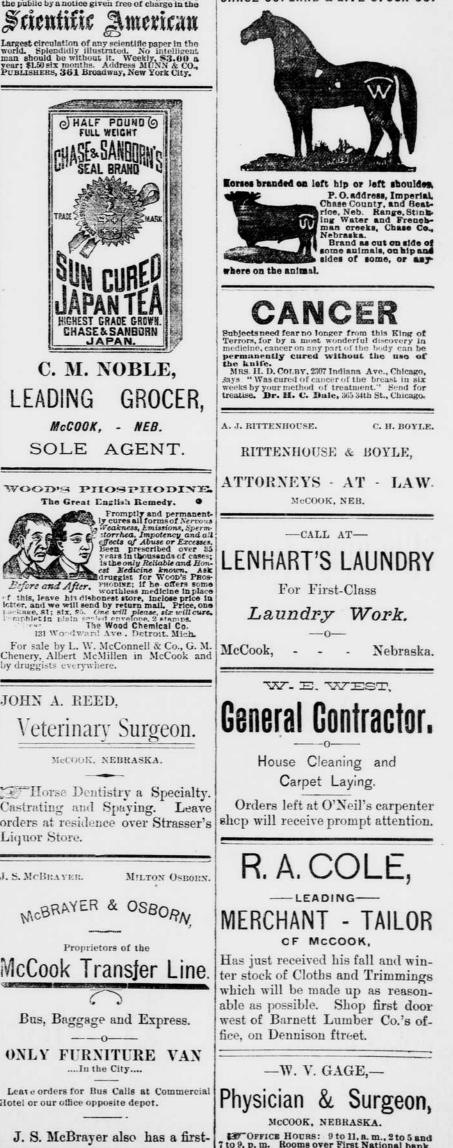
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About the time that I began to notice these little things about her eyes and features generally, I thought she began to be a little shy. The milk can always stood in its place on the stoop, and I had nothing to do but pour in the milk and

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a special attraction. It is just as good for well people as sick ones, is the most refreshing of all the baths and rubs ever invented, only excepting a dip in the sea itself, and is matchless in its effect upon the skin and complexion. With all these virtues, it is the simplest, most easily managed of all similar measures, and can be taken at home easily.

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An Error In Punctuation.

The ancient church dedicated to the pious memory of St. Helena, who, tradition saith, went to "Jerusalem, my happy home" and found the true cross at Helland, is a comfortable hour's walk from Bodmin town. The rector, a good sort of a fellow, had a touch of the rheumatism awhile since and was recommended the waters at Bath. So there he went. But Saturday came round, and no "supply" for Sunday's pulpit could be found.

At the last moment, however, and after the rector had been wired to return, a worthy cleric named Smith, who had orders at residence over Strasser's come to Bodmin as a witness in an assize case, volunteered his services as a ared horse, who never gave me the locum tenens. So another telegram was dispatched in haste to Bath to stay the invalid from coming back. It was handed in at the Bodmin office and read thus: "Smith has gone to Helland. You stop where you are."

When the messenger boy handed the orange enveloped epistle to his reverence at the other end, the latter tore it open and read with astonishment: "Smith has gone to Hell and you stop where you are."-Christian Adviser.

Blessing In Disguise.

Bad Boy (gleefully)-I had the earache this morning. Good Boy-What good is that?

Bad Boy-Me mother put cotton in me ears, and now I don't hear 'er when she calls.-Good News.

A Translation.

A German student wrestling with the English language rendered a text as folows, "The ghost is willing, but the meat s feeble."-Educational News.

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