

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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VALENTINE. NEBRASKA.

Mr. Carnegie suffers from indigestion. This is something he can't give away.

It is easy to prove that the gun isn't loaded immediately after the accident.

An artist made a fortune painting purple landscapes—and lost it painting red towns.

Whenever a man, whose life is insured for \$400,000, is accidentally shot there is always more or less talk about suicide.

Spain was content to put in her bill against Venezuela. For reasons unnecessary to state, she sent no warships.

The bear that walks like a man is now pointing at Rudyard Kipling and enjoying a smile at Emperor Willie's expense.

There is a difference between getting \$10,000 a year because you are worth it and being worth \$10,000 a year because you get it.

J. Pierpont Morgan has made \$42,000,000 during the past year. He must find it rather disappointing that he was unable to make it an even \$45,000,000.

The Chicago city sealer has found a coal dealer who is dishonest enough to sell 2,200 pounds for a ton. He should be prosecuted to the limit of the law.

The clerks, male and female, in one of Chicago's department stores, are now designated by the management as "salespersons." Slowly but surely the line is being obliterated.

Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake says there are in this country 2,500,000 unmarried men who couldn't have wives if they wanted them. It is pretty hard, however, to set some bachelors to thinking.

If after having looked at General Miles the old Empress Dowager of China continues to think she is the most dazzling thing on earth it will have to be conceded at once that she is simply crazy.

Army officers complain that they cannot financially keep up with the lightning changes in uniforms. More attention seems to be devoted to fashion plates than to seeing that there are enough competent men to use the coast-defense machinery.

Judge Kavanagh, of Chicago, is right in saying that the loss of a boy's hand is worth more than \$500 to himself and the mother he had supported before an accident rendered him unfit for work. It is good to know that our courts stand between the unfortunate and an unjust private settlement in such cases.

Emperor William declares that there is no difference between him who mixes and presents a poisonous draft to another and him who robs his fellow man of his honorable name, and from the safe shelter of his editorial sanctum, with the poisoned darts of his slanders kills him by the mental tortures he inflicts. There will be many a hearty amen to the sentiment.

Reports from Lima, Peru, say that a storm that struck that Andean city recently spread a foot of snow on the streets and dropped the mercury to 8 degrees below zero. A few meteorological effects of this kind would work a radical change in the governmental aspects of South America. If the people down there would eat more snowballs and less red pepper they wouldn't be so keen for the revolutionary game.

The death-rate of the State of Massachusetts has been falling steadily for ten years and in the last year was lower than ever before. General conditions are changing for the better, and the mortality from consumption and some other infectious diseases has decreased. The State Board of Health suggests that the gain is in a measure due to immigration since most of the immigrants are sound-bodied persons of a favorable age. Immigrants do not always get credit for their virtues, physical or other; but even if we deny them the possession of tender qualities, we would be willing to admit that the are tough.

The American people live and move and have their being in an atmosphere of harmless shams, many of which take form as titles and dignities. They are pure wind and mean nothing at all. There are judges who know nothing of law. There are doctors of laws, medicine, theology and philosophy who never even passed through the primary school, to say nothing of accumulating university degrees. There are colonels galore, generals not a few and a captain here and there who does not know the difference between a repeating rifle and an Australian's boomerang and never smelt gunpowder except on the Fourth of July.

The average man likes nothing better than being with his family if he is given half a show. But even if that be his best pleasure other duties may still prevent him from giving all his spare time to it. If he desires

to find time to cultivate his mind and is a very busy man—and it may be remarked right here that it is only the very busy people who do find time to cultivate their minds—he finds it impossible satisfactorily to do so in the family sitting room. So the "man's den" has evolved as a matter of need. That it has been carried into a fad and has taken on many phases that are ridiculous does not affect the fact that to many men it opens up a world of delights.

New York is wildly enthusiastic over Dr. Lorenz, the Vienna physician, and philanthropist, who has been curing cripples and performing difficult—yes, almost impossible—surgical operations without the use of the knife. His tender heart is responsible for his great deeds, it is said. He has a horror of the use of the knife, of inflicting pain, of the necessary savagery of modern surgery. And so, with his great hands, backed up by powerful muscles, he does things that have been deemed impossible—straightens crook'd limbs and saves human beings for lives of usefulness. There is a good deal of jealousy in the medical profession. Your family doctor will admit that if you ask him. But when it comes to progress, to higher science, to curing a greater portion of the sick by adopting radical and daring methods, that a pioneer has shown to be good, jealousy is lost sight of. No class of men and women are more enthusiastic over the great accomplishments of this man from over the sea than the physicians. They cheered him in New York when he kneaded a boy's club-foot into shape. Some day it seems almost possible that there will be no crutches. Science will have taken from the children their crutches, placed their feet on the ground and bade them walk. Humps will disappear, and pain—more pain than words can measure—and sadness, too, will have all but disappeared. Perhaps Dr. Lorenz is blazing the way for this great stride in the God-giving science of healing.

No aspect of the great industrial combinations of the day has been more anxiously considered than their probable influence on the development of individual capacity. How do they affect, the young man's chances of success? Has he the same opportunity now that he had twenty-five or fifty years ago? Can he begin now as he did then, with nothing, and by his intelligence, fidelity and "push" create a place and carve out a fortune for himself? Certainly conditions have greatly changed, but it is by no means certain that opportunities have lessened. A large company of men gathered recently to do honor to an old friend and employer on his eightieth birthday. By his inventions and improvements in processes he had made a fortune and come to be called "the iron master." He rose from the working ranks under the old conditions. But the same papers which reported this birthday celebration had references also to the head of the great shipping combination, the president of the "steel trust," the head of the greatest street railway system in the world, and the largest contractor in the world. They represent, in part at least, the new conditions, yet every one of them has risen from the ranks. It is doubtful if the chances are less frequent; it is not doubtful that the demand for qualities which command success has increased. Moreover, the rewards have grown larger, and the time in which they may be won has shortened. Specialization, concentration are the order of the day, and the qualities most in demand are executive qualities. It is an age of great undertakings. The man who succeeds best is he who can not only work efficiently himself, but who can show others how to work. The men who have made their way to the top and accumulated fortunes by the time they are forty years old are no longer rare; but when they have reached a place of sufficient importance to warrant a biography, and the biography is written, in almost every case it appears that two things are true of them: They performed the little tasks of their early experience thoroughly and intelligently, and they were always on the lookout for bigger things to do.

Just a Girl. Many a throne has had to fall For a girl, Just a girl; Many a king has had to crawl For a girl, Just a girl. When the hero goes to war He may battle for the right, But 'tis likelier by far That he sallies forth to fight For a girl, Just a girl.

When the doctor turns to say: "It's a girl, Just a girl," Papa murmurs with dismay: "What! A girl, Just a girl?" Ah, but why the sadness there? Why the bitterness displayed? Some day some strong man will swear That the great round world was made For that girl, Just that girl.

Why did Adam take the bite? For a girl, Just a girl. Why was Troy swept out of sight? For a girl, Just a girl. O would heaven still be bright, And would any good man care To achieve it, if he might Never claim forever there, Just a girl, Glorious girl? —Chicago Record-Herald.

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One of the first things that the man who wishes to change his residence endeavors to find out is where he can go and succeed. It need be a matter of little doubt or indecision now. During the past four or five years the development of Western Canada has been so rapid, and the conditions of life there so widely known, that upwards of 100,000 Americans have taken up their homes there, and the experience of these people is that they are thoroughly satisfied with their choice of home.

The methods of farming there are similar to those adopted in the United States, but the operations are simpler, the yield of grain greater, and the profits more satisfactory. Ranching is carried on with lots of success. Mixed farming is always profitable, while the results in grain-raising are as certain as splendid soil, excellent climate and lots of sunlight can give.

The yields of—but nothing is as satisfactory as the experience of the farmer himself, and extracts are selected from one.

A good intelligent farmer named Mears—John Mears, to be exact—left Cavalier County, North Dakota, two years ago, and followed the thousands who had already gone to Canada. He had twenty-five years' experience in Minnesota. In buying grain, including flax; but in all his experience he never saw a district so well suited to the growth of flax as Western Canada. The financial results of Mr. Mears' operations in a single season are as follows: Wheat, 3,000 bushels 1 hard at 57 1/2c, \$1,785.00; 2,630 bushels 1 Northern at 54c, \$1,457.20; oats, 1,750 bushels at 35c, \$612.50; speltz, 154 bushels at 75c, \$115.50; flax, 324 bushels at \$2, \$628. Total, \$4,598.20. A return of more than \$4,500 from a little over 250 acres, an average of \$18 per acre, is surely testimony sufficiently strong to satisfy the most incredulous as to the money to be made out of the soil of the Canadian West. It is to facts like these—arguments expressible and demonstrable in dollars and cents—that the steady northward movement of American farmers is due. Mr. Mears is settled near Arcola, Assa.

A number of Americans who have chosen Western Canada as a home had the idea that a man enjoyed less freedom in Canada, but they soon found their mistake, and say the laws of Canada are the most liberal in the world, and such as prevent the litigation which breeds so much bad feeling between people in the United States and costs them so dear in lawyers' fees.

The Government has established agencies at St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Wausau, Wis.; Detroit, Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette, Mich.; Toledo, Ohio; Watertown, S. D.; Grand Forks, N. D., and Great Falls, Mont., and the suggestion is made that by addressing any of these, who are the authorized agents of the Government, it will be to the advantage of the reader, who will be given the fullest and most authentic information regarding the results of mixed farming, dairying, ranching and grain-raising, and also supply information as to freight and passenger rates, etc.

Cameos are being revived. Smart modistes are doing a great deal of sun pleating. Cigarette boxes come in the mission furniture styles. In the big flat style is a pretty hat of grass linen trimmed with cherries. Birthday "charms" for the different months are at the jewelers. The Colosseum at Rome had accommodations for 87,000 spectators.

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