

## THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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The man that beat the Russian cork trust was a corker.

At last accounts Mr. Rockefeller was worrying along with the same poor old stomach.

When a man is complimented he thinks others are beginning to see him as he sees himself.

The suggestion that the cigar trust will be beaten by refusal of the public to buy cigars sounds suspiciously like a pipe dream.

Herr Bebel says that the United States is destined to outstrip all Europe in the size of its armaments. Heaven forbid!

Lieutenant Peary also believes that life began at the north pole, and if any one will put up the money he will try to find the proofs.

A Southern railroad has decided that hereafter it will employ married men only. Anxious and yearning Yankee spinsters are consulting time-tables.

Admiral Dewey believes that the American navy was never so ably prepared for war as at the present. This being the case, there is no reason why we should not have peace.

The beef-eater is the world conqueror. Do we discern in this horse meat factory project from Germany a plot of the Kaiser's to undermine the foundations of our national greatness?

The Mayor of San Juan, Porto Rico, has been arrested for malfeasance. Was this something carried over from the Spanish regime, or is it the result of an indiscreet application of American municipal "politics?"

The army of the Sultan of Morocco is armed with flintlocks and muzzle loaders, and his people believe that the devil invented the cannon. How can civilization be expected to flourish in such a pitiful country as that?

A Yale professor claims to have discovered that all life originated at the north pole and that man came from the primates through fire. This of course happened long before the coal combinations got to doing business.

Kipling is reported as saying that the reason he does not visit the United States is that some of his wife's relatives are still living here. This remark, if true, would stamp him not only as the poet of force, but as the possessor of an immense and most unpleasant grouch.

Proof is again afforded of the benevolent wisdom of nature. A professor in the University of Michigan has discovered that the hearing of girls is more acute than that of boys. This greater sensitiveness doubtless exists that the faintest whisper of the fateful question may not escape the listening ear.

One hundred and fifty busts of Washington were put in the public schools of New York City last year by a citizen who believed that the patriotism of the children would be fostered by a daily reminder of the example of the first President. A similar number of busts of Lincoln are to be put in the same schools this year, to show the youth that patriotism did not die with Washington. There may be some schools in other parts of the country which could not accommodate a sculptured bust, but there is none so small that it may not find a place for pictures of Lincoln and Washington.

Farming is much like any other business. Success in it depends chiefly on the man. There are a great many farms within a hundred miles of New York City owners of which would be glad to turn their backs on them and live in the town; but the owner of one farm of eighty acres at the eastern end of Long Island is content. He raises more than twenty thousand dollars' worth of vegetables every year, at a cost of about ten thousand dollars for labor and fertilizers, leaving a good balance to pay for his own supervision. This is an exceptional case, but it is interesting, because what one man can do a hundred miles away from his chief market can be done by others.

Julia Ward Howe admits, in response to a question, that gaming for money has increased in high society, especially among American women. Were a question about drinking to excess added to that about playing cards for gain Mrs. Howe would have to acknowledge that intemperance is increasing in the plane where there is least conceivable excuse for it. It were deplorable for the future of womankind if with rapidly enlarging vistas of education and possible achievement the women of the United States should fail to resist vulgar and debasing temptations. To poor effect are women's schools all over the land doing their liberal and progressive work if women aid in introducing into this country the brutal pastimes which made English courts of former times spectacles of ignorance, scandalous revels and unblushing indecorum of every species. The woman who becomes drunkard and a gamblers rarely fails to fall at last to the bottom of the pit whence men easily recover themselves but where a woman, once

recognized there, must remain. The law is unequal, but it is the law.

Prof. Judson, the dean of the Chicago University, says "a universal language, as well as common monetary systems and united standard of weights and measures, is one of the pressing needs of the world to-day." So it is. If all men had the same language, the same standards of right and wrong, and the same intuitions and religion, the world would get along more peacefully than it does. The uses of a universal language ought to be apparent to American manufacturers who are endeavoring to sell their goods in foreign markets. If there were such a language it would be much easier for them to get competent agents to represent them abroad than it is now. If one man wishes to represent his employers to the best advantage in many countries he must learn several languages. Americans, says Prof. Judson, are not "polyglots by nature," as Europeans are, and hence are at a disadvantage when they traverse the earth on business errands. Latin was the universal language of scholars once and still is of the Catholic priesthood, but it will not do for business uses. Languages have been manufactured for common use. Volapuk had quite a vogue at one time. None of the artificial languages has struck root. The world's need of a common tongue is unsatisfied as yet, and promises long to remain so. It is the unspoken feeling of Americans, a feeling which Englishmen share, that their common language ought to be and perhaps will be the universal language. The men who use it are fully convinced of its superiority. They admit that English is not so mellifluous as Italian, and that in some respects German surpasses it, but they feel assured that, all things considered, it is the best language man has devised. It is the speech of most of the people of this continent and of the Australians. It is to be the dominant language of South Africa. Undoubtedly the rest of the world should learn English and save Americans the trouble of learning an innumerable number of strange tongues.

It cannot be denied that democracy is gaining ground throughout the earth, when while the son and the daughter of the oldest royal house in Europe are disgraced wanderers, with none to do them reverence, a woman of republican birth, the daughter of a Chicago dry goods merchant, forms the center in a great pageant in the famous city of Delhi that beggars even Oriental splendors of the past. Important a personage in the great durbar as the viceroy is, he is still outshone by his lady, who not so very long ago was plain Mary Leiter, extraordinary rich, but not particularly remarkable for accomplishments, graces or beauty. The people of this country need not judge the royal personality through Prince Henry of Prussia, the crown princess of Siam and other royal dignitaries, who visit this country on dress parades but we may judge at closer range through the women who have gone from among us into the royal circles. Miss Leiter was a worthy girl, but there was never anything observable about her that should cause the people of India to bow down before her in reverence and awe. This country possesses, even in the humbler grades of life, innumerable women of better qualities than she has ever shown herself to possess. Thousands of American homes are presided over by nobler women than this one whom the people of India look up to with superstitious awe. The close exclusiveness with which reigning royalty hedges itself about is not without practical purpose. A close view might penetrate the thin veneer of pretense and sham that makes royalty so awe-inspiring. If the subjects had opportunity to see how commonplace and often degenerate are the little demi-gods they set upon pedestals of superstitious reverence, such affairs as the great durbar would immediately cease. The people of this country have better opportunities to correctly judge these royal personages, who by their shallow pretense of greatness that they are far from possessing, hold sway over millions. And the more Americans know of royalty, the more respect they feel for themselves.

**Hazy About Holmes.**  
According to a distinguished after dinner speaker who was telling stories at a dinner in Sherry's, a certain Westerner who figures very largely in Wall street read in the newspapers about the appointment of Justice Holmes to a vacancy on the bench of the United States Supreme Court.

"Who is this Judge Holmes?" inquired the Westerner of an acquaintance. "Is he a son of Sherlock Holmes?"

"No," said the acquaintance. "Don't you know that Sherlock Holmes is not a real character?"

The Westerner was surprised, and his companion added:

"Judge Holmes is a son of Oliver Wendell Holmes."

"Who in thunder is he? I never heard of him before," said the Westerner.—New York Times.

**The Way of the World.**  
"What would you do if you were rich?"  
"I'd buy what I wanted, first thing."  
"No; that's where you're wrong. You'd buy no end of things you didn't want and pretend you liked them."—Washington Times.

**Public Ovens in Japan.**  
In nearly every street in Japanese cities is a public oven, where for a small fee housewives may have their dinners and suppers cooked for them.

## Science AND Invention

A physician of Colombia has found a decoction of coffee husks to be effective in malaria and other diseases where quinine had failed.

Every animal is said to have its own kind of flea, sometimes several different kinds. Many thousand specimens of these fleas have been gathered in the unique museum of Charles Rothschild, kept by Dr. Jordan at Tring Park, the type of this strange collection being a flea a fifth of an inch long.

Living organisms have resumed their functions after enduring the cold of liquid air for six months. It is suggested that the remarkable experiment should be continued for years or a generation, for our theories would be greatly modified by an indefinite retaining of vitality, and probability would be given Lord Kelvin's speculation that life may have reached the earth from space.

The first large vapor motor applicable to navigation is to be placed on the fishing boat of M. Emile Altazin, now being built at Boulogne. The vessel, which is ninety feet long and is designed to carry three hundred tons, will be provided with a two-hundred-horse power motor for operating nets. The motors will use either gasoline or alcohol, of which the tanks will contain eight thousand gallons.

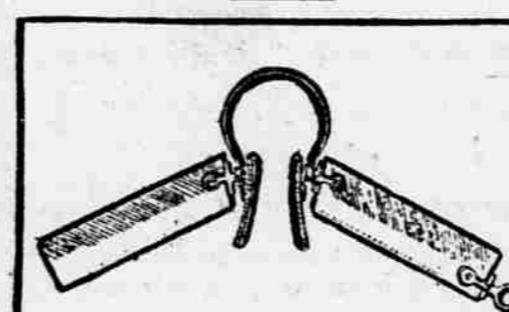
W. C. Marshall, of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, has invented a pressure recorder which, when substituted for the ordinary rowlock at the end of the outriggers of a racing shell, measures and registers the pressure exerted at every stroke of the oar. The varying force of the strokes during a long race can be ascertained, and it is intended to apply the machine in the selection and training of the university crews.

By the Hubon process, black pigment is made by pumping acetylene into steel cylinders to a pressure of about two atmospheres, and then passing an electric spark through the vessels, the gas being thus dissociated into its carbon and hydrogen. The hydrogen is collected for any convenient use; the carbon is ready for the market. Acetylene black is free from the oily impurities of ordinary lampblack, and the demand is already so great that the first factory—now running in Switzerland—is likely to be followed by others in other countries.

The claim of Mount McKinley, the culminating peak of the Alaskan range, to be regarded as the loftiest point in North America, is sustained by the report of an exploring party, made by one of its members, A. H. Brooks. The party made a journey of 800 miles on foot in Alaska during the season just passed. D. L. Reaburn, the topographer of the expedition, believes that the measurements of mountain heights which were made have a probable error not exceeding 100 feet. According to those measurements, Mount McKinley's elevation definitely exceeds 20,000 feet; that of Mount Foraker is 17,000 feet.

An Italian physicist, Signor Salvioni, has devised a microbalance of such extreme delicacy that it clearly demonstrates the loss of weight of musk by volatilization. Thus the invisible perfume floating off in the air is indirectly weighed. The essential part of the apparatus is a very thin thread of glass, fixed at one end and extended horizontally. The microscopic objects to be weighed are placed upon the glass thread near its free end, and the amount of flexure produced is observed with a microscope magnifying 10 diameters. A mote weighing one-thousandth of a milligram perceptibly bends the thread.

### ODD EYE-GLASSES.



The eyeglasses herewith illustrated are the invention of a famous French oculist. Naturally all sorts of things are claimed for them, but those who ought to know declare that they will really correct astigmatism. They say, too, that the reflections of objects in the rear of the wearer, which are so annoying, are entirely done away with by these new eyeglasses.

Whether or not this be true, it is certain that many manufacturers are already coming around as close to the shape as they dare. It must be conceded that these glasses attract attention to the wearer, and for that reason alone they should be immensely popular with the Four Hundred.

### Roll Butter.

The young housekeeper who told the fisherman that she wanted some eels and when he asked her how much, replied, "About two yards and a half," has a rival in a woman mentioned in the Chicago News:

"I wish to get some butter, please," she said to the dealer.  
"Roll butter, ma'am?" he asked, politely.  
"No; we wish to eat it on toast. We seldom have rolls."

The difficulty a man finds in getting some one to go his bond, a woman encounters when she wants some one to "take" her club.

**Cynic at Work.**  
The concierge of a very badly kept house in Paris hung up at the foot of the stairs a card inscribed as follows: "Please wipe your feet on the mat." A wag wrote underneath: "As you come out!"—Tit-Bits.

### Latest in Apartment Houses.

Shrewd New York business men who are to erect a great apartment house upon a conspicuous 5th avenue corner propose to "solve the servant problem" by providing hot and cold "lifts" in which food and drink may be whisked from a central kitchen to the private dining rooms and separate elevators for waiters to serve and "clear away" meals. Chambermaids and cleaners will keep everything in order, and even valets and ladies' maids will appear upon call for those who require them.

The late Dr. Parker, of London, was arguing with a man on the problem of continued existence, and as Mr. Parker was at the door the friend finally declared: "The fact is, I am an annihilationist. I believe that when I die that will be the end of me." "Thank God for that!" exclaimed the doctor, and banged the door.

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A curious suit will soon be tried in Anderson, Ind. To cure her brother of a constant desire for intoxicants, Mrs. Laura G. Hosier secretly administered a drug, with the result that liquor is now disagreeable to him. He has brought suit for \$5,000, asserting that his sister has robbed him of a great amount of pleasure by destroying his thirst.

Personally fitted dog blankets of sealskin can now be had for \$50 each in New York if made without hand-kerchief pockets.

No, Cordelia, key rings are not made by hammering on a piano.

Heaven hasn't time to help the man who is a victim of that tired feeling.

Sentences of some orators are so carefully rounded off that they lack point.

An Italian physicist, Signor Salvioni, has devised a microbalance of such extreme delicacy that it clearly demonstrates the loss of weight of musk by volatilization. Thus the invisible perfume floating off in the air is indirectly weighed.

The Grand Rapids and Indiana railway recently sent a vaccination train along its line and no employee escaped it.

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New Zealand has an ivy tree which has a thick, short trunk and heavy branches. It is not a climbing plant.

The tight fitting British uniform is alleged to be the cause for much heart disease among soldiers.

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The Kansas City Journal states that "Things seem to be sadly out of proportion in Kansas. At the idiot asylum one employee takes care of nine idiots. At the penitentiary one officer safely guards sixteen malefactors. But with the Kansas State Senate it takes four guards or attendants to each inmate."

**A Cure for Rheumatism.**  
Alhambra, Ill., March 23.—Physicians are much puzzled over the case of Mr. F. J. Oswald of this place. Mr. Oswald suffered much with Rheumatism and was treated by doctor after doctor with the result that he got no better whatever. They seemed unable to do anything for him and he continued to suffer till he heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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