

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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VALENTINE, NEBRASKA.

Thirteen new men sit in the United States Senate. Is the hoodoo upon the Senate or upon the country?

Dr. Parkhurst had better take a tight grip on what religion he has if he is going to run a newspaper.

Probably some men are unable to stand upon their dignity because their feet are larger than their dignity.

Some men are so suspicious that they always feel for their pocketbook when ever their wives are kind to them.

President Francis must have had an unusually fine line of stories to keep the kaiser listening for fifty minutes.

Mr. Marconi is beginning to institute suits for infringements on his patents. There ought to be something in that.

It is a mortification after being away from home for a considerable time to be compelled to introduce the subject to intimate friends.

An authority on words says that "anywhere" is correct. Just drop it in anywhere to show that your conversation is up to date.

From the investigations of the New York department of taxes and assessments it appears that Gotham is not a city of millionaires.

Since Grover Cleveland has praised him, Henry Ward Beecher must occupy a pretty low place in the estimation of Colonels Bryan and Watterson.

France has freak legislators, too. One of them has just evolved a bill to tax tom cats because they wantonly destroy the song birds in the parks.

The Duluth man who goes up and down pulling people's teeth against their will should not be too harshly condemned. That is not so bad as pulling people's legs.

Dr. George Sauerwein, a German philologist, writes poetry in thirty-eight different languages. Dr. Sauerwein may as well be given up. His is evidently an incurable case.

Since a great many society ladies find that they cannot belong to the order of Daughters of the Revolution, let them get up a new organization of "Mothers of the Next War."

A Texas man would place a tax on the impecunious nobles who come to this country looking for wives. But just what punishment would that be to the nobles? The unfortunate girls would have to pay the tax.

The Austrian archduke who gave up his title and hereditary claims a few weeks ago in order to elope with a music hall singer has been deserted by the latter. Without his title and fortune he probably seemed like a different man to her.

Is there to be no disconnection from care on land or water? Ships go down to the sea only to be called up incessantly with telegrams. Now the railroad flyer is to be fitted with a wireless apparatus and even flight is not to be unbroken rest.

Instead of oats, they are feeding hay sweetened with molasses to work-horses in New York, because the horses, when standing in harness at noon, do not chew their oats properly. A veterinary surgeon says there is more nutriment in molasses than in oats, and that it is a better food for horses. It is only in recent years that the food value of sugar has been understood.

An Englishman gives his impressions of Boston in the New York Independent, and suggests that Bostonians need never hesitate to display Revolutionary relics to their English friends from any fear lest those reminders of national defeats may awaken painful feelings. He says his countrymen are hardened to that sort of thing, for they cannot even cross the English Channel without remembering that Calais was a British possession for centuries.

Quintin Hogg, the founder of one of the largest trade-schools for young men and women in the world, who died recently, said in discussing college athletics when on a visit to Chicago in 1901, "Pile up at my left hand all the broken collar-bones, fractured limbs and sprained wrists that have resulted from football scrimmages, and at my right let me put all the bodily wrecks and physical degenerates that owe their weakness to nothing else than lack of proper exercise, and I'll tell you that your pile of football injuries will look like a mole-hill and my group of weaklings will be the mountain." He knew that the men who have done the work of the world have, with few exceptions, had strong, vigorous bodies, made so or kept so by exercise of the right kind.

"Some men are born great," said an anxious son of the East, "others are born in Ohio." At a recent reception of the Ohio Society of New York to the Secretary of State, Mr. Hay, although he claimed residence in Ohio, declared that he had suffered all his life under the handicap of not having

been born there. "When it comes to pull and prestige," he is a man without a State. In his own words: "I was born in Indiana, I grew up in Illinois, I was educated in Rhode Island. I learned my law in Springfield, my politics in Washington, my diplomacy in Europe, Asia and Africa. I have a farm in New Hampshire, and desk-room in the District of Columbia. The first ancestors of whom I ever heard were a Scotchman who was half-English and a German woman who was half-French. My mother was from New England, and my father from the South. In this bewildering of origin and experience, I can only put on an aspect of humility in any gathering of favorite sons, and confess I am nothing but an American!"

It will be a dull world if the time ever comes when women are too busy to be pleasant. "Is your wife entertaining this winter?" said one man to another. "Not very!" replied his witty if disconsolate friend. Under the brilliant repartee lies a melancholy confession. Unhappy the busy man whose wife is not "entertaining" this winter and all the winters! The empty-headed woman is certainly a trial. She grows less common every year. But her place is too often taken by the woman with head and heart filled to overflowing with the problems of modern life, and she may not be much more skillful than her silly sister in dealing with the every-day needs of husband and children. A tired doctor, coming home from fourteen hours of tussle with a typhoid-fever epidemic, cannot be refreshed by conversation on civic reform or on the enrichment of the high-school course, or even on the latest German theory of the Homeric authorship. If he is not heartened wisely for his next day's work he is too likely to become himself a victim of the disease, and he may well have as his epitaph at the hands of his inconsiderate wife, "At rest—till we meet again!" Intellectual grasp and moral enthusiasm are glorious possessions for any woman. But there are others not to be despised by her, and one of the chief of them is the power of being amusing.

The case of the man Knapp, recently arrested for murder, is one for the study of criminologists as well as of psychologists. He has confessed to having murdered five women and girls, each crime having been accompanied by shocking cruelty, and he may be guilty of others not confessed. Of course the man is a monster, a degenerate of the worst type, but the question is, what made him so? Was it heredity or environment? Was he born with an irresistible tendency to crime or was it first implanted and then nurtured in him by environments? Is he himself wholly responsible for his shocking degeneracy or are his ancestors and society responsible for it in any degree? Could he have become a decent man under any circumstances or was he predestined to a life of horrible crimes? No amount of speculation can solve the mystery. We know that heredity and environment are the master influences of the organic and animal world. They have made all of us what we are and are still ceaselessly playing upon all our lives, but which one exerts the dominating influence, none can tell. The criminologist will not find anything in this case to support the theory that punishment prevents crime or reforms criminals. Knapp had served time in four penitentiaries, terms of considerable length, and yet in each instance he returned to crime as soon as he was released. No doubt some criminals are improved by punishment and a few are reformed, but the germ of reformation was in them at the beginning. Most confirmed criminals are beyond the power of reformation. This man never should have been liberated after his first crime. Releasing him from prison was simply turning loose upon society a monster to commit the most horrible crimes. If society could have known the true situation it would have been justified in imprisoning him for life. His punishment in every instance was a farce. He was tried, convicted and sentenced with all the solemn dignity of the law, but it was time and money thrown away except that during the period of his imprisonment he could not prey upon society. The whole scheme of punishment in this man's case was a dismal failure, and the question recurs, may it not be so in many cases? Society does not seem to have got at the root of the matter.

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JUDICIAL DECISIONS



Substantial damages are held, in Western U. Teleg. Co. vs. Church (Neb.), 57 L. R. A. 905, to be recoverable for a breach of contract to transmit promptly a telegram which the company knew to be addressed to a physician, directing him to come to the sender's house at once.

A contract with a foreign insurance company made in another State, in which it is valid, but in direct violation of the laws of the State in which the property is situated and the insured resides, is held, in Swing vs. Munson (Pa.), 58 L. R. A. 223, not to be enforceable in the latter State.

A claim arising out of an illegal transaction is held, in Singleton vs. Benton (Ga.), 58 L. R. A. 181, not to be a legitimate subject-matter for submission to arbitrators, and an award founded thereon is held to be a mere nullity. With this case is a note as to effect of ward upon claim arising out of illegal transaction.

An electric light company is held, in Snell vs. Clinton Electric Light, H. & P. Company (Ill.), 58 L. R. A. 284, to have no right to make payment for a transformer a condition of furnishing electricity to one whose building is wired by a third person, where it furnishes transformers free of charge for buildings wired by itself.

A statute giving the right to an execution for the unpaid balance of a judgment against a non-resident, as to whom jurisdiction is obtained only by attachment and publication, after exhausting the property attached, is held, in Kemper-Thomas Paper Company vs. Shyer (Tenn.), 58 L. R. A. 173, to be void as in violation of the due process clause of the federal constitution.

In Reindl vs. Heath, 91 N. W. 734, it appeared that the defendants contracted to deliver a certain number of logs to be sawed by the plaintiffs, and the plaintiffs agreed to saw for no other parties during the season. The Supreme Court of Wisconsin holds that the fact that the plaintiffs sawed for other parties during the season, such sawing not interfering, however, with their work for the defendants, did not justify the defendants in refusing further delivery of logs, it being merely the breach of an independent stipulation. Compare Proprietors vs. Hovey, 21, Pick. 437, and Tipton vs. Feitner, 20 N. Y. 425.

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BACKACHE.



Backache is a forerunner and one of the most common symptoms of kidney trouble and womb displacement.

READ MRS. BOLLMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

"Some time ago I was in a very weak condition, my work made me nervous and my back ached frightfully all the time, and I had terrible headaches.

"My mother got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for me, and it seemed to strengthen my back and help me at once, and I did not get so tired as before. I continued to take it, and it brought health and strength to me, and I want to thank you for the good it has done me."—Miss KATE BOLLMAN, 142nd St. & Wales Ave., New York City.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cures because it is the greatest known remedy for kidney and womb troubles.

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When you see any one get mad, doesn't it lead you to vow you will never lose your temper?

Very soon after a boy has finished cutting his teeth, he begins to use the club over his mother that if she doesn't yield to his wishes, he will leave home, and instead of telling him to leave, she weakly submits to his tyranny. An Atchison boy, the neighbors say, has everything his own way. "If you don't do it," he will say, "I will leave home." If he left, he would soon be back, and be more appreciative of his parents, but his mother is unwilling to face the ordeal of a separation. The boy who threatens to leave home is a greater tyrant than the sixteen year-old princess, but mothers do not complain of sons and no one ever finds it out.

Feels Younger and Stronger. Festus, Mo., May 4.—Mr. January S. Lilly, a highly respected old gentleman, aged 70, and whose home is in Festus, says:

"For many years I was failing in health. My kidneys were weak and gave me no end of trouble. I had pains in my back and hips so bad that I could not sit up straight without bracing my back, and could not sit only a few minutes in any one position. I had to get up during every night very frequently to relieve myself.

"Our doctor said I had Kidney and Bladder Inflammation. I have suffered for over five years in this way, always worse at night.

"I could get no relief and was getting worse till I used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"After I had used a few boxes of this remedy I felt stronger and better than I have for years and years. My pains all left me and I can rest and sleep.

"Every old man or woman who feels as I felt should use Dodd's Kidney Pills and I am sure they will not be disappointed. They brought me out wonderfully."

WET WEATHER COMFORT. There is no satisfaction keener than being dry and comfortable when out in the hardest storm. YOU ARE SURE OF THIS IF YOU WEAR TOWERS' WATERPROOF OILED CLOTHING. MADE IN BLACK OR YELLOW AND BACKED BY OUR GUARANTEE. TOWER'S WATERPROOF OILED CLOTHING. ASK YOUR DEALER. For sale by all druggists and all Dry Goods and Fur Stores.

A Skin of Beauty is a Joy Forever. D. T. FELIX GOURAUDS' ORIENTAL CREAM, OR MAGICAL BEAUTIFIER. Removes Tan, Pimples, Freckles, Moth Patches, Rash, and Skin Diseases, and every blemish on beauty, and defies the ravages of time. It has stood the test of 15 years, and is so harmless we taste it to be sure it is properly made. Avoid all counterfeit of similar name. Dr. L. A. Sayre said to a lady of the Boston (a patient): "As you ladies will use them, I recommend 'Dodd's Cream' as the best remedy of all the Skin preparations." For sale by all Druggists and all Dry Goods and Fur Stores. F. W. T. HOPKINS, Prop., 27 Grand Street, N. Y.

FROM A "PROBLEM" NOVEL.

Scene in the Conservatory—Torn Bewick Love and Duty.

A step was heard upon the onyx floor of the palace.

"Sh-h! me hoosban' ees comeeng!" whispered lovely Lady Sorrentinia de Lake View, struggling weakly in the fiery arms of Lord Clairmount de Monteville.

"I love you! I love you!" burningly bessed Clairmount, the heir to Oakdale millions, according to the Pittsburg Dispatch.

His curly hair waved about his fair head like a shimmering halo wrought of silken starbeams.

The woman stood, trembling, beautifully, like a frightened doe at the edge of the forest.

"Ting-tank, ting-tank, ting-tank!" remorselessly purried the little clock in the conservatory—the timepiece of the flowerets.

"Ah, Cleermint, Cleermint!" came the rich French whisper, "you know not what you do. I in dangire am!"

She thought of her drunken husband, who at this moment might be leaving the ballroom—if, indeed, he were not dancing a minuet with that coarsely English girl, whom she hated. Every delicate fiber in the woman's body revolted at the thought of her husband paying attentions to that violet-eyed mix, while she—would she flee with this beautiful boy to his villa overlooking the Adriatic? A thousand temptations, a thousand wrongs, the endless and unhappy vistas of her past shot through her mind in the twinkling of a start.

She had preserved her beauty through it all. What a preservation! * * * Her womanhood triumphed.

"Release me, my fren!" she said, with calm grandeur, rising to a full height. "I will your leetel seester be forever!"

A step was heard upon the onyx floor of the palace.

"It ees me hoosban'!" the woman murmured, frigid with terror.

Lord Clairmount released her hastily. His face, which the woman saw, was as white as moonbars.

"I fear no mortal man!" he bessed, buskily, remembering his military training even in that dire extremity.

The step was heard once more.

"Ah, he vill hush me, vit hees glove!" the woman exclaimed in a paroxysm of terror.

Lord Clairmount reached the window safely. "In my pocket for a sword, I flee from no man, but absent myself thus coolly lest the 'magazines of cleverness' should hear of this!"

With these tremendous words he sprang through the window, taking the casement with him.

The woman stood alone.

A step was heard upon the onyx floor of the palace.

THE UNITED STATES "IS."

"The United States is," or "the United States are."

For years the contest has waged as to whether the third person singular present indicative of the verb "to be" should be used in connection with the noun "United States," or whether the proper form is not that of the present indicative plural of the same verb.

The battle of the grammarians has not been without interest to the general public; but now they may lay aside their arms and enjoy a truce, for the Committee on Revision of Laws has, in reviewing the Federal statutes, decided that "the United States is." The singular present of the verb "to be" will therefore, be used in the forthcoming edition of the revised statutes, and from the legal viewpoint "the United States are" will cease to exist.

This change will, we take it, meet with the approval of the people at large. There is something sublimely expressive in the phrase "the United States is," that cannot fail to be pleasing to a proud and patriotic people.

"The United States is," no matter how or under what circumstances the phrase may be used, is suggestive, prompting the query, "The United States is—what?"

To endeavor to answer this query is too much for any single individual. "The United States is" so much of everything that is good to the eye, the mind, the purse, and the physical well-being and mental equilibrium of civilization that to give details would be an endless task. Hence the value of the expressive and dignified singular present. It tells in two letters all that the people of the republic care to know, and many things that other people never dreamed of.

"The United States is—?" Well, "the United States is" just whatever you please or whatever the citizens please to make it, or whatever other nations think it is not when they are considering making open or secret war against us. This has been demonstrated so many times and oft in business, finance, industry, and at the bayonet's point or man-of-war's prow that we of the United States can take the singular present indicative, and with serene confidence say, whenever controversy involves us:

"The United States is—it."

And with that the story is told in a language all the people of the earth can understand.—Baltimore American

Cigarette Law Valid. The Supreme Court of Iowa has decided that the law levying a tax of \$300 a year on cigarette dealers was constitutional and valid. The court declares virtually that the subterfuge of the "original package" rule is an attempt at fraud, and the cigarette business cannot be thus protected.

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St. Jacobs Oil. makes it the king cure for Sprains and Bruises. Price, 25c. and 50c. THE OLD, INVARIABLE VIRTUE OF St. Jacobs Oil. THE LAMB OF SUNSHINE. THE NATURAL FEEDING GROUNDS FOR STOCK. Area under Crop in 1902—1,987,250 Acres. Yield in 1902—17,932,754 Bushels.

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Notice is served on men that clever women everywhere are raising great sums of money for churches, libraries, club rooms, etc., by starting out on their own hook to earn the money. There's the husband: Why not organize an organization to help husbands? If the women cannot invent schemes for earning money, or saving more, every man will consider himself a special committee to give hints and suggestions.

Speaking of evolution: there is the princess who was at one time a bare footed girl, who carried her father's dinner to him in a pail.

Every bride gets pieces of china among her wedding gifts that the groom couldn't tell the use of to save his neck.

When a woman has poor luck with her cake, the family are allowed to have all they want.

Answer to man correspondent: A widow wears as deep mourning for a bad husband as for a good one. There may be more stars in a man's crown if he was good but there will not be more hem in his wife's mourning veil.

It is the complaint of every mother of boys that she can't keep anything good enough for company in the house.

IN CONVENTION. Teachers Learn Something Not in the Class Books.

A number of young women attending a teachers' convention at Oklahoma City some time ago learned a valuable lesson in hygiene through a sister teacher who says: "About a year ago I had my first attack of poor health, and it seemed a terrible thing to me, for I had always been so well and strong. My stomach distressed me terribly; it seemed like it was raw, especially after breakfast, and it would burn and hurt me so I could not rest. I was soon convinced that it was caused by coffee drinking and at the request of a friend I gave up coffee and began to use Postum Coffee.

"The change in my condition was something marvelous. I had actually given up teaching because doctors were unable to help my stomach trouble, but since I quit coffee and used Postum my troubles have disappeared and I have gone to teaching again.

"Some time ago I attended a convention at Oklahoma City and determined to have Postum at my boarding house where there were eight other teachers, four of them suffering from coffee sickness. My landlady did not make the Postum right, but I showed her how and we all found it delicious. We all drank it the rest of the time we were there and the young ladies in question felt much better and declared that their heads were much clearer for study and their general health much improved. I have their names if you care for them."

Names furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.