

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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Never answer a fool according to your folly.

Lack of interest in a story is enough to prove its truthfulness.

The best possible throw of dice is to throw them into the sewer.

Were it not for their vanity it would be impossible to please some people.

A man no more than gets back from his summer vacation than he wants to go away on a hunting trip.

At any rate, Mr. Schwab was very "successful" until a more "successful" man was found to take his place.

California regrets to report that she has not pruned enough this year to create trouble in even the Hungarian Diet.

Every American lady is a queen in her own right. Have you noticed the ladies' combs? They begin to look like crowns.

After all, the slump in the stock market does not interest so many people as the addition of another cent to the price of beef.

Perhaps it would be better to let the Eastern college boys harvest the garden peas a few seasons before tackling another wheat crop.

How would it do for the nations, before further increasing their navies, to have a few of the rocks dug out of the oceans, so the boats will have room?

An Eastern mathematical expert announces that there are over 700,000,000,000 mosquitoes in existence. Of course, anybody who doubts it is at liberty to verify the count.

Elijah Dowie proposes, now that he is an American citizen, to remodel the American flag. Elijah is apt to find the chariot of fire backed up to his front door almost any morning now.

One of the German privy councilors urges young German engineers to visit America and take notes. Young American engineers may take this as a hint that they could visit Germany with profit. The industries of both countries have points of excellence which neither should hesitate to copy.

The gambler who loses to-day will pawn his watch and gamble again to-morrow, and the buyer of a lottery ticket that draws a blank will curse his luck, but buy again. So it is likely to be with the investors in paper property, and it will be a gain to the speculative but unwary public if the prestige of Morgan and the other engineers of great combines suffer sufficiently to rob them of the gift of sorcery which has been ascribed to them.

A burglar lately released from the New Jersey State Prison has sold for \$50,000 the English patent rights for an invention which he made while in confinement. Moreover, his inventive genius so impressed those who came in contact with him that his term was shortened by a pardon. It seems a pity that a man of such gifts as this should take to burglary, but evidently there is still some strength of character left, for the man, although his name is Filer, stayed until he was released.

The tirade against high heels threatens to become a crusade if all the physicians are really going to take it up and tell what they know of the evil effects the stiltlike things now fashionable produce. If these same physicians weren't made of the mettles which we know characterizes them they would just say nothing and chortle with glee at every woman they see scudding along on lifts, thinking of the increase in their practice such a custom means. But with an unselfishness that is good to see, some have come to the front with warnings that the timely and would, if heeded, ward off much suffering. And the question is, Will they receive the attention they should, these warnings?

A ragtime song catches the popular fancy. It is hummed and whistled and sung everywhere and by almost everybody. Then it is relegated. The "psychological moment" comes when the populace tires of it. It is of no more importance in the world of song than a last year's bird's nest. A jingle of words, cunning phrases, a catchy meter and a jagged tune—it soon peters out. Now—There are ragtime ideals also—ideals that are false and fleeting. For instance: Note the ideals of a boy. How they change. He begins, possibly, by wanting to be a fireman or a policeman. Then he sees the glitter of the circus. His highest ideal is to wear spangles or jump through a hoop. And so on. Ragtime ideals. Men, too, indulge in ragtime ideals. A man wants an office. He gets it. He is not satisfied. He wants money. He gets it. He learns that there are many things more important in life than money. But—the true song never dies. The real ideals never disappoint. The real song, the song that voices and reaches the best and deepest and highest that is in us, will always be sung. The true ideal will always lead to satisfaction, and happiness, and peace. We ought to be able to make "life and that vast eternity one grand, sweet song."

would—if we were not always taking up with ragtime ideals.

Reports have it that a certain school of technology confers on women who complete the course in household sciences the degree of "Bachelor of Science in Domestic Engineering." Although some American institutions have been charged with conferring degrees too bountifully and carrying academic distinctions to hasty extremes, no one will object to this new variety of degree—a variety of the sort that gives spice to life. In human values the "bachelor of science in domestic engineering" holds the most important position in the world. What is the mere bridge builder or the naval architect to the engineer in the kitchen solving the chemical problems of hot bread and making geometric cakes? Food is the fundamental thing in life, and the home is the basis of the state. Consider, too, how dignified it would be for a man to ask a woman to be his domestic engineer, with the implication that she be a "civil" engineer, as well. The toil of the household takes on a new aspect. The wife is no longer cook, but chemist, with a kitchen laboratory. Her education, especially her "original research," goes on after she leaves school—just the continuity that educators recommend. If the young wife of 22 is "Bachelor of Science," her mother should be a candidate for the honorary degree of "Master of Science in Domestic Engineering." She is like the self-made, experienced bridge builder who has not had a college education. And for grandmother, nothing will do but the highest honorary degree. Just as universities honor men who have made their mark, even if they are not college graduates, so grandmother should be summoned to the university on commencement day, dressed in academic gown and lace cap, and be made a D.D.E., "Doctor of Domestic Engineering."

Many financiers are sounding the alarm over the fast decreasing margin between profit and loss from the operation of American railroads. According to the Financial Chronicle, reports of railroad earnings thus far received for the year ending June 30, 1903, are of a character to warrant the conclusion that any further increase in expenses or decrease in transportation rates would threaten the financial soundness of the railroads. In support of this contention figures are taken giving comparison between the Vanderbilt lines for the first six months of 1902 and of 1903. They show that the increase in gross earnings of the Vanderbilt group of six roads for this period was \$10,987,494 and the increase in expenses \$10,693,700, leaving only \$293,794 as margin of profit. The principle is well established in railroading that expenses do not increase proportionately to the revenue, but should follow a descending scale per unit. It is argued that if an increase of nearly \$11,000,000 does not add more than \$250,000 to the general fund, it is clearly shown that a small decrease in traffic would have a serious effect. Taken in connection with present conditions in the transportation world, these figures and the conclusion drawn from them would seem peculiarly significant. Cost of railroad materials and equipment has increased since 1898 on an average of nearly 50 per cent. Labor organizations have succeeded in advancing wages to the high-water mark, thereby adding many millions to the expense side of the railroad ledger. Only the constantly increasing volume of traffic has enabled the railroads to earn good profits, and this increase cannot continue forever. In over twenty States there is agitation which has for its purpose increased railway taxation and decreased freight rates. It is apparent, therefore, that a general increase in freight rates would meet with determined opposition. If the financiers are right regarding the margin between profit and loss, it is evident that the roads should be making careful preparations now for the lean years that usually follow a period of extraordinary business activity.

Mystery of Wild Animals. "The forest has many mysteries," said an old woodsman, "but none deeper than that of wild animals that die natural deaths. The four-footed dwellers of the woods certainly do not live forever. Age and disease must carry them off regularly, but what becomes of their bodies? I never heard of anyone coming across a wild bear or deer or wildcat or fox that had died from natural causes. I found the carcass of a big five-pronged buck in the woods once, but a rattlesnake, also dead, had buried his fangs in one of the deer's nostrils. There had evidently been a fight to the death between the reptile and the beast. "I have many times found other dead animals in the woods, but never one that did not show unquestionable evidence of having died from violence of some kind. Every woodsman will tell you the same. What becomes of the dead wild animals that die natural deaths?"

Sex in Industry. The special report of the Massachusetts bureau of statistics of labor on "Sex in Industry" shows that women no longer need to depend on men for a living. According to the figures, woman's emancipation is about complete. More than 88 per cent. of the women workers of Massachusetts are unmarried. They prefer freedom, work and income of their own and care nothing for romance. Divorces, too, have increased, being about one to every eighteen marriages.

After a woman gives a party she nearly always says: "I was so surprised to see — there; she so seldom goes."

HOW TO GET A PATENT.

CONSIDERABLE RED TAPE SURROUNDS THE PROCESS.

Just What Ought to Be Done to Protect the Original Idea—United States Is Very Active in Protecting Rights of Those Granted Patents.

Lots of people think they have ideas worth patenting, but few of them know how to go about it to get their devices patented. There is a long line of red tape to be first unraveled. In England it is an easy matter to secure a patent, but the laws there are not nearly so well arranged to protect the owner of the patent after he has been successful. Infringements are all too common, and many inventors have come to this country to live in order to enjoy our more liberal patent provisions. Germany, conscious of the great influence our patent laws have had in stimulating industrial inventions, has revised its patent laws so as to bestow more protection upon the inventors. Next to the patent office of the United States the corresponding institution in Germany furnishes the most ample protection to inventors, and goes farthest in encouraging their work.

One of the most beneficial features of our patent office laws is that by which an applicant can practically pre-empt a claim in advance. When an idea of a new invention occurs to one, it may not always be possible to complete it immediately, and work it out in all its minute details. Another may have heard an account of the proposed invention and attempt to steal the idea. To prevent this the inventor has the right to secure a caveat or caution, upon the payment of \$10, and the filing of a description of the proposed patent. This caveat is filed at the patent office, and is kept confidentially, so that outsiders cannot make use of its information. This claim is in force for a full year, and during that time no one else can secure a patent for the same invention. There is further protection afforded the applicant in permitting him to modify and alter his caveat if he has claimed too much or made errors in his first papers. Such errors are naturally costly, and are justly charged for by the patent office. A corrected reissue of a caveat costs \$30. But even this expense in many cases proves of the utmost benefit to the claimant.

When the idea is perfected the inventor sets forth his application for a patent as minutely as possible in writing, which must be filed in the patent office. A full description of the invention must be made, so that any person could produce a model. When ever the invention admits, a model must accompany the application. When the application, description and specifications have been completed, the inventor must attest to its genuineness and originality, and sign the document in the presence of two witnesses. The applicant must, moreover, swear that he knows of no prior claim to the invention, and that so far as he is personally aware, no description of such an invention has ever been published.

Every applicant can make his claim personally and defend his rights, but there are patent lawyers who have been admitted to practice at the bar of the patent office. A list of these lawyers is furnished by the patent office free of cost upon application. Their business is to see that applicants' specifications are properly made out, and later to appear before the examiners and substantiate the claims and contest them with any who may put in counter-claims.

The ordinary cost of securing a patent is \$35, which the patent office requires in return for passing upon the claims and issuing patent papers. The patent office endeavors to protect applicants in their selection of lawyers, and deliberate fraud and extortion on the part of the latter might result in their permanent disbarment. When the specifications and descriptions are filed it costs the applicant only \$15, and he may have the question determined for this fee whether a patent can or cannot be granted him. The final \$20 must be paid when the patent is issued.

When the examiners finally pass upon the patent, a fee of \$20 must be paid, and some time within six months the necessary papers will be issued. The patent is printed and a picture of the model lithographed. The papers are signed and sealed, and sent to the Secretary of the Interior to sign. Then they are countersigned by the commissioner of patents and sent to the successful applicant or his lawyer. The patent secures the inventor for seventeen years in the exclusive right of using, making and selling his invention, and the laws of the United States protect him in the enjoyment of these rights.—Collier's Weekly.

Two Backwoods Games. Clifton Johnson, in his desultory traveling through the Adirondacks, collected many a bit of folk-lore and homespun talk. At one log house where he stayed the two boys were playing, in the evening, the game of "bumblebee."

Ted had his fists together, thumbs up, a light stick poised on them. Geoffry was moving the forefinger of his right hand round the end of the stick in an erratic manner, sometimes fast, sometimes slowly, dodging this way and that. At the same time he kept up a continual buzzing. Suddenly he picked up the stick and gave his

brother's thumbs a smart rap. "There," said he, "the bumblebee stung!"

Ted had tried to part his fists and let the stick pass harmlessly between them, but he had not been quick enough. If he had succeeded he would have been the "bumblebee" himself, and tried to "sting" Geoffry.

Then the two boys began to play "chipmunk." Ted got down on all fours, facing Geoffry, and the latter, who remained seated, spread apart his legs, and by putting his open hands just inside his knees made a kind of human trap. Ted, squawking and chattering, dodged his head this way and that over the trap, and when he thought there was a good chance he lobbed it down between Geoffry's legs, while Geoffry, by thumping his knees and hands together, tried to make a capture. But the chipmunk had escaped, and he set his "trap" again. When Ted succeeded in catching Geoffry's head the two changed places.

GOOD Short Stories

A young member of Parliament was addressing a meeting at which there was a considerable rowdy element present. Like the other speakers, he was frequently interrupted, until, losing patience, he called for silence, saying: "Don't let every ass bray at once." "Very well, we will let you go on braying, sir," said the ringleader, and the honorable member was left without a reply.

The other day Secretary Hitchcock referred the following letter, addressed to him, to the Pension Bureau, for consideration: "Befar the war there wasent no man who could a throwed me down or made me holler but now a goodish sized man could blow me over and I am so nervous I holler when I heer a hog squeak in killin time or the jists of my oald house grove with the wind. I aint playin no baby ack Mr. Sectery, but if you alls is spreadin \$20 bills out in the son to dry you mite jist as well let me have a few as any nuther ole soldier, I ort to be paid for my nervousness."

At Newport last summer George J. Gould went aboard a battleship which was surrounded by a multitude of little boats, filled with curious spectators bent on seeing all that could be seen. There was a young officer on board who must have sat down accidentally on a fresh painted bench or something of that kind, says Mr. Gould, "for his white duck trousers were very dirty. He, though, was not aware of it. He moved among the ladies gallantly, and his trousers were an eyesore. Finally some one on one of the little boats bent in a stentorian Irish voice shouted: 'Och, misther, wouldn't yer ducks be beter for a shwin?'"

In his monologue at the Orpheum recently, James J. Corbett told of an incident that occurred at the Coney Island Club when he fought "Jim" Jeffries for the first time. The fighters had to pass through the crowd on the way to the dressing-rooms. One man there, though he had never seen either of the fighters, had backed Jeffries heavily. As Corbett, followed by his trainers, passed into the place, some one yelled: "Hello, here's Jim!" The man who was backing Jeffries thought it was his favorite who had arrived, and he rushed up and caught Corbett by the hand. "Good luck, Jim!" he shouted. "I hope you knock Corbett's block off."

Lord Charles Beresford was once breakfasting in a small country hotel, and accidentally upset a cup of coffee over the clean white tablecloth, which the good lady of the house had dug up from her most sacred linen cupboard for the benefit of the British admiral. Unfortunately, the upsetting of the steaming coffee also upset the good lady's temper, and she soundly rated Lord Charles for his want of tact. "It's a good thing for you," she said, "that the coffee has not left much stain on my cloth." "It was too weak, madam," replied the admiral; "you'll have to stain your coffee before you can expect to stain your table linen. Use more beans, ma'am; use more beans!"

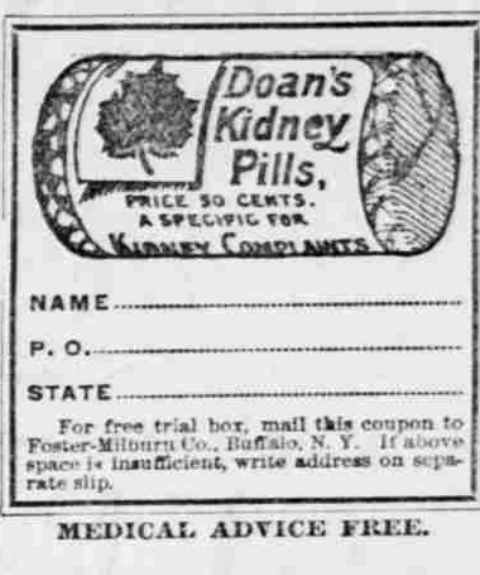
Hot Water for Headache. A headache caused by exposure to the hot sun or exhaustion can sometimes be cured in half an hour or sooner by the simple remedy of hot water; not lukewarm water, but as hot as the flesh will endure. Take off the waist, loosen the clothing, knot the hair out of the way, and hold the head over a basin of hot, steaming water. Take a large sponge and lift it soaking to the back of the neck. It will be more effectually accomplished if you can get some one to do it for you. Sponge back of the ears, the back of the neck, and the base of the brain. Continue this treatment till the nerves seem to relax and the agony gradually passes away. Hot water will often give help in an attack of erysipelas.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Life's Whirlwind. Every farmer boy wants to be a school teacher, every school teacher hopes to be an editor, every editor would like to be a banker, every banker would like to be a trust magnate, and every trust magnate hopes some day to own a farm and have chickens and cows and pigs and horses to look after. We end where we begin.—Saline County (Kans.) Index.

The man who can't work when it is hot stops to enjoy the weather when it becomes cool.

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Advertisement for Bromo-Seltzer: Yours for a Clear Head. 10¢ SOLD EVERYWHERE.

A new social diversion has been contrived by Miss Rosamond Guthrie, of Mexico, Mo. She gave a party, and seventeen couples started from her home in seven-en buggies. After driving ten or fifteen minutes, all the buggies stopped, and each gentleman got out and climbed into the buggy just ahead of him. This was kept up all the evening. The changes of partners were interspersed by refreshments at four different residences.

SCISSORS. There is no error without intelligence.—The Schoolmaster.

A man's true wealth is the good he does in the world.—Mahomet.

The mission of the skeptic is to retard progress.—The Crusader.

Wise is the fool who knows enough to keep it to himself.—Exchange.

Same men go to bed to late ever to wake up famous.—Chicago News.

The chief end of man is the one with the head on.—Chicago News.

Men make success by making use of their failures.—Common Sense.

If you don't understand the other fellow just laugh.—The Schoolmaster.

Nothing can be hostile to religion which is agreeable to justice.—Alabama Elk.

Bacon can be cured by smoking, but the tobacco habit can't.—Stanford Advocate.

It should not be forgotten that some of the best opportunities are home-made.—Puck.

Optimists get more fun in hoping than pessimists do in having.—Saturday Evening Post.

Good fortune is simply the result of good habits, good methods and good principles.—Common Sense.

The man who conceals his failures will in the end triumph over the man who trumpets his successes.—New York Press.

"To work for others is in reality, the only way in which a man can work for himself. Selfishness is ignorance."

Last year America only imported 8,000,000 bushels of potatoes.

Twenty-four persons living in County Tipperary, Ireland, are centenarians.

An adder twenty-six inches long has been killed by a gamekeeper at Tobermory, Mull.

Japanese is the latest language to be added to the list at the University of Chicago.

Games of love often end in a tie.

Self-possession is nine points with the lawyer.

He who takes his own time generally takes other people's, too.

Smoking cars for ladies are in use on some of the Russian railroads.

Cynical Views of Life.

Be honest, and your friends will call you rude.

Be pious, and people will call you a hypocrite.

Be independent and people will say you put on airs.

Be philosophical, and people will call you a regular fool.

Be tactful, and people will wonder what you are driving at.

Astronomers announce that the Star of Bethlehem, which directed the wise men to the birth place of the Saviour, will appear once more in 1910 or 1911. Josephus the Hebrew historian, speaks of this star, which is now known as Halley's comet, and since this time it has appeared on twenty-three occasions.

So little have the industries of India been affected by the British occupation that the native smith still forges locally made iron on a stone anvil within eighty miles of Simla.

Miss E. Leslie Jackson has painted from nature in water colors 77 varieties of wild flowers of Alaska. This collection is now in Washington, D. C., and will be a feature of the Alaskan exhibit at the world's fair.

Congressional garden seeds are distributed for the purpose of raising votes.

A good stomach is sometimes as useful as brains in helping a man along in the world.

It takes a bachelor with money to exterminate the weeds from a widow's bonnet.

The small boy always wonders if his mother will ever get over being surprised at the things he does.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and others manage to grow smaller each day.

If our neighbors had as few faults as ourselves what a pleasant old world this would be to live in.

Still Another Case.

Frankfurt, Wis., Oct. 12.—Many remarkable cures are being reported from all over the country, but there is one right here in Frankville which is certainly worth publishing, and which has not as yet been given to the public.

Mrs. Louis Markison of this place had been a sick woman for quite a long time and could not find anything to give her any help. She suffered all the painful symptoms of what is generally known as female weakness. Every woman who reads her story will understand these distressing conditions which combine to make the lives of many women one long burden of weakness and suffering.

Mrs. Markison chanced one day to hear of a new remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, that was said to be a splendid medicine for women's weakness. She determined to try some and soon found herself getting better. She kept on with the pills and was cured. Speaking of her case Mrs. Markison says:

"I can and do praise Dodd's Kidney Pills as a remedy for female weakness. They are the best medicine I have ever known, and have done me a great deal of good."

The Lackawanna railroad is enhancing the natural scenic localities of its line with landscape gardening at every station between Buffalo and New York.

No man's ignorance ever prevented him from giving advice.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials from Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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