THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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VALENTINE, - NEBRASKA

Bent pins and carpet tacks come under the head of felt goods.

The military automobile, we presume, will be equipped with bullet proof tires.

Radium has dropped from $5,000,000 to $2,721,555.90 a pound—and still everybody can't afford it.

Yes, as a race we "eat too much meat." We also burn too much hard coal and use too much ice.

A Kansas man cured dyspepsia by fasting for thirty days. He has gone where stomachs do not trouble.

The presence of the American eagle has had a good deal to do with the suppression of cock fighting in the Philippines.

President Harper sympathizes with the sultan. President Harper knows what governing a lot of flighty people is himself.

When we read in the papers that the beef trade or flour trade is promising, the consumer is always able to suppress his joy.

The latest concerning the Holstein cattle is that "they ought to be shot." Does an unsatisfied longing for cream make people bloodthirsty?

How much of the homicidal character and reputation of Kentucky must be charged to a long line of hair-trigger-pardon governors?

A speed of 114 miles an hour has been developed on a German electric railroad. Here is a new mark for the automobile scorcher to aim at.

Won't that magnetic pole they have discovered in the neighborhood of Skagway do just as well as the north pole? 'Twould save a heap of trouble if it would.

An injunction restraining a Chicago firm from paying debts is the latest thing in the injunction line. Get your application for an injunction in early and avoid the rush.

A new blackberry is causing some comment in the southwest. It is yellow when it is green and white when it is black. Hold on there—hold on—what's the matter with us? Yes, on second thought, those are the exact facts.

The New York Herald comes out against the Standard Dictionary because it gives vogue to the new word "chesty." Nonsense, "chesty" fills a great aching void in the language and is here to stay. Let's give it a "hearty" welcome.

The water-cure for the mob spirit has its advocates. A new stand-pipe has just been erected at an Indiana county jail, and the hose is to be turned on rioters in the future. Men who have tried it say that it is more effective than bullets. It certainly is more humane.

Down in Mexico there are travelers who say that a native will "murder a white man for five dollars." That's one view of the Mexican. Quite another is supplied by the recent feat of the Indian peon, who, when James Howard, an American mining man, was taken with a fever in the mountains, put him on a litter and, alone, bore him fifty miles on his back to Gaudalajara.

Lawbreakers should not be brutally treated, but their discipline should be always sufficiently rigid to make them sigh for a return to liberty. They should never be permitted to forget that the prison is a penal institution—a place of punishment for crime, and not merely a health and pleasure resort to which it is pleasant to return after a brief sojourn outside its walls. The good citizens of the State are in a fair way to suffer when the malefactors begin to view the State prison as a haven of rest.

One of the arguments against the proposition to apply the lash to the deserving backs of wife-beaters is that the witnessing of such punishment would be brutalizing to the public. There is no necessity for having many witnesses of the whippings, and the few that might be present would not be more injuriously affected than are those who are invited by officials in charge to witness the killing of a man or a woman by either of the methods employed in this country for inflicting the death penalty.

Each great yacht-race brings out the suggestion that because the craft employed are mere racing-machines contests of this sort are of less value to the art of ship construction than if the test of speed were between boats designed in accordance with certain practical needs. But this criticism might be made to apply to most sports. There is always the liability that games of skill will be developed or refined beyond the point where the generality of people can hope to participate.

It is a Berlin physician, who must be a sufferer from such "practice," who has just started a campaign against the widely spread custom of giving pianoforte lessons to children. He asserts that this instrument is largely responsible for the alarming development of nervous affections which are steadily increasing. In his opinion a girl ought not to begin the study of music before the age of 16 years, and even after that age not more than two hours a day ought to be devoted to practice. Out of 2,000 girls who were put to the torture of scale exercises before the age of 12 600 are doomed to some form of nervous disease, whereas out of the same number of girls whose musical education was neglected only 100 turned out neuropathic.

Miss Gladys Vanderbilt can cook. It is in the newspapers, along with a half-tone picture of this daughter of wealth and luxury. Her pies are toothsome. She concocts fine gingerbread and knows all about the preparing of baked beans. But why should the fact that a girl, rich or poor, can cook be considered news? Cooking isn't a lost art, and good cooks are not so rare. If you could get close to the home life of some of the wholesome girls you meet, you'd be surprised to learn how much they really know about the preparation of good food. Kitchen knowledge is priceless. The ability to make good bread and light biscuits ranks right up with the best work at the piano. Paderewski pleases the few and the good cook pleases everybody. And most of the good women cooks are home-made. Mothers taught them and before that other mothers did their duty. The message of good things to eat has been handed down from the dim past, like the traditions of the Indians, and of the beginning no man can tell you. The girl who can dance like a sylph, talk interestingly, sing divinely, is good company. There is always a place for her in the world. And then there is the girl who puts on a high-necked apron, says "excuse me" to her guests and disappears into the kitchen. An hour later she sits behind the tea urn, a picture of domesticity, happy in the consciousness that her hands prepared the food that her friends find delicious. What a wife that girl will make! She is independent. She is powerful. She has no hired girl troubles. She is happy when her untaught sister is helpless. It is good to know that Gladys Vanderbilt can cook. Here's to the Mollies and Marys and Lulus and a million more who also can cook, and who have never been featured in the newspapers!

John Philip Sousa, the band leader, in an interview says: "Rag time is an established feature of American music; it will never die any more than 'Faust' and the great operas will die. It is just as popular everywhere as it ever was, and I see no reason why it should not remain in favor as long as music is played." This demonstrates that Mr. Sousa is better as a band master than as a musical observer. There is no feature of American music that is "established," for there is no American music. There is no feature of music that is established. In music fashions change with each generation. Sometimes they change many times in a generation. In nothing is the popular taste more fickle than is music. Where are the old madrigals, and glees and catches? Where is the old "penny royal"? Where are the old time negro melodies? Where are the old sentimental songs and descriptive ballads? Where is the old piano program music? Mr. Sousa says "rag time will never die any more than 'Faust' and the great operas will die." But where, Mr. Sousa, are "Norma," and "Lucia," and "Robert the Devil," and "Semiramide," and "Cenerentola," and "Dinorah," and "Masaniello," and "William Tell," and "Trovatore," and "Ernani," and scores more of operas once considered great? And does not Mr. Sousa know that all of Gounod's operas are dead, save "Romeo and Juliet" and "Faust," and that these two already have received the final summons to retire to the shelf and gather dust? Mr. Sousa's "Smoky Moke" and "Georgia Camp meeting" may last a little longer, for it is the day of the rag time, the two-step, and the coon song, but the musical comedy, itself wearing out, has given them their finishing blow, and they will soon pass and be forgotten

A Valuable Saddle.

"Don't run an account. Pay for what you get when you get it," was Grandfather White's frequent advice to his children and grandchildren. And then he used to tell us this story:

My father had an account when he lived in England, and once his bill at the saddler's was larger than he expected; but he paid it, for he had no way of proving that he hadn't bought the items charged. A year or two later the saddler died, and it came out through his clerk that he had done some queer things. He was considered an honest man, but queer. A man went to the store one day and bought a saddle, and ordered it charged to his account. And when it was too late the clerk who sold the saddle did not know the gentleman's name.

"Oh, well," said the saddler, "charge it to all who have accounts here, and the right one will pay for it. The others will know they didn't buy it."

And did they know it? Never a bill. The clerk said that forty persons paid for that saddle.

The Wisdom of Experience.

"Why," asks a Missouri paper, "does Missouri stand at the head in raising mules?"

"Because," replies the Paw Paw Corner Bazoo, "that is the only safe place to stand."

What has become of the old fashioned woman who referred to her enemy as "an old gump?"

PROGRESS IN PORTO RICO.

Disinterested View of the Island's Prosperity Under Our Rule.

The two principal articles of exportation in Porto Rico, sugar and tobacco, have increased from 27,500,000 francs and 3,161,800 francs in 1901 to 31,975,000 francs and 10,570,000 francs the year following. The exports of cigarettes and of leaf tobacco have diminished, but the diminution is of little importance compared to the much higher value of cigars.

The sugar cane plantations with the employment of modern methods are increasing, facilitated as they are by the creation of central factories, one of which has recently been started at Guanica. Notwithstanding the advances made, still there remains much to be done.

Coffee culture is extending rapidly. The product of the present year amounts to 350,000 bags. During the last ten years 3,500 acres have been devoted to orange plantations. They plant about seventy trees to the acre, which yield in five years to about 35,000 oranges, which are usually sold at the wharfs at the rate of five francs a hundred, and this gives a profit of 1,250 francs to the acre.

Cotton planting is about to be renewed. The exportation of cotton reached 4,000 bales in 1865. About 300,000 acres will soon be set apart for cotton plantations.

Many mining concessions have been granted since the annexation of the island to the United States, but none, so far, have been worked with energy. Gold, silver, iron, copper and bismuth exist in the island, and also immense beds of tin, mercury, lignite, yellow amber and nickel, without speaking of the lead mines.

The construction of railroads is going on rapidly. The entire system, it is expected, will be completed in less than three years. The French line, reorganized under the name of the "American Railroad Company of Porto Rico," has obtained a new concession. It is now occupied in finishing the network of railroads in the island. An electric tramway has been started at Ponce. Another line connects Bayamon with San Juan, and it will soon be linked to a steamboat line to Ponce. —L'Economiste Francais.

A Tragic Tragedy.

An Indian from the Flambeau reservation in northern Wisconsin recently came into the fishing resort of Squaw Lake with a curiosity in the way of deer horns he wished to sell. Failing to make a sale, he took the horns back to the reservation. The Montreal Witness describes his treasure as three sets of antlers inextricably interlocked. Two sets of antlers so locked are rare, but not unknown. It is believed that the Flambeau Chippewa has the only set of three-locked antlers in the world.

The accident could have happened only in one way. Two bucks of equal strength were fighting in the forest and became locked. Then, while they were still struggling, a third buck appeared and charged them both, probably repeatedly, until his own horns became fastened.

The Indian says he found the horns north of Flambeau Lake, about a mile from the water. They were lying on the side of a hill, and there were no bones near them. The condition of the horns proved that the fight occurred not more than two years ago. The antlers were all of full-grown bucks, showing eight and ten points each.

The third pair had been driven into the others just above where they were joined, and the branches of them were about equally locked with the branches of the others.

They were not broken or chipped in any way, which seems to indicate that when the third buck had made his last charge he was fastened so firmly that there was no room for any one of his points to play in the forks of the others. Indeed, all the horns were so stoutly joined that they could not be moved at all. They are as rigid as if molded in that fashion from steel.

Wedding Rings.

Among the curiosities of wedding rings it is on record that in the early days rings were made of rushes. Perhaps the most curious material used for rings required on an emergency is the case of one being hurriedly made by cutting it out of the finger of a glove, and another out of a visiting card. Many cases are on record of rings made of brass and iron being used, as also certain rings and door keys being pressed into service at weddings. The Quakers and Swiss Protestants do not use rings at their marriage ceremonies. The Irish people have a strong objection to any but gold rings. In St. Kilda wedding rings are made of worsted. The woman of the Upper Bayanzi on the Congo, wear their wedding rings around their necks. These rings are made of thick brass rods, which are made into great rings and strongly welded together. The more wealthy the husband the heavier the ring. In some cases they weigh thirty pounds.

Engagement Bracelet.

Designers have been busy with love affairs and their symbols. The engagement ring will probably never lose its favor, but there are now several novelties in the way of engagement gifts that vie with the ring for popularity. A pretty idea is the curb bracelet with the heart clasp in which reposes the portrait of the giver.

Going Down the Chute.

St. Peter—What did you do on earth?

Gambler—Well, I-er-kept a dive, but——

St. Peter—Take one now.—Philadelphia Press.

Quick Results.

W. J. Hill, Justice of the Peace, Concord, N. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills proved a very efficient remedy in my case. I used them for disordered kidneys and backache, from which I had experienced a great deal of trouble and pain. The kidney secretions were very irregular, dark colored and full of sediment. Since taking the pills the secretions are cleared up. I have not had an ache in my back, my health generally is improved a great deal.

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents per box.

Vaseline.

Everybody knows the great value of this remedy in the household, but everybody does not know that the imitations of it, which some second-class druggists dishonorably palm off on their customers, have little or no value. What should be understood by the public is that it is not a mere question of comparative value between "Vaseline" and the imitations, but that the imitations do not effect the wonderful healing results of the world renowned "Vaseline," and that they are not the same thing nor made in the same way. Besides this, many of the imitations are harmful, irritant and not safe to use, while true Vaseline is perfectly harmless.

Perfect safety therefore lies in buying only original bottles and other packages put up by the Chesebrough Manufacturing Co. Attention is called to their Capsicum Vaseline, advertised in another column.

WORTH THE TROUBLE.

Friend—"Why do you sell to those society people if you have such a time collecting the bills?"

Florist—"Hist! I use them as stool-pigeons, to lure in the nobodies who pay cash."

A PERFECT GEM

Mr. Gotham—"Is that suburban cottage that you are advertising really desirable?"

Agent—"Desirable? Why, sir, it's painted in sixteen colors."

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

KNEW WHAT HE WANTED.

Drummer—"I want a pair of congress gaiters."

Dealer—"There has been so little demand for congress gaiters lately that we have ceased to keep them."

Drummer—"H'm! Then give me a pair of button gaiters and a fire escape."

Mahin's Magazine says, "If at first you don't succeed, don't count the first time."

A man doesn't necessarily lead a dog's life because his wife pets him.

When an individual minds his own business he is one kind of monopolist.

Occasionally women make fools of men, but they are not responsible for all the fools.

Among the trimmings for dressy tailor-made suits are oriental embroideries, fur, braid, and crochet insertions and medallions, the latter round, square and oval, worked in colored flax thread or silks and wool.

Trees form a rough guide to the points of the compass. The moss invariably grows thickest on the north side, and, where exposed to the sun, the limbs attain the largest dimensions on the south side.

AN OLD TIMER

Has Had Experiences.

A woman who has used Postum Food Coffee since it came upon the market eight years ago knows from experience the necessity of using Postum in place of coffee if one values health and a steady brain.

She says: "At the time Postum was first put on the market I was suffering from nervous dyspepsia and my physician had repeatedly told me not to use tea or coffee. Finally I decided to take his advice and try Postum and got a sample and had it carefully prepared, finding it delicious to the taste. So I continued its use and very soon its beneficial effects convinced me of its value for I got well of my nervousness and dyspepsia.

"My husband had been drinking coffee all his life until it had affected his nerves terribly. I persuaded him to shift to Postum and it was easy to get him to make the change, for the Postum is so delicious. It certainly worked wonders for him.

"We soon learned that Postum does not exhilarate or depress and does not stimulate, but steadily and honestly strengthens the nerves and the stomach. To make a long story short, our entire family have now used Postum for eight years with completely satisfying results as shown in our fine condition of health, and we have noticed a rather unexpected improvement in brain and nerve power." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Increased brain and nerve power always follow the use of Postum in place of coffee, sometimes in a very marked manner.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

ENCOURAGE YOUR WIFE.

A sensible wife is averse to flattery, but merited praise delights her. She likes her husband to be thoughtful of her, kind and considerate of her welfare. When she is well and becomingly dressed, a quiet notice of it is always appreciated.

A word of praise for a nice dinner or supper often more than compensates her for the worry and work of preparation.

She wants her husband not only to be her supporter, but her companion, remembering that it is the kind word that often brings her greater happiness than a new set of dishes, though presents like the latter are always welcome.

She likes to realize that she is good for something besides a mere household drudge. She likes to be petted occasionally, but not in public.

GYPSIES SHOULD STUDY LAW.

Burglar Bill—"These gypsies don't know anything. One of 'em told Gory Gus that he'd die on the gallows."

Dynamite Dan—"Well, didn't he?"

Burglar Bill—"Naw. He died of old age while waitin' fer a new trial."

SUSPICIONS SILENCED.

Mrs. Slimdiet—"Why do you bring the dog into the house?"

Cook—"Please, mum, the boarders always inquire after him when there is sausage fer breakfast."

EXPENSIVE TASTE.

Father—"Yes, I admit that your lover has a good income, but he has very expensive tastes, very."

Daughter—"You amaze me. What does he ever want that is so very expensive?"

Father—"Well, you, for one thing."

PROTESTING TOO MUCH.

She (doubtfully)—"Have you really told me of all the sins you ever committed?"

He (stoutly)—"Yes. All."

She (sorrowfully)—"Then I am not worthy of you. Farewell for—for—forever."

Another new trimming for woolen materials much used for the adornment of skirts consists of several rows of narrow black or colored velvet ribbon arranged horizontally, and traversed at intervals with strips of colored embroideries, the edges of which come above the velvet.

Female mountain climbers in Switzerland, if they are American, French or English, and value their complexions, smear their faces with soot to protect them from the sun's rays.

Ball gowns scintillate with rich embroideries, and sashes figure on all of them.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

Don't get grouchy; the Lord loves a cheerful man.

Colored globes in drugstore windows were first displayed by the Moors of Arabia and Spain.

Excessive coffee drinking is hurtful to the sight. This is the opinion of an eminent French scientist.

Too many men waste valuable time talking about the things they are going to do.

The ancient Romans considered it effeminate to wear beards. All their busts, representing the famous men of olden times, are without beards.

I can recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption for Asthma. It has given me great relief.—W. L. Wood, Farmersburg, Ind., Sept. 8, 1901.

If you can't say a good word for your neighbor at least you can keep your mouth shut.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain cures colic. Price 25c bottle

Shads should be pretty sure of anything they feel in their bones.

Carpets can be colored on the floor with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

Mustard plasters come under the head of drawing instruments.

GOD'S DEFENDER. Copy 10c. Great Bend, Kansas

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The Doctor's Statement.

St. John, Kan., Nov. 16.—This town has a genuine sensation in the case of a little boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McBride. Dr. Limes, the attending physician, says:

"Scarlet Fever of a very malignant type brought this child very near to death and when the fever left him, he was semi-paralyzed in the right leg and right arm. He also lost hearing in his right ear and his mind was much affected.

"His parents tried another treatment for a time and when I was recalled I found that he was having spells very like Epilepsy and was very bad and gradually growing worse. I advised the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills and in a short time the child began to improve. Inside of a week the nervous spasms or epileptic seizures ceased altogether."

Mr. and Mrs. McBride have made a sworn statement of the facts and Dr. Jesse L. Limes has added his sworn statement saying that Dodd's Kidney Pills and nothing else cured the fits.

There is no tool like an old tool.

Male gossips are the worst of the breed.

Fools who keep their mouths shut may pass for wise men.

Too many so-called gems of thought turn out to be paste.

The pale of society can be had of any druggist at 50 cents a box

Earthquakes are responsible for a lot of non-collectable ground rents.

Always aim a little higher than the mark—if the mark is a dimple in her chin.

The kangaroos are disappearing in Australia. Since 1877 it is stated that 7,407,863 of them have been killed there.

Hints to the Plain Featured.—No matter how plain your face may be, you can become a stylish and fine looking woman, if you cultivate a graceful carriage and a certain individuality in dress. You know that the most fascinating women have been plain looking. There is a charm of personality that has nothing whatever to do with bright eyes, symmetrical features, or pretty hair. Do all you can to improve your complexion. Cultivate a pleasant expression by having a cheerful disposition, and then train your body to symmetry and gracefulness.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York. Cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Put Up in Collapsible Tubes.

A Substitute for and Superior to Mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain allaying and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve headache and sciatica.

We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all rheumatic, neuralgic and gouty complaints.

A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household. Many people say "It is the best of all your preparations."

Price 15 cents, at all druggists, or other dealers, or by sending this amount to us in postage stamps, we will send you a tube by mail.

No article should be accepted by the public unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine.

CHESEBROUGH MANUFACTURING CO
17 State Street, New York City.

Get the cheerful habit.

There is only one thing more foolish than not advertising—worrying.

Napoleon is said to have remarked that he feared three newspapers more than one hundred thousand bayonets.

What do you do with your evenings? Many a success has been made on a foundation of home study.

Rise up, brothers, and get pay for your labor. Elevate the business and come up with it.

Keep up with the new ideas even if you do not adopt them all.

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

TOWER'S FISH BRAND

WATERPROOF OILED CLOTHING

MADE IN BLACK OR YELLOW AND BACKED BY OUR GUARANTEE

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TOWER CANADIAN CO. LIMITED TORONTO, CAN.

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If he will not supply you send for our free catalogue of garments and hats.

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THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

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