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The truth that hits is the truth we hate.

The high livers do not reach the heights of life.

Radium, you may have observed, is now guaranteed to do all those things that liquid air was going to do a few years ago.

Mme. Nordica doesn't get any alimony, but her case isn't so bad. She won't have to support the gentleman any more.

It appears that when a society woman writes a magazine article she furnishes a paragraph or two and the editor does the rest.

Possibly the reason so many men make fortunes on a thousand or two a year is because they do not let the left hand know what the right hand is doing.

The Hon. Bourke Cochran, who says the United States is the "hoodlum of the world," has no objections to being one of the hoodlums' hired hands at \$5,000 a year.

The outcome of this war is going to be disagreeable either way. Everybody hopes Russia will be whipped, but if Japan wins how will it be possible hereafter to hold the Japsies?

When it becomes established that radium will cure cancer it will then appear that about the only disease in the treatment of which medical science has made no progress since the Pharaohs is baldness.

A Chicago man wants a divorce because his wife insists on moving more than six times a year. Evidently that gentleman thinks there may be such a thing as running the breaking-homes business into the ground.

Sympathy for Whitaker Wright is now being aroused in England. Wright's great mistake was in not committing his sins over here, where he might, instead of taking poison, have taken advantage of a technicality of some kind.

"The king can do no wrong"—even in an automobile. The act of parliament requiring the registration and numbering of motor cars and the regulation of their speed does not apply to King Edward, nor does his majesty need a driving license.

Of the immigrants landing in the United States during the fiscal year, 511,302 had less than \$30, and 185,667 could neither read nor write. It is no sin to be poor, but it seems wicked that there are so many adults in the world who have never been to school. Something wrong somewhere.

According to the doctrine of chances, a boy who has no middle name is more than twice as likely to become President of the United States as one who has a middle name; and the boy who has more than three names has no chance at all. Of the twenty-five men who have filled the office of President, seventeen had two names each—for Van Buren is one name, and not two. Since 1890 no triple-named President has been elected except Mr. Cleveland, who gained a chance by dropping his first name.

Lieutenant General Young, the retiring chief of staff of the army, sent a package to General Chaffee, his successor, with this note: "Private Young, Company K, Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, presents his compliments to Private Chaffee, Troop K, Sixth United States Cavalry, and asks him to accept this pair of lieutenant general's shoulder straps." There never was a more significant illustration of the opportunities enjoyed by young men in this country than is given by this note to the new chief of staff from his predecessor.

It is a remarkable fact, when properly viewed, that a parent cannot bequeath his own experience to his child. A parent can give his child the example of right living, advice and money, but he cannot give his personal experience. Suppose I could bequeath my experience to my boy? And my boy to his boy? And so on. In a few generations we should have a perfected humanity. Why this plan of redeeming the race did not recommend itself to divine wisdom we cannot say. As a matter of fact, every person must become a pupil in the school of experience. The old adage says, "Experience is a dear teacher, but fools will learn in no other." That is not true. Experience is a dear school in which all men, wise and foolish, must learn. But—One must distinguish between experience and wisdom. Wisdom is knowledge in action. Wisdom is applied experience. Many persons learn a lesson by experience and then fail to profit by it. Many persons suffer and then fail to get strength out of the suffering. This is true: The highest good will never come to you until you are prepared to receive it. The best gifts of life will never be yours until the way has been cleared for them by the applied lessons of experience.

Fear of the tomato, which arose from the fact that it was a cousin to hemlock, belladonna and the deadly nightshade, is rapidly disappearing.

WOMEN WORKERS IN FIELDS.

Of 4,410,910 Agricultural Laborers in United States 661,103 Are Women.

In an Agricultural Department bulletin, the total number of agricultural laborers in the United States is placed at 4,410,910, of whom 2,366,149 are "members of the family;" that is, "sons and daughters who help to work the old homestead" or "help Uncle Sam with the 'craps,'" and 2,044,761 are hired laborers.

A surprisingly large number of women are classed as hired farm help. The total number is 220,048. Naturally, the greater number of these are in the South, where the negro women are an important factor in the gathering of cotton, corn and other crops. There were 41,055 women classed as farm laborers, "members of the family," and the vast majority of these were also found in the South where negro women taking an active part in the work in the field is an ordinary sight.

South Carolina leads in the number of women hired laborers, with 35,581, and Alabama is next, with 34,083. Then come Georgia, with 30,805; Mississippi, with 30,134; Louisiana, with 23,290; and North Carolina, with 20,467. Virginia has 5,382 of these women and Maryland has 485.

Mississippi leads all the States in female laborers "members of the family," with a total of 77,599. Then follow Alabama, with 74,315; South Carolina, with 65,869; Georgia, with 64,896; and North Carolina, with 37,400. Virginia has 4,811, and Maryland 387.

Farm wages have almost uniformly shown an upward tendency since 1890 and, in many States, they are now higher than they have been since the Civil War.

The average farm wage for the entire country for 1902, as far as could be learned, were \$22.14 per month, without board, and \$20.23 in 1899. Where board was furnished by the employer the rate of increase was still higher.

In 1902 the average monthly wages of a farm hand who lived with his employer were \$18.40, and in 1899 were \$14.07.

The highest monthly wages, with board, were paid in Nevada, \$34.14; Montana, \$32; Wyoming, \$31.21; Idaho \$29.79; Utah, \$29.45; California, \$29.38. The poorest monthly wages, with board, were paid in South Carolina \$8.24; Georgia, \$9.30; North Carolina \$9.61; Maryland's average, with board was \$12.67 per month, and Virginia's \$11.29.

The highest wages per day in harvest season, the employer furnishing the board, were paid in North Dakota, \$2.18. The only other States that averaged more than \$2 per day were: South Dakota, \$2.08; Minnesota, \$2.04, and Washington, \$2.01. Virginia's average pay at harvest time was \$1 per day, and Maryland's \$1.14.

Kansas, which kicked up a lot of excitement about its inability to get harvest hands at any price, paid a daily average wage of only \$1.57 in 1902, an increase of only 18 cents in the three years from 1899.—St. Louis Republic.

CHILD FORGOT HER MANNERS.

Why the Little Girl Was Rebuked by Her Negro "Mammy."

If you had happened to be walking down Executive avenue a little time after dark on the day after Christmas you might have seen among the crowd of nurses and children issuing from the "White house" a very stout elderly negro and a bunchy child in a white coat and big white hat, says the Washington Post. The child was eagerly telling of the wonders of the party, and mammy was listening with intense pride. Suddenly mammy stopped short.

"I done forget to ask you till this minute," she said. "Did you pay youal respects to the president's lady?" The child looked bewildered. "I don't know," she said. "Did you tell her good-by and 'spress youal enjoyment of the party?"

"I forgot it," the child confessed much abashed. Mammy sighed. "My lan!" she said in utter discouragement. "If that ain't the mortifyingest thing! Here I done brought you to the white house, and tol' you to be sure to shake hands with the president's lady and tell her you certainly had had an enjoyable time and is much obliged to her for the honor of inviting you, and you goes and forgets. I certainly is mortified to death. The president's lady is a-telling her childer 'bout it this very minute. She's a-saying: 'That little girl what had on the great big sash certainly did look fine but she ain't got no more manner than a shanty child.' You's just gone and disgraced your family. You certainly is trying. You's been to the white house, and you's certainly acted shameful. My lan!"

And as the crestfallen child who had forgotten her manners was led away up the street mammy delivered herself of her final shot of humiliation: "I certainly blushes for you, I does," she said.

Curling Popular in Canada.

One of the most popular of Canadian winter sports is curling, which is said to have originated in Scotland. To the uninitiated the sight is that of four men sweeping the ice; but there is method in the game, and the curling stones and tees are arranged carefully for a scientific player is keen to take advantage of every ruling. The tees are placed thirty-eight yards apart the players stand behind a tee, and the score is marked on the ice seven yards in front of each tee. Of course the game is to keep the stone within certain limits, a feat not easily accomplished.—St. Nicolas.

STILL A CHILD

Old Man—"What! Marry that child?"

Suiter—"Your daughter is no longer a child, sir; she is a woman."

Old Man—"None sense! Why, she isn't a bit bossy yet."

SMALL BILLS

Friend—"If your washer woman charges by the piece it must be rather expensive."

Young Housekeeper—"Oh, no. She loses so many things that her bills are never high."

In the Spring.

Lowndes, Mo., April 4th.—Mrs. H. C. Harly, of this place, says:—"For years I was in very bad health. Every spring I would get so low that I was unable to do my own work. I seemed to be worse in the spring than any other time of the year. I was very weak and miserable and had much pain in my back and head. I saw Dodd's Kidney Pills advertised last spring and began treatment of them and they have certainly done me more good than anything I have ever used."

"I was all right last spring and felt better than I have for over ten years. I am fifty years of age and am stronger to-day than I have been for many years, and I give Dodd's Kidney Pills credit for the wonderful improvement."

The statement of Mrs. Harly is only one of a great many where Dodd's Kidney Pills have proven themselves to be the very best spring medicine. They are unsurpassed as a tonic and are the only medicine used in thousands of families.

Truth witnesses in vain where malice is the judge.—Rum's Horn.

Among the state buildings Missouri Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona, Utah, Connecticut and Nevada are finished. Iowa and Kansas are 99 per cent finished and work on the remaining pavilions is sufficiently advanced to warrant the statement that all will be completed by the day set for the opening of the Exposition, April 30.

Everybody trims his sails to ketch the wind, whether on sea or land.

Fruit aces will not stain goods dyed with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

A woman likes to be suspicious so she can feel so confident afterward.

We use Piso's Cure for Consumption in preference to any other cough medicine.—Mr. S. E. Borden, 412 P street, Washington, D. C., May 25, 1901.

LOVELY WOMANS' AMIABILITY

Mrs. Jinks—"If you are so fond of playing poker, why don't you each me, and spend your evenings at home?"

Jinks—"Um—suppose I should win?"

Mrs. Jinks—"I have plenty of money. Sit right down!"

Mr. Jinks (the next day)—"No man can understand women. They are mysterious. Why, sir, my wife insisted on my playing poker with her last night. Of course, I won a pile from her. Well, sir, she paid over the money with a smile on her face—didn't mind it a bit."

Caller—"Big pardon, but I am Mr. Houseowners' gent, and have called for the rent."

Mr. Jinks—"Why don't you go to the house as usual? I left the rent money there for you a week ago."

Caller—"I just came from there. Mrs. Jinks said she gave the money to you last night!"

Samuel Ball of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the holder for the present year of the fellowship in gas engineering supported at the University of Michigan by the Michigan Gas Association.

EMPTY NOW.

How One Woman Quit Medicine.

"While a coffee user my stomach troubled me for years," says a lady of Columbus, Ohio, "and I had to take medicine all the time. I had what I thought was the best stomach medicine I could get, had to keep getting it filled all the time at 40 cents a bottle. I did not know what the cause of my trouble was, but just dragged along from day to day suffering and taking medicine all the time."

"About six months ago I quit tea and coffee and began drinking Postum, and I have not had my prescription filled since, which is a great surprise to me, for it proves that coffee was the cause of all my trouble, although I never suspected it."

"When my friends ask me how I feel since I have been taking Postum I say, 'To tell the truth I don't feel at all only that I get hungry and eat everything I want and lots of it and it never hurts me, and I am happy and well and contented all the time.'"

"I could not get my family to drink Postum for a while until I mixed it in a little coffee and kept on reducing the amount of coffee until I got it all Postum. Now they all like it and they never belch it up like coffee."

"We all know that Postum is a sun shine maker. I find it helps one greatly, for we do not have to think of aches and pains all the time and can use our minds for other things." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The one who has to holler with coffee aches and pains is badly handicapped in the race for fame and fortune. Postum is a wonderful rebuild er. There's a reason.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Tourist (in Utah)—"Pyramid is no longer practiced, I am told."

Ex-Mormon (dejectedly)—"No and it's a shame. Only one wife! What good is one wife? Just a trial, that's all."

"How so?"

"Everything is at sixes and sevens. Nothing ever done. Buttons off, meals half cooked everything wrong. In the good old days we had one wife to sew on buttons, another to darn stockings, another to boss the servants, another to do the shopping, and another to attend to the duties of society. A man had some comfort then."

HE WOULDN'T DO

Railroad Superintendent—"Yes, I have decided to open a bureau of information, for the accommodation of passengers who wish to know about trains, and I am looking for a good man to run it."

Applicant—"Well, sir, I have been a railroad ticket agent for a good many years."

Superintendent—"Then you won't do. I want a man who is accustomed to giving information."

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE

Clolly—"What's the matter with Algy. He's cutting all his friends dead."

Chapple—"He has to, poor fellow. He can't master the new English handsake, don't cherk know."

Now we get far more illumination from electricity than from gas. According to figures just issued from the Census Office there are nearly 4,000 electric light stations in the United States, and not quite a thousand gas plants. The electric light plants are earning about \$85,000,000 a year, and the gas plants \$75,000,000 a year.

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Reach the Spot.

To cure an aching back, The pains of rheumatism, The tired-out feelings, You must reach the spot—get at the cause. In most cases 'tis the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys. Charles Bierbach, stone contractor, living at 225 Chestnut street, Erie, Pa., says:—"For two years I had kidney trouble and there was such a severe pain through my loins and limbs that I could not stoop or straighten up without great pain, had difficulty in getting about and was unable to rest at night, arising in the morning tired and worn out. The kidney secretions were irregular and deposited a heavy sediment. Doctors treated me for rheumatism, but failed to help me. I lost all confidence in medicine and began to feel as if life were not worth living. Doan's Kidney Pills, however, relieved me so quickly and so thoroughly that I gladly made a state-ment to that effect for publication. This was in 1898, and during the six years which have elapsed I have never known Doan's Kidney Pills to fail. They cured my wife of a severe case of backache in the same thorough manner."

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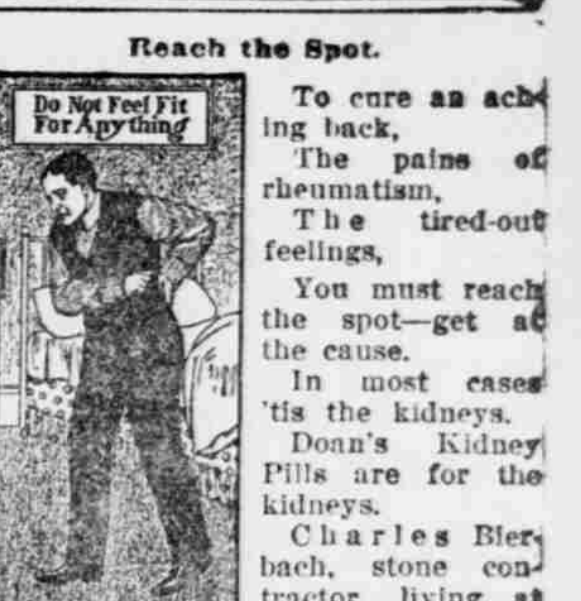
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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: Four years ago I was nearly dead with inflammation and ulceration. I endured daily untold agony, and life was a burden to me. I had used medicines and washes internally and externally until I made up my mind that there was no relief for me. Calling at the home of a friend, I noticed a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. My friend endorsed it highly and I decided to give it a trial to see if it would help me. It took patience and perseverance for I was in bad condition, and I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for nearly five months before I was cured, but what a change, from despair to happiness, from misery to the delightful exhilarating feeling health always brings. I would not change back for a thousand dollars, and your Vegetable Compound is a grand medicine."

"I wish every sick woman would try it and be convinced."—Mrs. IDA HASKELL, Silver Lake, Mass. Worthy Vice Templar, Independent Order of Good Templars.

When a medicine has been successful in more than a million cases, is it justice to yourself to say, without trying it, "I do not believe it would help me?"

Surely you cannot wish to remain weak, and sick and discouraged, exhausted with each day's work. You have some derangement of the feminine organism, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you just as surely as it has others.

Mrs. Tillie Hart, of Larimore, N. D., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: I might have been spared many months of suffering and pain if I had known of the efficacy of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a few months sooner, for I tried many remedies without finding anything which helped me before I tried the Vegetable Compound. I dreaded the approach of the menstrual period every month, as it meant much suffering and pain. Some months the flow was very scanty and others it was profuse, but after I had used the Compound for two months I became regular and natural, and so I continued until I felt perfectly well, and the parts were strengthened to perform the work without assistance and pain. I am like a different woman now, where before I did not care to live, and I am pleased to testify as to the good your Vegetable Compound has done for me." Sincerely yours, Mrs. TILLIE HART, Larimore, N. D.

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