

Changed His Mind.
"Well, what are you doing there?" asked the lady, addressing a tramp who had just climbed a tree in time to escape a savage bulldog.
"Madam," replied the hobo, "it was my intention to ask for a hand-out, but in the interest of humanity I now request that you give any surplus food you may have on hand to my canine friend down there."

Simply Infamous.
Infamous Friend—They suspended you from the Hot Sports Club? What had you done?
Victim (coking with wrath)—Not a blank thing! All they could prove against me was that I had refused a snicker and got me mad, just as you or any other man would have done!

WOMEN OUT WOMEN
Will Mind Encouragement in Mrs. Merritt's Advice.
Mrs. W. L. Merritt, 207 S. First Ave. Aboka, Minn., says: "Last winter I began to suffer with my kidneys. I had pains in my back and hips and felt all worn out. Dizzy spells bothered me and the kidney secretions were irregular. The first box of Dean's Kidney Pills brought decided relief. I am sure they would do the same for any other woman suffering as I did."
Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-McBreen Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Information.
"Dad, what is the 'great white plague' the papers talk about?" asked Johnny.
"A big snowstorm, my son," answered his father, wearily resuming the task of trying to find his front sidewalk.

A Wonderful Record.
Many so-called "specifics" and "cures" for Rheumatism have already been brought before the public; but when Rheumatism, Neuralgia and kindred diseases have become chronic and threaten serious results, you may rest assured that they will help but very little, if any. Although not recommended as "infallible," the peculiar qualities of St. Jacobs Oil especially adapt it to those cases which may be termed "chronic," and which have previously withstood all known "specifics," as well as the prescriptions of the best physicians.

No Head for Preventions.
Grandfather (carrying the turkey)—Tommy, what part will you have?
Young Grandson—Well, they're six of us here, grandpa, but I don't want no more'n my share. I'll leave it to you.

Only One "GRAND GUININE"
That is LAXATIVE BROMO GUININE. Look for the signature of W. D. SCOTT. Used 1 World over to Cure a Cold in One Day.

On the face of one of the latest watches designed for the use of blind people the hands are indicated by movable buttons in relief on the dial. A strong pointer shows the minutes. The blind person passes his fingers over the dial; the button indicating the hour he finds to be depressed, while the position of the hand shows the minutes. The buttons are held by a circular plate beneath the dial, which has at one point on its circumference a notch into which the buttons drop, one after the other, as the plate revolves with the movement of the works. This plate serves instead of the ordinary hour hand of a watch.

The General Demand
of the Well-Informed of the World has always been for a simple, pleasant and efficient liquid laxative remedy of known value; a laxative which physicians could sanction for family use because its component parts are known to them to be wholesome and truly beneficial in effect, acceptable to the system and gentle, yet prompt, in action.

In supplying that demand with its excellent combination of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, the California Fig Syrup Co. proceeds along ethical lines and relies on the merits of the laxative for its remarkable success.

That is one of many reasons why Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is given the preference by the Well-Informed. To get its beneficial effects always buy the genuine—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and for sale by all leading druggists. Price fifty cents per bottle.



What a Settler Can Secure in WESTERN CANADA
160 Acres Grain-Growing Land FREE.
20 to 40 Bushels Wheat to the Acre.
40 to 80 Bushels Oats to the Acre.
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Timber for Fencing and Buildings FREE.
Good Laws with Low Taxation.
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Schools and Churches Convenient.
Satisfactory Markets for all Productions.
Good Climate and Perfect Health.
Chances for Profitable Investments.

Revised Homestead Regulations
by which entry may be made by proxy (on certain conditions), by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.
Entry fee in each case is \$10.00. For pamphlet, "Last Best West," particulars as to routes, best time to go and where to locate, apply to W. D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or E. T. Holmes, 315 Jackson St., St. Paul, Minn., and J. M. MacLachlan, Box 110, Watertown, So. Dakota. Authorized Government Agents.
Please say where you saw this advertisement.

EDITORIALS

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

WHY MEN DESERT FROM THE ARMY.

A CERTAIN troop of cavalry had about twenty desertions in one year. The writer took pains—knowing the men personally—to inquire as to the reason of the desertions. Most of the men left because they hated and despised the first sergeant, claiming that they did not come into the service to be ruled over by any man who was not, and never could be, their superior in intellect and education.
At the commencement of the Spanish-American war, when the army was increased to war strength, intelligent non-commissioned officers received promotions to various vacancies with greater pay. What was the result? The old soldiers who could hardly write their own names were promoted to the vacancies caused by the increase. In a great many cases where good sense and intelligent discipline once ruled, arrogance, ignorance and pretense now hold full sway. Organization and command depend on the old-soldier first sergeants, and these latter take advantage of their trust, with the idea that it was their general superiority which caused their promotion. What was and always will be the result? Desertions. What does the new recruit expect from those in authority when he joins his troop or company? He expects to find that those in authority are the most intelligent. What is the most natural result when he finds ignorance and pretense where he should find intelligence? He is disappointed. No man can respect ignorance. Ignorant authority is despised and gradually hated, and hated to such an extent that men under such authority will commit themselves in a short time and get into serious trouble, ending with desertion.—Leslie's Weekly.

THE LODGE HUSBAND.

ONE there was a man, and he was a lodge man. He belonged to a dozen different fraternal orders, and he was interested in every one of them. He was secretary of one, treasurer of another, Eastern Potentate in a third, Keeper of the Sacred Coal Scuttle in a fourth, and so on through the entire list. Now, these manifold duties kept him out nights—although, in itself, there's no particular harm in that. It's only a question of what a man does when he's out, and whether there isn't some better reason for him to stay at home.
As it happened, this man was married. He loved his wife, too. Sometimes he said he thought he'd have to give up a few of his lodges; they kept him out so much. But he took it out in thinking. He didn't do it. Now, the little woman at home, she began to do some thinking herself, and at last she formulated a plan.
One morning he spilled a queer kind of pin on her waist. "What's that?" asked the man. "This," she said; "oh, this is the badge of the Daughters of the Moon. I joined last night while you were at the banquet of the Bee-Dealers' Society."
Then, for three solid months, he watched the appalling

thing go on. The second organization she joined was the Loyal Verberna Ladies. Then came the Prophetesses, followed closely by the Naomis. After this she selected the Daughters of Liberty and the Woman's Reform Association. The little woman was seldom in now. Sometimes he would go home for supper and find a note on the table, "Gone to lodge. Cold ham in the pantry." Finally, in a single week she added to her list of memberships, by taking on the Knights and Ladies of the Green Harp, the Ladies' Auxiliary Brigade and the Daughters of Rest.
That was the last straw. Sunday morning the man stood over the bed and looked at a sleepy-eyed little woman. "Here—" he said, "I'll quit if you will. Is it a bargain?" She put her arms right up, and grabbed him and kissed him. "It is! It is!" she cried. "And we'll have home again!"
Don't think this is any preaching against fraternal orders. It isn't. They are too useful. They help too much. Too many of them are real influences for good in this busy old world of ours. But a man can be too much of a lodge man, can't he, when he lets his lodges interfere with a finer thing and a holier thing and a thing which must mean more to him than all the lodges that ever were? Because, be it ever so lodgeless, there's no place like home.—Chicago Examiner.

THE AMERICAN FARMER.

THE American farmer is emperor of the universe. There is no doubt about it, for Secretary Wilson tells us so, and he backs up his assertion with figures that simply appal with their immensity.
The secretary estimates the total value of the American farmers' product for 1907 at \$7,412,000,000, more than 10 per cent higher than the valuation of the 1906 crops in 1906. And 1906 was a record-breaking year.
The troubles of the banker and the fear of a financial stringency disappear in contemplation of these figures. What need to worry when the tillers of the soil are performing such wonders?
During the last three years, says the secretary, the American farmer has added \$53,000,000,000 to the wealth of the nation.
Of course corn is king, with a valuation of \$1,350,000,000, and, lest we may not comprehend this vast total, Mr. Wilson kindly volunteers the information that thirteen such crops would replace the banking power of the United States, its capital, surplus, deposits and circulation, and that seventeen such crops would be equal to all the money in the world.
And Uncle Sam appreciates the efforts of those who make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. Through the Department of Agriculture he is lending co-operation and encouragement to the farmer, educating him to employ scientific methods in the treatment of the soil and intelligence in the rotation of crops. Results show that it is worth his while.—Toledo Blade.

Legal Information

The constitutional guaranty of immunity from criminal prosecution, except by indictment, is held, in State vs. Lewis (N. C.), 7 L. R. A. (N. S.) 609, not to prevent the legislature from permitting the grand jury of one county to indict for crimes committed in an adjoining county, since, although indictment requires a grand jury, venue is not an essential element of it.
A municipal corporation maintaining an electric light plant, which, for compensation, installs in a business place a light which is imperceptibly insularized, is held, in Thomas vs. Somerset (Ky.), 7 L. R. A. (N. S.) 962, to be liable to an employee of the consumer for injuries caused by his coming in contact with an electric current when, to warn his hand, he puts it to the globe.
A statute limiting the time for presentation of State bonds which have been overdue for a period of eighteen months, to six months from the time of notice, and which provides for publication of notice in a newspaper published at the capital city of the State, and for filing of copies with the secretaries of various boards of trade, is held, in Tipton vs. Smythe (Ark.), 7 L. R. A. (N. S.) 714, not to be unreasonable, and therefore not to impair the constitutional rights of a bondholder, although, by reason of absence from the country, he actually receives no notice of the statute until after the expiration of the limitation period.
"A. rented a farm of B. for two years. At the time of renting nearly all the land upon the farm was plowed. B. sold the farm before the term of the lease expired. A. released his interests under his lease at the time the place was sold, but told B. that he would not plow the land back. Can A. or the purchaser of the farm now force B. to plow the land back?" Ans.—No. Unless there is a definite agreement in a lease to plow back land which is plowed at the time of entering into the lease, or unless it can be shown that it is a general custom to plow back such land, a tenant will not be compelled to plow it back. If parties do not provide for this in their agreement and if there is no general custom throughout the country to do so, the law does not presume that the tenant agrees to replow the land.

SIGNS OF TRAMP WORLD.

How They Chalk Upon Fences Advice to Their Fellow-Hobos.
Boston, Dec. 4.—Any one who lives in a small town or upon a farm should be very careful about the character of the chalk marks which may be found on the fences.
In some cases it is a good thing to let them stand; in others, the wisest

course is to get them off just as soon as possible.

It is with the chalk mark upon the fence that the tramp passes the word along to his fellows regarding the character of the people who live in a house and the treatment which may be expected.
Now, if you see a circle with a cross inside of it, erase that mark as soon as you can. It means that some time you or some one within the house gave a meal to a tramp and he is passing the word along that "food is given here." That sign is an invitation that no tramp will overlook.
The best thing you can do is to rub that symbol out and draw another circle with an arrow running out of it. That sign means "Get away as quickly as possible."
You may also draw a box and inside of this chalk two "Ns" which run together. This is the high sign that there is a dog in the garden.
Or, if you want to be put entirely beyond the pale of amercement and molestation, just draw a heavy line, which looks like a snake with an upraised head and three curves in its back. That will mean to the tramp whose eye looks upon it, "Poor people in this house."
Or, you can simply make a cipher mark. That means "Nothing doing."
That these signs are accurate is vouched for by Inspector George Patterson, of the bureau of criminal inspection of the Boston police department. He has made a special study of tramp signs.

LITERARY LITTLEBITS

Lord Cromer has placed in the hands of a London publisher for publication early in 1908 the manuscript of a book of modern Egypt.
Mrs. Humphrey Ward's juvenile story, "Milly and Oily," is reissued by Doubleday, Page & Co. It was published originally in 1881.
Hermann Sudermann's fiftieth birthday was recently celebrated by the printing of the hundredth edition of "Frau Sorge." This novel first appeared in 1887.
Prof. Richard Holbrook, of Bryn Mawr College, has discovered in Italy two unedited letters of Byron, one of them containing a mention of Allegria. He intends to publish them soon.
Cleverness is usually heretical, but Mr. G. K. Chesterton has always used his cleverness to show excellence in the orthodox ways of thinking. Hence frequent panegyrics on humility. As an example of humility we call the item that an address was recently delivered

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

The favorable developments in banking conditions this week provide an encouraging basis for early improvement in the industrial situation. Aside from the immediate effect in strengthening sentiment, there are features which testify to betterment. The volume of payments through the banks is seen to be the largest in eleven weeks, and factory operations furnish employment to an extent which rapidly reduces the idle ranks of labor.
A largely increased commercial mortality may excite comment, but this really adds to stability by the elimination of concerns suffering from organic weakness. New demands make an improving exhibit of iron and steel, and other branches are more disposed to increase production.
There is less apprehension as to advancing under takings requiring heavy outlays in construction and building work. Railroad plans are nearer the time of initiation and much activity is probable should the cost of financing become more inviting.
Distributive trade continues of reasonable extent. Dealings in the leading retail lines bring gratifying reductions in winter stocks, and wholesale operations gather strength from an increasing presence of visiting buyers.
Failures reported in the Chicago district number 47, against 36 last week and 22 a year ago. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 19, against 7 last week and 6 in 1907.—Dun's Review.

NEW YORK.
A further easing in the financial situation and very general reports of improvement in collections are the leading features this week. In trade lines, colder weather and snow have helped retail distributions somewhat, but price reduction sales are generally credited with responsibility for whatever expansion has been shown in that branch as a whole. Wholesale and jobbers report sentiment improved, collections benefited by the return to normal in domestic money markets, but trade demands are still below the normal, and in some sections a late and small spring trade is predicted.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending Jan. 16 number 431, against 435 last week and 235 in the like week of 1907, 279 in 1906, 394 in 1905, and 205 in 1904. Canadian failures for the week number 44, against 63 last week and 23 in this week a year ago.—Bradstreet's Report.

THE MARKETS
Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$1.00 to \$1.20; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.00 to \$4.10; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$2.15; wheat, No. 2, 96c to 98c; corn, No. 2, 58c to 59c; oats, standard, 42c to 50c; rye, No. 2, 85c to 86c; hay, timothy, \$9.50 to \$15.50; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.00; butter, choice creamery, 24c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 22c; potatoes, per bushel, 55c to 65c.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$3.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 2 white, 55c to 56c; oats, No. 2 white, 40c to 51c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.01 to \$1.03; corn, No. 2, 55c to 56c; oats, No. 2, 49c to 51c; rye, No. 2, 82c to 84c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.55; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.01 to \$1.02; corn, No. 2 mixed, 55c to 57c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 50c to 52c; rye, No. 2, 82c to 85c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.55; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.00 to \$1.01; corn, No. 3 yellow, 58c to 60c; oats, No. 3 white, 52c to 54c; rye, No. 2, 81c to 83c.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.07 to \$1.09; corn, No. 3, 57c to 59c; oats, standard, 50c to 52c; rye, No. 1, 85c to 86c; barley, No. 2, 90c to \$1.00; pork, mess, \$13.50.
Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$5.75; hogs, fair to choice, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep, common to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$5.50; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$7.50.
New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.12; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.90; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.04 to \$1.05; corn, No. 2, 65c to 67c; oats, natural white, 54c to 56c; butter, creamery, 27c to 31c; eggs, western, 22c to 25c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 95c to \$1.00; corn, No. 2 mixed, 56c to 57c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 52c to 53c; rye, No. 2, 81c to 83c; clover seed, prime, \$10.72.

Standard Must Face Trial.

Judge Hazel in the United States District Court at Buffalo has handed down a decision overruling the demurrers filed by the Standard Oil Company to indictments found against it by the grand jury at Jamestown, N. Y., last July, and the company must stand trial on the indictments, of which there are seven, containing over 1,700 counts. In Chicago the United States district attorney has asked for an increase in the supersedeas bond of the Standard corporation, which has appealed from the \$20,240,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis.

Criminals Controlling New York.

Police Commissioner Bingham in his annual report has startled New York by the bald assertion that the city "is in the hands of criminals" and that many of the magistrates and higher judges are in league with politicians to protect certain offenders known to the system. He asks how it is possible for the police to be free from political influence when the whole election machinery is placed in their hands. Lawbreaking, he continues, is the easiest business now conducted in New York.

Persevered.

"Did your wife finally consent to your taking that sticky fly paper out of the dining room?"
"Of course she did."
"How did you get her consent?"
"Oh, just by sticking to it."—Houston Post.

Speaking of Voters.

The Foreigner—Vaccination is one of the qualifications for a voter in Norway.
The American—We are opposed to a marked vote or a marked voter over here.—Yonkers Statesman.

He Side-Steps.

Husband—Yes, dear, of course we must economize.
Wife—Well, then, I've concluded that I might do the cooking myself.
Husband (hastily)—Oh, no, it's cheaper to keep a servant in the house than a doctor.—Philadelphia Press.

Superstition.
Miss Acorn—Don't you really believe in dreams?
Miss O'Neil—No, indeed! It's superstitious and besides it's a bad sign when you believe in them, for it always brings you bad luck.—Philadelphia Press.

LICE IN POULTRY

Borax Spray a Safe Preventive—Simple, Cheap, Harmless to Fowls.

"20 Mule Team" Borax was a good thing to rid poultry of lice. I had used so much inflammable Lice Killers that my Poultry Houses were regular fire traps. I gave my S. C. W. Leghorn house a good spraying just two months ago. Since I have caught several hens and I found no lice. I am rid of lice and shall continue to use "20 Mule Team" Borax as a spray, also as a wash.
(Signed) MRS. E. R. BUFFHAM, Roswell, New Mexico.

The railroads killed 196 persons in Chicago during the first nine months of this year, the street cars 106, teams and wagons 48 and the automobiles only 10.

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., 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 his firm.
WABSWICK, KINXAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Consistency in Reform.

"Why wasn't Mrs. De Smythe-Peyster at the meeting to take steps to suppress the gambling evil in big cities?"
"She couldn't come. This is the day her bridge whist club meets, and she's always such a winner."—Baltimore American.

Moravian Barley and Speltz.

Two great cereals, makes growing and fattening hogs and cattle possible in Dak., Mont., Ida., Colo., yes, everywhere, and add to above Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass, the 12 ton Hay wonder Teosinte, which produces 80 tons of green fodder per acre, Emperor William Oat prodigy, etc., and other rare farm seeds that they offer.

JUST CUT THIS OUT AND RETURN IT with 10c in stamps to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples. C. N. U.

Hudson Bay—New Outlet to Europe.

Without a doubt, Canada will raise half a billion bushels of grain annually ten years hence, and we shall see Hudson Bay unrivaled among the world's greatest inland trade arteries, says J. C. Elliot in the Technical World Magazine. Hudson Bay has been proposed as a new highway for transporting Canadian grain to Liverpool, and the fact that the new route would be a thousand miles shorter than the present way through the Great Lakes and overland to New York; would greatly reduce the transportation cost on grain sent to Europe through the Bay. Many people to-day think of North-western Canada as a bleak, barren country, as cold as Alaska or Greenland. But in areas which are in the same latitude as Greenland, fine wheat crops have been raised. The tremendous amount of territory that will be affected by this new grain route makes Hudson Bay one of the greatest inland trade arteries of the world. Vast agricultural lands stretching as far west as the Canadian Rockies and a thousand miles north of Montreal, are included within the cost-saving reach of this New-World Mediterranean. The new route through Hudson Bay will place the farmers who cultivate 600 million acres of land, in control of the grain markets of the world by making possible a 50 per cent reduction in cost of transportation. To attract and control the future traffic of the Hudson Bay route would be—it would seem—to control the destiny of all Western Canada and the commercial supremacy of the New World.

CUBS' FOOD.

They Thrive on Grape Nuts.
Healthy babies don't cry and the well-nourished baby that is fed on Grape-Nuts is never a crying baby. Many babies who cannot take any other food relish the perfect food, Grape-Nuts, and get well.
"My little baby was given up by three doctors who said that the condensed milk on which I had fed her had ruined the child's stomach. One of the doctors told me the only thing to do would be to try Grape-Nuts, so I got some and prepared it as follows: I soaked 1½ tablespoonsful in one pint of cold water for half an hour, then I strained off the liquid and mixed 12 teaspoonfuls of this strained Grape-Nuts Juice with six teaspoonfuls of rich milk, put in a pinch of salt and a little sugar, warmed it and gave it to baby every two hours.
"In this simple, easy way I saved baby's life and have built her up to a strong, healthy child, rosy and laughing. The food must certainly be perfect to have such a wonderful effect as this. I can truthfully say I think it is the best food in the world to raise delicate babies on and is also a delicious healthful food for grown-ups, as we have discovered in our family."
Grape-Nuts is equally valuable to the strong, healthy man or woman. It stands for the true theory of health. "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.