

A MODERN BUNYAN.

U. N. Ervin, in Ram's Horn.

DREAMED: and behold I saw a man clothed with rags standing in his face from his own house, a book in his hand, and a great burden upon his back. I looked, and I saw him open the book, and read therein, and as he read he wept and trembled; and not being able longer to contain, he broke out with a lamentable cry, saying, "What shall I do?"

Thought speak with his company and tell them that while Evangelist might imagine he was doing good it were better to go on their easy way than to fall in with the fanatics who were trying to climb that hard hill and leave behind them all the delights they might enjoy. Then I saw that they passed by without stopping to hear what words Evangelist might speak to them. And so they escaped any pricks of conscience.



WITH HIS FACE FROM HIS OWN HOUSE.

And I saw, and behold, there came another man, and that place the man was still feeding the roll. And he scooped and spoke with him and asked "Why are you so serious and troubled." And he replied that he was trying to learn the way to escape from Destruction. "I am so glad, then, that I have found you," said this man. "My name is Mr. Modern Thought, and I would advise you to read a book of mine on the subject of how to escape from Destruction. I perceive that Evangelist has found you and that he has puzzled you with the roll which you have. That roll is all right, but Evangelist has not read it before the way and several centuries behind the times. He shows you the narrow way by the little Wicket Gate and over the Hill Difficulty and through the Valley of Humiliation which pilgrims used to go through. There is always a gay company with us to cheer the time, and we have no longer the sad faces pilgrims used to have. I will explain to you where which is on their way and which is all right. If you will put that roll in your pocket and go along with me I will guide you without any further fear on your part. We will follow the roll, but I will read every seven days and relieve you of the sensation of reading it for yourself. And then I will give you that explanation which we accept and which makes our journey so happy. If you have never read the account which John Bunyan gives of the journey of the Christian from this world to that which is to come you have found that he went through much tribulation, but I can show you another way. Then I saw that the man persuaded him to go and he gave to him the name of Pilgrim and added him to his company.

Then I saw that Mr. Modern Thought went on his way with his company, and as they went they laughed and sang and chattered each other by the way. Pilgrim kept the roll in his pocket and rarely touched it. On every seventh day Mr. Modern Thought would talk to them for half an hour about some new doctrine. Then I saw that he would tell them how sadly the stern men of the past had tried to force all pilgrims through a narrow and difficult path with lions in the way and how fortunate they were in that they were not bound by any of those old views. The spirit of the modern times does not follow those old paths. And then for the rest of those days which they called sacred days they found delight in the reading of some of his reading papers each of which contained a sermon that no one ever read. Now I saw that as they went on their way they came to a place where a narrow way went up a steep hill to the road that Christian went of whom we have heard from Bunyan. And at the place where this way left the road that Pilgrim was going there was a house where Evangelist was trying to gather in those who were with Pilgrim and explain to them the roll as that they might go on the King's Highway to the Celestial city. And I heard Mr. Modern

ITALY IS FAR AHEAD.

HOUSEKEEPING THERE IS REDUCED TO A SCIENCE.

Palatable Dishes That Would Excite Strange Americans From Their Old-Fashioned Cooking—Italian Cooks are Concocting.

W E have no pretensions to common sense in Italy. Even that most important member of the household, one of the chief contributors to domestic happiness and concord, the cook, is obliged to render allegiance to the law of the land, which is picturesque and discomfort-romance vs. common sense. But, as the results are eminently satisfactory and palatable, what more could be desired?

Isolotta, our cook, has lived with us many years, and possesses those traits which are so rare among her countrymen, namely, gratitude and affection toward her patron. She is attached to every member of our family, but her heart warms with special devotion toward her "Signora." She is even anxious to go with us to America, and she has already written up her mother and lover that she may follow us, a step to which we, of course, would never consent. Her soft, sweet-voiced and graceful. Her soft black hair waves over her forehead, and her large, dark eyes look out from her long lashes with an expression of trust and fidelity. Many are the good things which Isolotta sends to our table from this quaint old kitchen, with its brick floor, its huge faring chimney, all trimmed with soot and smoke, and its dazzling copper saucepans hanging on the wall in military order.

Our kitchen is the type of all well-to-do kitchens in Italy. From the front hall we enter a long, narrow room; at the further end there is one window opening into the side street. In the big and doesn't take long, and I come back before the storm is over and unlock the closet door again and skip, and that's all there is to it.

At regular intervals in the stone slab there are three openings about a foot square and a foot and a half deep, with a grate at the bottom of each, and on the face of the counter are three corresponding openings, which correspond with the upright ones below the grate, and thus serve for a draught. A charcoal fire is made in each grate and is coaxed into life with a primitive fan of cock's feathers. The tea kettle, soap pot, double boiler, sauce pan, frying pan, and silver kettle all jostle one another around the edge of these two apertures, each elbowing its neighbor with the most amiable and unfrustrated temper, after the manner of a true Italian crowd, trying to get in first.

After this I heard that they went on their way with merry hearts. They traveled by easy stages and rested at night in comfortable places. If Evangelist attempted to talk with them by the way they easily escaped him, and if he urged them to read the roll which he had put in their hands they assured him that they had it safe in their pockets and that Mr. Modern Thought read some of it to them every seventh day. And so I saw Pilgrim till he came to the end of his journey and his friends would not let him think of the dark river which ran across his way till his feet were in the waters. Then he passed out of my sight for a time till I saw him on the other side. And he came to the end of his journey and his friends would not let him think of the dark river which ran across his way till his feet were in the waters. Then he passed out of my sight for a time till I saw him on the other side.

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THE RETIRED BURLAR.

How a Thinner Stomach Made a Job Opportunity Easy.

"Speaker of clichés," says the retired burglar in the New York Sun, "the easiest, softest, smoothest snap I ever struck was in a house in a small town in Rhode Island. There was a thunder storm coming up as I went along toward the house, and just as I got there it began to sprinkle. By the time I'd got inside it was coming down pretty hard, and I was glad to be under shelter, for I hadn't had any supper either, and when I got into the dining room I thought I'd get something to eat. The sideboard was locked and the key carried upstairs, but a little Jimmy opened the door as easy as a knife would open a pie. I set out a little snack on the table and sat down and ate it comfortably, with the rain pouring down outside. If there's anything like it to be had in a town, I know it, and when you've settled down all snug and comfortable within. But here was something I hadn't counted on. The thunder was roaring and plugging like a dozen earthquake busts, 'down through the sky, and it kept anyhow in the closest and then crowded in. They'd be sure to be all awake, but here I was, and I hated to lose a night, and after I'd waited a little and the storm didn't show any signs of letting up I thought I'd go outside when I could get a good look at the lightning. I looked into upstairs to see if I could see any signs of life. I saw a woman standing in front of an open closet door. Two children hopped out of bed, and the mother pushed them into the closet and then crowded in herself and pulled the door shut tight. It was all very simple; husband away, no help; two children sleeping in another room, woke up by thunder, came into their mother's room all scared; mother put children in closet and got in herself, as a lot of folks do in thunder storms. And then I walk over and turn the key in the lock and there you are; no danger of their coming out till the storm is over anyway, and just as well to be sure about it, and I just quietly go through the house. It isn't big and doesn't take long, and I come back before the storm is over and unlock the closet door again and skip, and that's all there is to it."

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INDUSTRIAL.

A 750,000 bushel elevator is being erected at New Orleans to cover thirty-two acres. Locomotives using compressed air will be used. Locomotives are now turned out at the rate of one every two weeks. The electrical shops and factories all over the United States are overran with orders. The 25,000 coal miners of Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee have formed a union. One-third of the coal mined in Ohio is mined by machinery. Labor organizations are not extending in point of membership fast just now, but there is a determination among wage workers to have the full value of their labor.

It is said that the Kaffirs in the diamond mines at Kimberly, South Africa, spend \$250,000 worth of diamonds every year. Canada's foreign trade this year is \$4,000,000 less than in 1894. Yet last year was accounted one of exceptionally high trade for the country 900 tons of gold, silver, copper, lead, and other valuable metals.

At Olmutz, Austria, a man 57 years old, has been convicted of the poisoning of a 7-year-old boy. He was sentenced to be hanged. Henry Irving and his English company bring back to the country 500 tons of scenery, costumes and other property for his plays.

Owing to the many accidents to persons riding on them the roof seats on the cars used in the suburban trains of the Paris railroads are to be suppressed. The largest tract of mineral land in the United States not yet prospected is in Arizona. The mountains are full of gold, silver, copper, lead, and other valuable metals.

AIRSHIPS LIKE A DUCK.

NAVIGATES AIR OR SEA AND GLIDES OVERLAND.

At Least, That is What is Claimed—The Latest Ambitious Invention Would Copy the Flight of Birds—Controlled by a Helium.



HE ancient astronomer who named the constellations were but prophets of a later age. They placed a wagon in the heavens, and the strange, amphibious creature which strikes the reader's eye on this page is a confirmation of their poetic foresight. The illustration is not intended to represent the famous wooden horse of Troy, nor the hybrid gods of ancient Babylonia or Ninewa. Neither is it taken from some geological treatise—the reconstructed remains of some extinct species of a remote period. No, wondering reader, it constitutes an idea for a universal motor vehicle, designed to skim along the ground, to wing its way through the air, and to navigate river, lake or sea as occasion may require. This is the cherished scheme of a learned natural philosopher and inventor, who for many years has been studying the problem of aerial flight and terrestrial locomotion. The inventor believes that previous investigators in aerial navigation had erred in adopting as their prototype in nature the fish instead of the bird. They have been trying to build airships propelled by screw propellers and similar devices, or to utilize balloons, which expose a large surface of resistance to the wind and air, and therefore, at its mercy. The bird, on the other hand, goes with or against the current. It has a little gadget on each wing, the philosopher's valuable hint in land locomotion, for even before it can fly through the air, it accelerates its progress in the water and on the land by the use of its wings. Yet up to the present time no student of the motor vehicle problem seems to have thought of applying mechanical wings to the propulsion of vehicles.

So, discarding all previous theories, this inventor begins by making an independent study of the wings of insects and birds, with the idea of determining how they fly, and what is the precise sustaining power of their wings. In looking over the winged kingdom his attention was arrested by the duck, which waddles on the land, swims in the water and flies in the air. The whistle-winged duck in particular is a wonderful example of wing power. Though its wings are comparatively smaller than those of other fowls, they carry its body at a very high velocity at the rate of about three to five pounds of sustaining power to each square foot of wing surface. Some insects' wings show even more remarkable sustaining power than this. The duck, however, is the best example for a universal vehicle, the inventor takes this fowl as his model, elongating the body somewhat to suit it to his purpose.

The length of the body of the vehicle represented is twenty feet, the breadth four feet and the height six feet. The weight is estimated at 400 pounds, and it is intended to carry four persons. In front is the elevated outlook, from which the pilot can govern the movements of the vehicle, and back of this is a passageway for ingress and egress. Five pairs of wings, four or five feet wide and seven feet long, giving a total of about 275 feet of surface, extend along the upper part of the machine. These wings have an aluminum frame work supporting prepared palm leaf or other material of extreme toughness and lightness, and under each pair are three or four parachute valves or oval underparts, acting like the feathers under a bird's wing, which give momentum when the wing is raised, and buoyancy with momentum when the wing is lowered.

Oscillating shoulder joints, with inclining air-cushion pivot joints near the shoulders for active propulsion, attach the wings to the body of the vehicle. From a close computation of the wing surface, and a comparison with the buoyancy of bird and insect wings, the inventor concludes that the vehicle would sustain a weight of from 1,000 to 1,400 pounds.

But the wings are not the only curious thing about this modern Pegasus, for such it may be called. Passing over the three wheels—one in front and two behind—which are provided for land travel, we come to the three vibrating and revolving fins—two at the rear and one in front—to propel and guide the vehicle in water and also in air. These fins, which are modeled after the fins of a fish, are made of flexible metal and are about three or four feet in length. When set in use, i. e., on land—they are to be folded up against the body of the vehicle, but in the air or water they drop below the body, and are actuated sideways by the same power that moves the wings, thus guiding the vehicle in any direction, as a fish alters its course by the use of its fins.

Four turns of these fins will reverse the motion of the vehicle even at high speed. In water they become propellers, and the wings may also be used in conjunction with them to increase speed. In fact the wings could be so manipulated as to accelerate the speed both on land and water, the vehicle skimming along the surface of the water like a gigantic seagull.

The wings alternate in action by successive pairs, while the fins are operated together or singly, as the pilot may desire. Complete control of the wings and fins is secured by a double crossing cable connection, from an oscillating crosshead in the rear of the vehicle, the crosshead being operated or vibrated by a light, single-acting, double-cylinder vapor engine, consisting of a generator, condensing coils, so that the vapor can be used over and over again, and the two cylinders. Either liquid or dry fuel may be used, i. e., gasoline, kerosene, ether, pulverized coke or charcoal. The fuel will be so economically fed that the combustion will be perfect, and no smoke will stain the pure cerulean sky. The weight of the entire motive apparatus will not be over 200 pounds, and from three to six horse power could be developed, according to speed and the resistance of the air. Fuel and water needed for a day's journey, the inventor believes, would scarcely exceed 300 pounds in weight.

The wings would act with a vibrating disc motion, and both wings and fins would be double-geared, so that they could be shifted at any desired angle. In case storm or contrary winds are encountered, the pilot is supposed to either ascend to a more favoring current, or descend to the earth or water, which he could do by manipulating the wings and fins in the proper manner.

Yes, Yes, 100 miles an hour! It is estimated that a speed of thirty miles an hour could be attained on land, one hundred miles an hour in the air, and forty miles an hour in the water. The flight of the machine in the air would naturally be greatly accelerated by taking advantage of favoring currents. These are not a few symptoms, or so-called "diseases." Back of them all are the sick kidneys.

Once the filters can be made to work, all these symptoms will disappear. Dr. Hobb's Spargus Kidney Pills are made principally from the roots of the asparagus plant, which has a special curative action on the kidneys. It gives them new life and strength. It helps them to do their work as it ought to be done. It cures their sickness. It cleans and cures the filters. When the kidneys are well you will feel a great difference at once. Your complexion will clear, and your whole body will get renewed life and freshness.

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Curious Facts. In 1634 the Massachusetts General Assembly made judicial a legal tender by the following enactment: "It is likewise ordered that musket bullets of a full bore shall pass currently for a farthing apiece. Provided that no man be compelled to take above thirty at a time in them. They passed." German proposes the erection of convenient stations for the thorough disinfection of physicians after they have visited an infectious case. Mr. Pfister, an Austrian engineer, has discovered a curious property of the trunks of trees, that of retaining the salt of iron when they are filled through the trunk in the direction of the fibers. When dogs, cats and other animals carried long distances on cars and steamers, sometimes confined in bags and baskets, they are very apt to get sick, and find their way home, it is pretty sure that they know some things to a knowledge of which no human being has yet attained. When we see crashing past that enormous mass of iron and wood called the passenger car, we are prone to wonder at the wide difference between the construction of this train and that of a bicycle. A 215-pound "safety" will carry a 150-pound man at nearly the same rate of speed as the train, but for every 150-pound man the vestibule truck, carrying the car, weighs of between three and four thousand pounds.

A FILTER INSIDE YOU.

NEW YOUR BLOOD IS KEPT PURE.

Health Comes From Pure Blood. Pure Blood Depends on Pure Filter Inside You.

Your blood is what nourishes your body. New blood is made every minute. It goes to the lungs, gets fresh air, and then passes through the body. In passing, it deposits new flesh, fat, bones, etc., and takes up worn out matter. This worn out matter goes to the kidneys. The kidneys filter it out of the blood and throw it out of the body. That is, when they are well, they do. When your kidneys are not well, they do not filter properly. They leave the bad matter in. Sometimes they take out the good.

There is nothing more poisonous than bad blood. A proof. It is simply blood-poisoning caused by the bad matter left in the blood by sick kidneys. Bright's disease is the kidneys working the other way—taking the good food out of the blood. Both kinds of kidney sickness are dangerous.

Both can be cured by Dr. Hobb's Spargus Kidney Pills. One of the most wonderful facts of our body is this natural filter inside us. Our kidneys are very important organs. We don't take enough care of them. We are sick often than there is any need for. It is simply because we do not look after our kidneys. Sick kidneys show their effects in many different diseases.

Rheumatism and Bright's disease are very common. Anemia, Neuralgia, Pain in the Back, Dizziness, Bladder Troubles, Gravel, Diabetes, Sleeplessness, Nervousness. These are only a few symptoms, or so-called "diseases." Back of them all are the sick kidneys.

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RATHER GAUZY TALE.

Tramp with a Genius for Story Telling Turns Up at Fredonia. A gray looking individual with black, scraggy whiskers, ragged clothes

and bent and disfigured frame, passed through the suburbs of Fredonia, N. Y., the other day. He stopped under a tree and began to talk. In substance the man stated that in years past he was a traveling phrenologist and was known as Prof. William Riggs. Instead of following his profession he would, he said, insert seductive notices in the papers which would read: "Wanted—Lady to travel; must possess both culture and wealth; a rare chance for advancement. He took to drink and whisky finished him. The tramp alleged that he had been married under at least eight different aliases in as many different states. The life of gambling and matrimony gradually weakened his intellect and destroyed his ambition. He took to drink and whisky finished him. The tramp alleged that he had been married under at least eight different aliases in as many different states. The life of gambling and matrimony gradually weakened his intellect and destroyed his ambition. He took to drink and whisky finished him.

Refused to accept the Apology. The car was crowded, and when a passenger boarded it he was nearly up by the sudden starting and tread on the toe of a man standing at the rear end. "I beg your pardon," he said, "but I was soiled and in an indignant muttering curses. The innocent offender again apologized. "Yes, but that doesn't help my toe any," and he growled some more in an undertone. "Nearby passengers began to snigger. "I begged your pardon, snigger," said the other man. "Yes, but my toe hurts just the same," was the reply in an ugly tone. "Then the other man's dander rose, and in a very forcible language he said: "Now, look here, I accidentally stepped on your foot and I apologize for it. I give you another word about it: I will give you this instead of my foot (showing his double-up foot), and it will land right in your face."

This warning was not taken, for he continued to talk about the cleanliness of some people. Suddenly the passenger were electrified by seeing a fat shoot, and the growler lay in the street as the car passed on. Nobody said anything, but some thought it wasn't wise to talk too much.

NEWSY TRIFLES. There are sixty-four counties in Texas without newspapers. The largest paper raised in Missouri this season weighed twenty-one ounces. Part of the "Missouri on Wheels" exhibit will consist of tobacco leaves seven feet long.

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