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The Worship of Diamonds. A McGill professor, lecturing on the diamond the other night, demonstrated dramatically the well-known fact that a diamond is merely crystallized carbon...

Japan's Knowledge of the World. The fact is, we suspect, that the Japanese understand the rest of the world better than the world understands them...

Paint and Ocean Travel. The worst feature of ocean travel is never mentioned in steamship company prospectuses or in books of travel...

Exposing the Fast Set. The fast woman in society in France compromises herself because she falls under the spell of passion...

The United States senator from Nebraska who wants the post offices closed on Sunday will receive the thanks of all the mail clerks for his efforts...

American exportations of wood have increased 80 per cent during the past nine months. The breakfast food industry is to be congratulated on this sudden boom in its prosperity.

Somebody has started the report that King Edward is ailing fast because he frequently drops off to sleep during the delivery of after-dinner speeches...

The Baltimore Sun says "there are more fresh people in this country than fresh eggs." And more stale jokes than stale eggs, but we can't help it.

An autograph letter of Abraham Lincoln, writer more than half a century ago to his life-long friend, Thomas J. Turner, of Freeport, Ill.

The value of this letter to the families to whom it has descended—like an apostolic succession—may be estimated from the fact that it has passed from deathbed to deathbed as a sacred charge in the Turner generations, the

Famous Illinois Tavern.

Where Lincoln, When a Circuit Riding Lawyer, Swapped Stories.

With the demolition of the old Kelley tavern, torn down to make room for a barn, there passed one of the famous old hosteries of Illinois.

For years it enjoyed great popularity, especially during its ownership by Joseph Kelley, who operated it from 1840 until 1864.

Both men Lincoln's coming, being heralded about the surrounding country, drew scores of farmers to the hotel, and not infrequently residents of Urbana drove down to enjoy the contest between the two great story tellers.

The old tavern played an important part in the social life of the community. Here during the winter months assembled all the young people for miles around to dance and enjoy themselves.

One of the most valuable of the government's unique collection of patent models, the finest in the world, is No. 6,469, granted May 22, 1849 to Abraham Lincoln for method of lifting vessels over shoals.

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man to whom it was written transmitting the series of Lincoln's correspondence in order to bequeath to members of his family souvenirs whose value he foresaw with prophetic eye.

Any letter of Abraham Lincoln's would be of interest to the people of Illinois, especially one written before the period of war and turmoil, when the Springfield lawyer was engaged in the vocations of peace.

As Wallace Saw Lincoln.

Famous Author Wrote Entertainingly of First Meeting.

The charm of Lew Wallace's Autobiography consists not only in the fact that the author was a famous general and famous novelist, but that so many of his recollections are reminiscent of the great.

One of the most fascinating descriptions is that of his first sight of Abraham Lincoln. It was in 1854, at a tavern in Danville, Ill.

Wallace writes as follows: "There was one of the contentions who arrested my attention early, partly by his stories partly by his appearance."

"His hair was thick, coarse and defiant; it stood out in every direction. His features were massive, nose long, eyebrows protrusive, mouth large, cheeks hollow, eyes gray and always responsive to the humor. He smiled all the time, but never once did he laugh outright. His hands were large, his arms slender and disproportionately long. His legs were a wonder, particularly when he was in narration; he kept crossing and uncrossing them, sometimes it actually seemed he was trying to tie them into a bow knot."

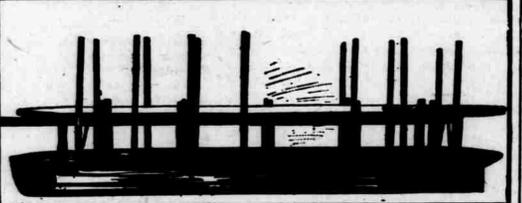
"Altogether, I thought him the gauntest, quaintest and most piteously ugly man who had ever attracted me enough to call for study. Still when he was in speech, my eyes did not quit his face. He held me in unconsciousness."

"About midnight his competitors were disposed to give in; either they were exhausted, or they were tacitly conceding him the crown. From answering them story for story, he gave two or three to their own. At last he took the floor and held it. And, looking back, I am now convinced that he frequently invented his repartees; which is saying he possessed a marvelous gift of improvisation."

"Such was Abraham Lincoln. And to be perfectly candid, had one stood at my elbow that night in the old tavern and whispered: 'Look at him closely. He will one day be president and the savior of his country,' I had laughed at the idea but a little less heartily than I laughed at the man."

"Afterward I came to know him better, and then I did not laugh."

MODEL OF LINCOLN'S ONLY PATENT



like bellows, worked from sides of boat by upright poles. When a vessel so equipped strikes shoal water the bellows are inflated by pressure on the poles, which is supposed to raise the boat clear of the bottom. When the bellows are to be deflated a windlass raises the poles.—N. Y. World.

am very grateful to our friends for having done it, has not pleased me as much as I expected, this must have been flattering. But there were many able young men in Springfield who coveted the honor, and they had entered into an agreement among themselves that each would be content with a single term. Lincoln, of course, remained faithful to this promise. His strict keeping of promises caused him also to lose an appointment from President Taylor as commissioner of the general land office, which might easily have been his, but for which he had agreed to recommend some other Illinois man. A few weeks later the president offered to make him governor of the new territory of Oregon. This attracted him much more than the other office had done, but he declined because his wife was unwilling to live in a place so far away.

His career in congress proved of great advantage to him in after life; having given him a close knowledge of the workings of the federal government, and brought him into contact with political leaders from all parts of the union.

HOME-TRADE CLUBS

They Should Be Organized and Active in Every Community.

PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS

The Great Danger to Local Interests That Are Found in the Mail-Order Systems—Educate the Public.

(Copyrighted, 1906, by Alfred C. Clark) Why should we trade at home? Why should we consider home in any way more than any other place unless it pays us financially? First, because it is our home. The pride we should take in the prosperity of our home town and our neighbors should be sufficient inducement to give them the preference.

The greatest menace to the country merchant to-day is the mail order business, and with the decline of the country merchant comes inevitable loss to the citizens of both town and country. What at first was considered a great convenience and an exhibition of commendable enterprise has grown to be one of the crying commercial evils. The success of the mail order house is the result of constant, extensive and intelligent advertising.

While the merchants are the heaviest immediate losers, and could do



Are you operating the tread mill to pour the wealth of your community into the bottomless hoppers of the mail-order house? Are you driving your local merchants out of business? If you are you are killing your town and your own interests.

much toward checking and correcting this growing evil, by liberal advertising and publishing prices, they should not be expected to do it all. Every newspaper should preach home trade, every teacher should instill it into his pupils in the school room, every minister should preach it from the pulpit. The debating societies and political conventions should discuss it. The interests of town and country and newspaper and church, and society generally, are so interwoven and so identical that whatever injures one will eventually injure all. When the merchants are compelled to bring on smaller stocks, and employ less help, and pay cheaper rent, they are not alone the sufferers; the whole community feels the loss. The price of real estate is largely dependent on its proximity to a good town. Rents are dependent on the amount of business. The merchant can move to some other town and establish himself again more readily than can the professional man and many others who have built up business through years of acquaintance and establishment of character. If the farmer, or property owner in town, want to sell out they are the greatest sufferers—they can't move their property to some place where people are booming their town and country by patronizing home.

The remedy lies in education and publicity. In many places that education will come through bitter experience, but, in other communities, where they are quicker to detect the approaching evil, and heed more readily the warnings of the press and friends of home, they may correct the evil more readily.

Wealth and power are corrupting influences and the mail order houses are probably not sending out as honest goods as they once did. They have learned the tricks of imitation and substitution and how easy it is to deceive the public. But, if the mail order man is honest, and his methods of advertising legitimate in every way, his success is of no interest to us every man and woman is to blame who sends away for goods; and every one who fails to raise his voice in favor of home trade. The editor holds the most responsible position and should be the leader in this movement.

The remedy has been outlined in a general way. We will suggest the first steps. Let merchants buy at home—they cannot consistently ask others to trade with them when they do not patronize their neighbors in trade. The editors should patronize home, and even at considerable personal sacrifice refuse foreign advertising for lines of goods in competition with the home merchant. The editor deserves more credit than he receives. Many a well-to-do farmer or city man would think himself perfectly justified in sending away for all his groceries and clothing if he thought he could save ten dollars thereby on a year's purchases, but most editors forfeit many times that much every year by refusing advertising from distant firms in the same lines of business as his home merchants; and sometimes the home merchant even then declines to advertise.

Trade-at-home clubs might be organized, with mottoes something like "Club," or "I Patronize the Home Merchants," or "I Buy Nothing from Mail Order Houses," for members to display. The acceptance and displaying of such a card might constitute a personal non member.

Much of the trading away from home is due to thoughtlessness and ignorance of business principles. Many persons consider only the first cost; if they save 25 cents on a ten-dollar order by buying from a mail order house they consider that clear gain. They should be shown that a merchant and his family living in their midst, keeps up a house, pays taxes, adds to the social features, contributes generously towards public enterprises, etc. If by buying at home their town gives support to several more local merchants, creating a better home market, they get back a liberal percentage. Every man and woman takes more or less pride in local affairs and is willing to contribute something toward home improvements, if the matter is fairly presented.

President Hadley, of Yale, was talking with his student days. "I remember a stately and venerable professor," he said, "upon whom some sophomores once tried to play a trick. 'The professor, one morning, being unable to attend to his class on account of a cold, wrote on the blackboard: 'Dr. Dash, through indisposition, is unable to attend to his classes to-day.' 'The students erased one letter in this notice, making it read: 'Dr. Dash, through indisposition, is unable to attend to his classes to-day.' 'But it happened a few minutes later that the professor returned for a box he had forgotten. Amid a roar of laughter he detected the change in his notice, and, approaching the blackboard calmly erased one letter in his turn. 'Now the notice read: 'Dr. Dash, through indisposition, is unable to attend to his asses to-day.'"

FEARFUL BURNING SORES. Boy in Misery 12 Years—Eczema in Rough Scales, Itching and Inflamed—Cured by Cuticura.

"I wish to inform you that your wonderful Cuticura has put a stop to twelve years of misery I passed with my son. As an infant I noticed on his body a red spot and treated same with different remedies for about five years, but when the spot began to get larger I put him under the care of doctors. Under their treatment the disease spread to four different parts of his body. The longer the doctors treated him the worse it became. During the day it would get rough and form like scales. At night it would be cracked, inflamed, and badly swollen, with terrible burning and itching. When I think of his suffering, it nearly breaks my heart. His screams could be heard downstairs. The suffering of my son made me full of misery. I had no ambition to work, to eat, nor could I sleep. One doctor told me that my son's eczema was incurable and gave it up for a bad job. One evening I saw an article in the paper about the wonderful Cuticura and decided to give it a trial. I tell you that Cuticura Ointment is worth its weight in gold, and when I had used the first box of Ointment there was a great improvement, and by the time I had used the second set of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent, my child was cured. He is now twelve years old, and his skin is as fine and smooth as silk. Michael Steinman, 7 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., April 16, 1906."

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AILING WOMEN.

Keep the Kidneys Well and the Kidneys Will Keep You Well.

Back, aching, languid women are learning the true cause of bad backs and how to cure them. Mrs. W. G. Davis, of Groesbeck, Texas, says: "Back-aches hurt me so I could hardly stand. Spells of dizziness and sick headaches were frequent and the action of the kidneys was irregular. Soon after I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills I passed several gravel stones. I got well and the trouble has not returned. My back is good and strong and my general health better." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Speaking of the endless chain prayer, that is going the rounds, said the woman with the cheerful voice, "I can't see what good that can do, unless, maybe, it might start some poor wretch on the road to glory, but I got an awfully nice silk petticoat through an endless chain once. The manufacturers sent letters asking for five names and a ten-cent piece. I sent five names and the ten-cent piece, not thinking much about it, just trying it, and it wasn't long before they sent me this lovely silk petticoat. It was the nicest sort of silk, too. As long as I wore it it didn't crock."

Caution. Imitations have been placed upon the market so closely resembling Alcock's Plasters in general appearance as to be well calculated to deceive. It is, however, in general appearance only that they compare with Alcock's, for they are not only lacking in the best elements which have made Alcock's so efficient, but are often harmful in their effects. Remember that Alcock's is the original and only genuine porous plaster—the best external remedy known—and when purchasing plasters the only safe way is to always insist upon having Alcock's.

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Final Erasure Neatly Turned Joke on Students.

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PUTNAM FADLESS DYES color

Silk, Wool and Cotton at 100% Brilliance, fast, beautiful color. 10c per package.

A reform champion's husband believes a reformation would be good. "Trappers' Supplies Sold Cheap. Write for catalog and circular No. 8. N. W. Hyde & Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

When a man makes a show of himself he's not always a comedy. Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar made of rich, mellow tobacco. Your dealer, or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

And people who stand up for their rights usually want to sit on the right of others.

TO CURE A COUGH IN ONE DAY Take LITTLE'S BRONCHITIS CURE. Drug stores dispense it in bulk for 25c. L. W. GIBSON'S signature is on each box.

A man will remember the kiss he failed to get long after the others are forgotten. Panthers and Grizzly Bears. Ship Furs Felts McMillan Fur & Wool Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Write for prices.

There are more ways than one by which a woman can get even with a man. One way is to marry him, and another is not to.

Garfield Tea, an unusually practical household remedy; take it for constipation, to keep the liver normal, to purify the blood, to dispel colds, to cure rheumatism, to keep well!

Was Right to Damages. A Baca county man threatens to sue a hunter for \$500 damages because the hunter killed a laying hen. A hen that will lay at this season is worth money, you know.—Denver Post.

By following the directions, which are plainly printed on each package of DeLancey Starch, Men's Collars and Cuffs can be made just as stiff as desired, with either gloss or domestic finish. Try it, 16c for 10c, sold by all good grocers.

Even a busy man must take a day off sooner or later for the purpose of attending his own funeral.

NERVOUS HEADACHES

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Will Cure Most Cases and Should Interest Every Sufferer.

Nobody who has not endured the suffering caused by nervous headache can realize the awful agony of its victims. Worst of all, the ordinary treatment cannot be relied upon to cure nor even to give relief. Some doctors will say that if a person is subject to these headaches there is nothing that can be done to prevent their recurrence.

Nervous headaches, as well as neuralgia, are caused by lack of nutrition—the nerves are starved. The only way to feed the nerves is through the blood and it is in this way that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have accomplished so many remarkable cures. Mrs. Addie Merrill, of 39 Union Street, Auburn, Me., says: "For years I suffered from nervous headaches, which would come on me every five or six weeks and continue for several days. The pain was so severe that I would be obliged to go to bed for three or four days each time. It was particularly intense over my right eye. I tried medicines but got no relief. I had no appetite and when the headache passed away I felt as if I had been sick for many days. My blood was thin and I was pale, weak and reduced in weight. "I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in a paper and decided to try them. I first noticed that they began to give me an appetite and I commenced to gain in weight and color. My headaches stopped and have not returned and I have never felt so well as I do now."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box, six boxes \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

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Fastidiously owned by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Headache, and Bad Taste in the Mouth, coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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