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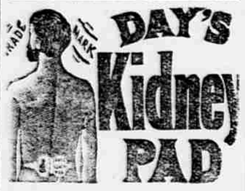

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LOST BAGGAGE.
HOW IN DETAIL STRAY SATCHELS ARE RESTORED TO THEIR OWNERS.

Detroit Free Press.

Down in the Union depot there are a thousand carpet-bags, satchels, grain-bags and parcels piled up on shelves to await owners. The collection is known as stray baggage, and it is added to or taken from almost daily. The man who has charge of it knows pretty well the contents of each, and what he doesn't know he can guess at. Yesterday, when a woman entered his domain, and said that she was looking for a lost satchel, he promptly replied:

"Very well, madam. We will begin our search in division 'A.' Were both handles off your satchel, the bottom partly ripped off, and a red woolen rag sticking out of the side?"

"No, sir."

"Ah! then I missed it. Let's see; here's a satchel which has been here about four weeks. The first thing on top is a red wing and a pair of blue stockings."

"That isn't mine, sir."

"Just so. Belongs to some poor soul who can't be happy without it. Here's satchel which bears your description, but it can't be yours. The principal contents are a bottle of poor whisky, an old hat and a dime novel. Don't belong to you, nohow?"

"No, sir."

"Well, there's another bundle. I should say by the feel that it contained two night-caps, a volume of poetry and a set of false frames. Do you identify it?"

"No, sir. I don't."

"Does this satchel represent yours?"

"Yes, sir."

"Any familiar marks about it?"

"Yes, several."

"Did your satchel contain a package of sixteen love letters, each one leading off with 'Dear Ben,' and closing with 'your own darling?'"

"No, sir—no, sir—that isn't mine."

"This one isn't yours, either, because it contains a euchre deck and some faro chips. Now look up there. Third one from the right, eh? Well, here it is. Is this yours?"

"Yes, sir."

"Glad of it. Can you describe the contents?"

"Yes, sir. The first thing on top is a—a"——

"Yes, I know—a pair of stockings with holes in the heels. They belong to your sister, of course."

"Sir?"

"No offense, ma'am. Many imposters come here, and we must be particular. Please go on."

"The next thing is a—a"——

"An old corset with a shoe string for a lace—perfectly correct. Please describe the next article."

"I won't do it!" she exclaimed.

"Pshaw, now! but you mustn't take offense. There is a pair of shoes with half the buttons off, a bottle of face powder, a pair of gloves with the fingers out and"—

"That isn't mine at all!"

"Oh, it isn't, eh! Well, I'm sorry." "I don't believe mine is here, and you needn't go to any further trouble."

"Very well. I shall go to dinner in half an hour. I shall place this satchel in this corner, and I shall tell the old man who relieves me at noon that a boy will come for it. That's all—good-bye—hope you'll find your baggage."

When he returned at 1 o'clock the satchel was gone.

Rice Corn.

Chicago Tribune Correspondent.

Egyptian corn, or Pampas rice, more commonly spoken of as rice corn, has been grown to some extent in Kansas for the last ten years,—the farmers at first devoting only small patches of ground to its cultivation, and gradually increasing the breath, without, however, making any particular observation, of its productive quality or its economic value. The crop was generally assigned a place in the farm garden; and, of the amount raised, what was not reserved for seed the following year was usually fed to the chickens,—it being noticed that they preferred it above any other food. In fact, many raised it especially for poultry.

Three years ago, a farmer in Pawnee county, a thrifty Englishman, decided to cultivate the article upon a more extended scale, and soon became convinced that it was destined to be a desirable crop in many particulars, the yield being large, and the corn entirely satisfactory for stock feeding purposes. So in 1879 an increased acreage was planted, and the experiment tried in various other counties of the state, with uniform success. These several trials demonstrated it to be not only a useful, but a profitable, crop for Kansas, and especially for the western counties of the state, where drought previails during summer, and rain cannot be depended on for the cultivation of Indian corn, or ordinary agricultural pursuits.

Spirited Kate base sprague.

Washington Cor. Globe Dem.

The formal proceedings in the matter of the Sprague divorce suit has sat at rest the speculations that have been rife for a year. Every incident in her career has been revived and talked over again, from the details of her white-velvet wedding dress; her matchless point lace flounce, which the Empress felt that she could not buy at $18,000; her baby's lace christening robe, that figured at $2,000, and countless other things of the kind. Again it is told how this woman, of such unusual grace, beauty and spirit, received her crowds of callers in her parlors, and charmed high and low, while the man whom the law called her lord and master would come reeling in and sink upon a sofa before all the guests. Servants were quietly sent to carry him off, and the august senator, led off by two men, finished his sobering nap out of sight; the hostess, with unmoved countenance and perfect control, maintained her part to the end. The agonies of shame and mortification that he entailed on her proud, high strung spirits have often been guessed at, for so far Mrs. Sprague has been a perfect Spartan in concealing her sufferings from the public. An amusing incident is recalled of her, one over which her father used to laugh when he touched upon his daughter's trials. On the occasion of a large party Mrs. Sprague sent for her coachman and told him what duties she expected of him—either to open the door or assist in the cloak room. The coachman demurred, and impudently answered that he was hired to drive the horses, and not to help in the house. "Very well," said my Lady Katherine, "have my carriage at the door at 8 o'clock." At 8 the carriage drove up. "Blanket the horses and wait until I send further word," was sent out to the liveried magnifico on the box. From 8 of a chill winter evening until 2 of a colder morning, coachee sat with stiffening arms on his box, and when the last guest had gone his orders came to drive to the stable. A madder man never held a rein than the darkey on the box, but a meeker one never begged the madam to retain him, and expiated his offense by the most perfect obedience forever after. Mrs. Sprague has not been in Washington since she left for her summer trip, and will probably not return this winter. It is said that her country place of "Edgewood," two miles out of the city, has been taken by Mr. Bartolomei, the Russian minister.

The Lime-Kiln Club.

Detroit Free Press.

"A leetle money will buy wood an' 'taters an' bacon an' shoes an' clothes," said the old man, as the meeting opened. "Lots of money will buy silks an' satins an' jewelry an' white horses. De man wid a leetle money seems to believe dat de man wid lots of it am takin' all the comfort. I used to hab dat ideah, but I'se got ober it. It am my solum belief dat de man who sots down befo' his own fire, wid his wife on de right and his chill'en on de left, and de old cat an' a pauful of apples in de middle, am in a position to take just as much comfort as if he lived in a house wid golden stairs. Take the world rite erwund you'll fi' dat de humblest homes am de happiest. De man who has steady work, a sav'n' wife, an' healthy children, wouldn't be a bit happier if he was to draw $50 000 in a lottery. If he doesn' take comforts it's his own fault. It's her own fault if his wife isn't happy. Sometimes my ole woman gits de blues an' blows arouh' kase she sees odder folks ride out in deir carriages an' dress up in deir satins, but I build up a good fire, git out de apples, cider, an' pop-corn, draw up de big rockin'-cheer, an' she can't stan' it moah dan ten minutes. De blues begin to fly away, an' she gits de bad spot on my head an' says: 'We has a cabin of our own, plenty to eat, a leetle money in de bank, an' I'spect we can sot down an' take as solid comfort as if you war Guv'ner an' I had ten silk dresses.' He who makes de most of what he's got am fittin' himself to enjoy better. No situation but what could be made worse. Every dollar made by honest work ought to bring $2 worf of solid comfort. Wid dese few remarks, called forth by overhearin' Samuel Shin growlin' aroun' bekase he couldn't have mashed 'taters at every meal, we will now eradicate the usual order of business."

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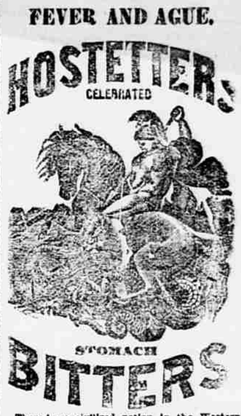

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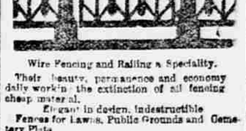
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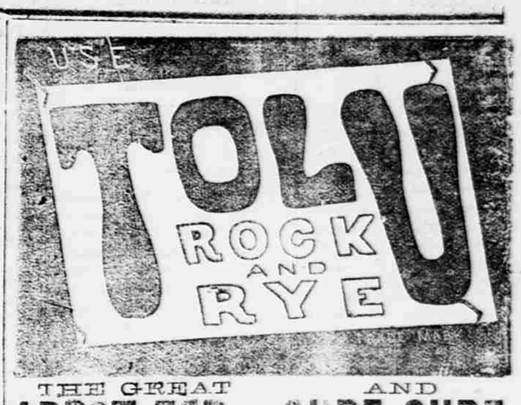

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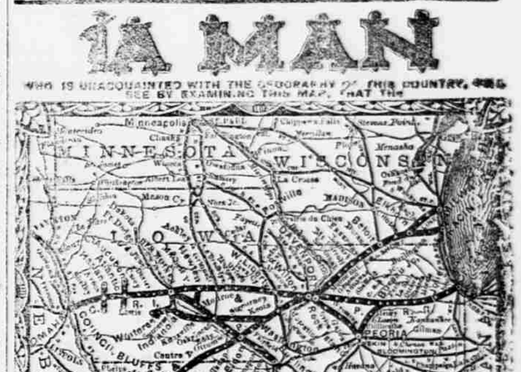

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