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CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC.

Depart.	Arrive.
Atlantic Ext...5:20 p m	Pacific Ext....9:15 a m
Ex and Mail*..9:25 a m	Ex and Mail*..6:55 p m
D. Moines ac*..7:15 a m	Des Moines ac*.4:40 p m

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY.

Depart.	Arrive.
Atlantic Ext...5:35 p m	Pacific Ext....9:20 a m
Mail and Ex*..9:10 a m	Mail and Ex*..7:00 p m
N. Y. Ex.....5:20 p m	Neb & Kas Ex..9:10 a m

CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN.

Depart.	Arrive.
Atlantic Ext...5:15 p m	Pacific Ext....9:15 a m
Mail and Ex*..9:20 a m	Mail and Ex*..6:15 p m
Accom (Sat.)..5:50 p m	Accom. (Mon.)1:45 p m

KANSAS CITY, ST. JOS AND COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Depart.	Arrive.
Mail and Ex...9:55 a m	Express.....5:35 p m
Express.....8:25 p m	Mail and Ex...9:45 p m

UNION PACIFIC.

Depart.	Arrive.
orland Ex.11:30 a. m.	Overland Ex..4:00 p.m.
Lincoln Ex..11:30 a. m.	Denver Ex....8:00 a. m.
Denver Ex...7:00 p. m.	Local Ex.....6:30 a. m.
Local Ex.....7:25 a. m.	" Ex.....9:05 a. m.
Emigrant.....5:20 p. m.	" Ex.....6:00 a. m.

WABASH, ST. LOUIS AND PACIFIC.

Depart.	Arrive.
Mail and Ex.. 9:45 a m	Mail and Ex.. 4:30 p m
Cannon Ball.. 4:50 p m	Cannon Ball..11:05 a m

SIOUX CITY AND PACIFIC.

Depart.	Arrive.
or Sioux City.7:55 a m	Frm Sioux City.6:50 p m
or Fort Niobrara. Neb*.....7:55 a m	Frm Fort Niobrara, Neb.....*6:50 p m
For St. Paul...7:40 p m	From St. Paul..8:50 a m

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL.

Leave Council Bluffs.	Arrives Council Bluffs.
Mail and Ex..*9:20 a m	Mail and Ex...*6:55 p m
Atlantic Ex..‡5:15 p m	Atlantic Ex...‡9:10 a m

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL.

Leaves Omaha.	Arrives at Omaha.
Mail and Ex..*7:15 a m	Pacific Ex.....‡9:45 a m
Atlantic Ex..‡3:40 p m	Mail and Ex..*7:25 p m

*Except Sundays. †Except Saturdays. ‡Except Mondays. ‖Daily.

Council Bluffs & Omaha Street R. R.

Leave Council Bluffs.	Leave Omaha.
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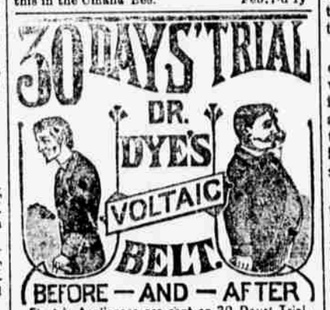

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I SHOULD NOT CARE.

MARY N. PRESCOTT.

I should not care though spring delayed
To lure wild flowers from woodland nooks,
Though the rose within its calyx staid,
And frosts detained the singing brooks,
Though leaf nor rain-fed violet
Showed where their fragrant feet were set,
If you loved me still; should I repine
Though spring-time made no sign?

I should not care though summer came
With shining flowers and balmy dew,
Filling the world with her perfumed flame,
With her lilting bards and fairy crew
Of rosy petals and winged seeds,
With her troop of prankish weeds,
If you loved me not; why should I care
Though heaven and earth were fair?

Negro Camp-Meeting Song.

Ole Sister Mary drapped her pride,
An' all at once got sanctified,
An' when she fell down ter pray,
She tuck up wings and flew away.
Oh, take off your coat, po' sinner man,
An' pray ter de Lawd as fas' as yer can

Ole Sister Mary, when she riz,
Shuck her leg at the rheumatiz,
And flew away ober de turnip patch,
On her way to lift de heabenly latch.
Oh, git on de groun', po' sinner man,
An' make a move ter jine de ban'.

Ole Brudder Ike was full ob sin,
An' at de Lawd would stan' an' grin,
But de debil grabbed him wid a hook,
An' down below wid him he took.
Oh, roll in de san', sinful chile,
An' take from your soul de debil's bile.

—[Arkansaw Traveller.

THE AUCTIONEER'S STORY

This is a strange world! And yet I never thought so until my attention was called to the fact by a little incident that befell me one day, and set me to thinking so hard that I seemed to grow out of my head and reach a great height, and then look down on my other self with great compassion. I don't know that it made me any wiser, but at least it made me more attentive to my fellow beings—more thoughtful of their joys and sorrows—and that counts for something, I reckon.

I had cried dozens of pawnbrokers' sales in my time, and never thought anything about them, unless it was that old Two to One or Give and Take were doubling their money, and making a pretty penny, even if 10 per cent. commission was taken off.

But I had never thought of the story connected with any one article of the sale—of the heartaches, and despair, and woman's tears. It was but a joke to me, one who had known the time to "spout" a watch, or pistol or some like trinket, in order to carry on a frolic or help a poorer chap than I was, was but the impulse of the moment, and I carried no further weight than the relief from empty pockets at the moment.

But, as I have said before, something made me think, and ever since I haven't the same heart to cry away the goods of the poor creatures that want and misery had driven into old Two to One's clutches.

The city of B. is a splendid market for our business. The trade done there by one house alone would discount any banking, commission or other business in the place, and by the same token, the pawnbrokers equal us in power and profit, and give us some of our biggest sales

An odd lot came into the wareroom one day consigned to us by Clutchem & Keep, a shrewd firm of new beginners, and as it fell to my duty to assort and label the goods, it thus also fell to my fate to have a part in the following story:

The consignment consisted mainly of glass and silverware, pictures and bronzes, as Clutchem & Keep were rather first class in their business, and did not yet condescend to family bibles; but in the lot I came across a few pieces of furniture, which attracted my attention from the fact of our having an order from a western house to pick up all the antiques and oddities afloat for a bric-a-bac firm.

Here were about a dozen specimens of claw legs, stick backs and otherwise uncomfortable household articles, in the shape of chairs, dressing glasses and cabinets, and I at once labelled them sold, that they might not get into next day's sale, but be forwarded at once to our western house.

One article alone I noticed with attention enough to remember afterwards, and then only because I struck my hand roughly against it, and the pain made me to stare hard at the cause of it. It was an old cedar cabinet, brass bound and clamped, but rusty and forlorn-looking enough in its changed fortunes. I labelled it, as I thought, for our next day's sale, as there were two others to go West, and the home market was then going as crazy for everything old, but parents and friends, as either the West or North.

But subsequent events discovered my mistake. Our Saturday sale was a big one—the rival house across on the corner hadn't a chance against us that day—and by noon every article put up was bid off lively and quick.

The crowd had begun to thin, and I was busily mopping my wet face with a fresh handkerchief—for it is warm work, I can tell you, to cry such sales from 10 to 1 o'clock—when a lady came back in the store where I was standing and approached me eargerly.

"Are you the proprietor, sir?" she asked, with nervous haste, and I saw she was trembling.

"I am the auctioneer, madam," I said, wondering what was wrong. "I will call the firm, if you wish."

She looked around timidly but eagerly.

"Perhaps you can attend to my business. I—I—do—not—understand—these—matters—very well," she answered, and then I saw she was poorly clad, although well bred and timid,

I drew another chair up into the corner, and asked her to sit down, and as she did so gratefully—poor little woman!—I took a good look at her. She was still young and pretty.

Behind her hung a long mirror. It had grown dim hanging there, and had a misty shadow over it, and in the two angles of the corner stood a faded old Japanese turean and a tall chest of drawers.

The store was now empty, and the light was leaving it, as the sun was creeping away from the doorsill and mounting up to the roof, as if he had only waited for the sale to be over.

The lady had a face that touched me at once. She was pale and timid, but there was that in her face that made me take off my hat while I talked to her. I don't know how to express it; but it was as if I stood in the presence of death, and the natural reverence of that great mystery commanded my respect.

"What can I do for you, madam?" I asked.

She had been looking all around her, as if seeking something.

"You sell the goods, do you not?" she asked, eagerly.

"Yes, madam."

"You would know the articles sent here?"

"Probably."

She looked about her again, and the color came and went in her face nervously.

"I have just come from Clutchem & Keep," she began in hurried tones, as if ashamed of admitting her knowledge of those gentlemen. "They—had—some—things—I was forced—to—part with." Here she paused for a moment; then looked up at me with a faint smile. "You hear this said so often that I will only weary you."

Somehow or other, it seemed to me I had only then understood the possibility of a heart sorrow being attached to the exchange of goods such as I had that day sold.

"I am anxious to help you, madam!"

And I was! I believe I was growing superstitious, too; for it seemed to me as if a ghostly pageant was crossing and recrossing that dim mirror, and the old screen shook as if sighs or sobs were coming from it.

"Thank you! I am looking for a cedar cabinet," said the lady, gently; "which was among the articles I parted with Clutchem & Keep, and am told it was sent here for sale. I wish to redeem it at any price—"

She stopped suddenly as she saw my face change.

A cedar cabinet!

I remembered it at once. The hurt on my hand recalled it, also that it had been labelled for that day's sale.

She grew frightened at my hesitation.

"Do not say that it is gone!" she cried, rising quickly, and grasping my arm. "Oh, God would not so afflict me! Look, look everywhere for it, I beg, I pray you!"

Her hands shook so on my arm that I could feel the quivering of her thin fingers.

I tried to think to whom we had sold a cabinet that day; then it flashed on me that there had not been one in the catalogue.

Had I made a mistake and sent it west with a bric-a-brac lot? If so, it could be recovered. I felt glad for my error, but the poor little woman mistook my silence and broke down completely, sobbing so pitifully that I knew then that some great cause was hidden beneath her desire to reclaim the old cabinet.

"It is more to me than life or death," she cried out, passionately, looking straight before her. "It means my children's honor. Listen, and you will be influenced by my great need to find this cabinet for me. I believe it contains the certificate of my marriage, and my children's baptism, without which I cannot lay claim to my husband's estate in France. It is not the money I want," she added, with proud spirit; "I cannot bear to touch that; but my children shall not be robbed of the right to their father's name."

She paused to look at me, I felt as if a severe tension upon her nerves had given way at last, and, crushed by the fear of the cabinet being lost to her, her silence and reserve had broken down, and that she appealed to me unconsciously in her need.

The shadowy pageant passed to and fro across the mirror, and as she went on passionately with her story, it seemed to me I saw the whole sad episode pass in review on the dim surface.

"Fifteen years ago my husband deserted me. Evil influences led him astray, and while for my children's sake I would have pardoned him, I never saw him again or heard one word of him until I learned through the papers that he was dead and had left an estate to his wife and children.

"I could not grieve, except that he had died in his sin, unforgiven by me. I was poor, for he left me only the household furniture, and I have toiled all these years to maintain my children. So, for their sakes, I applied to a lawyer to obtain possession of the estate.

"Oh, the shame, the despair, of finding another claimant in France to my children's name and honor.

"'I must prove our claim as wife and children,' said the careful French lawyer, 'by the production of the marriage and baptismal certificates!'

"And I knew not where they were.

"The minister was dead, the witnesses gone I knew not where.

"I felt as if my carelessness had dishonored my children, and for days could get no relief from my horrible anxiety until, by a flash, as if from heaven, I remembered that I had placed the certificate with other papers in the old cabinet that I had parted with to Clutchem & Keep. I went to them; they had sent it here for sale, and now—"

She broke down with a moan of despair. It was more than I could stand. The cry and the pitiful story forced me into action at once.

"You shall have back the cabinet, madam," I said, solemnly, as if devoting my life to its search.

"Oh, sir, you will do a noble deed if you but find it for me," she cried, gratefully, looking at me with beaming eyes.

The face looked at me as if a halo came over it, and I dimly felt why I stood bareheaded before her. Truly I had stood in death's presence—the death of hope and love in this poor woman's life—the requiem of gladness and impulse.

She left me with a hopeful smile, taking my hand with a pretty grace, and I watched her in the mirror, go down the shadowy room into the sunlight of the street, and the shadows seemed to fall from her forever.

I telegraphed the western firm. They had the cabinet and returned it at once; so that before many days the little, nervous fingers were searching, in the presence of the lawyer and myself, for the precious papers.

She found them! I shall never forget her face when she held them up. The halo was there, as she said so softly: "Thank God!"

And it seems to cling to me yet, and to make me think how much misery our evil passions work through selfishness and thoughtlessness.

COUNCIL BLUFFS

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

COMMERCIAL.

COUNCIL BLUFFS MARKET.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 80¾; No. 3, 65; rejected 50c; good demand.

CORN—Dealers paying 34c; rejected corn Chicago, 51¾; new mixed, 52½@53c white corn, 55c. The receipts of corn are light.

OATS—Scarce and in good demand; 33

HAY—4 00@6 00 per ton. 30 per bale.

RYE—40c; light supply.

CORN MEAL—1 25per 100 pounds.

WOOD—Good supply, prices at yards, 5 00@6 00.

COAL—Delivered, hard, 11 00 per ton; soft, 5 50 per ton.

BUTTER—Good butter scarce and in fair demand at 25@35c; creamery, 35c.

EGGS—Ready sale and plenty at 10@11c per dozen.

LARD—Fairbank's, wholesaling at 12½c.

POULTRY—Firm; dealers paying 13c per pound for turkeys and 10c for chickens.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, 50c; onions, 50c; cabbages, 30@40c per dozen; apples, 2 50@3 50 per barrel.

City flour from 1 60 to 3 40.

BROOMS—2 00@3 00 per dozen.

STOCK.

CATTLE—3 00@3 50; calves 5 00@7 50.

HOGS—Market for hogs quiet, as the packing houses are closing; shippers are paying 6 00 to 6 75.

Mrs. Tabor, No. 1.

Ex-Senator Tabor's first wife, whom he discarded as soon as he became a millionaire, is said to remain faithful in her affection for him, and, though she is now rich, she declares that the happiest days of her life were when she kept his grocery store in California Gulch. She prays that he may soon lose his wealth, she believes, his Oshkosh bride will desert him, and he will be glad to return to his first and true love. No matter to what depth of degradation he may sink, she says she will always be willing to receive him back to her heart and home. It may be added that all last fall Mrs. Tabor (No 1) bought groceries and provisions for herself and ordered the bills to be sent to Mr. Tabor. And now the merchant is bringing suit against them both to decide which of them is responsible for the account.

A QUIET GAME OF POKER.

How Three Jacks Raked in the Pot Against Four Fours.

San Francisco Chronicle.

James Edwards, who was until recently the colored steward of the American ship Sachem, and Charles Banks, the burly boss of a negro sailor boarding house at No. 412 Pacific street, proposed to spend a quiet Sabbath afternoon in scientific recreation—Edwards called it a game of poker. The game progressed swimmingly until a certain juncture, when the pot footed up the munificent sum of $1,010. Banks called his partner, who answered that he had four eights, a statement which he blurted out unconsciously in a burst of exuberance at the prospect of being the possesser of the pot. When he showed his hand he had only four fours, while Banks, who had only three jacks, raked in the pot nevertheless. Then the trouble really began. Edwards claimed the pot as his, and Banks, who didn't know but what it was Edwards', thought he would keep it anyhow, because his partner made a miscall. From deliberate arguments they leaped to a resolute throats, and Edwards was clubbed on the skull and stabbed in the left temple by a horrible weapon, combining a six-barreled revolver, a serpentine dirk knife and shining brass knuckles as a handle to the whole combination, whose several parts could be folded into an innocent-looking sort of an ornament for four fingers, Edwards roused the whole neighborhood with his wrongs, whereupon Banks sought to conceal his terrible weapon in a box of soda water bottles, where it was found by Officers Birmingham and Duggan, who arrested him for an assault with a deadly weapon and for carrying it concealed upon him. Edwards was neatly bandaged up at the city hospital. While he considered the thumping of his ironclad skull and the gashing of his temples as trifles light as air, he was going to see "Banks through for taking that 'ere pot," even if by doing so he would never again have a chance to throw a kit of slops into blue water over the rail of a deep sea ship.

Our Reporter's Vacation Notes.

During his rambles this season, our Mr. M. has taken upon himself the task of satisfying our numerous readers that whatever goods are manufactured in our goodly city of Roger Williams, are of as high a grade, and as fine in quality as can be produced in any spot on the globe. Especially is this so when the skilled Pharmacutist of many years' experience resolves to extract from the finest botanical specimens of the vegetable world the most potent cure for some special disease. In proof of his assertion that Providence, R. I., affords the best, he relates an interview with an acquaintance, given him while sojourning temporarily at her residence. She says, "About a year I suffered severely from Rheumatism in my limbs, and Neuralgia in the head, which I endured two or three months with as much patience as possible, being under the treatment of an excellent doctor, and trying many kinds of medicine, without any marked effect. At last a medical friend advised me to try Hunt's Remedy, because he attributed my severe suffering to the bad condition of my kidneys, which were not performing their proper functions, and I commenced taking it, and in a few days the neuralgia had departed, my headache had entirely disappeared, the swelling in my limbs and joints had gone, and I have not had a touch of it since. More recently I was troubled with impurity of the blood, which showed itself in severe eruptions on my face. I again resorted to Hunt's Remedy, and after taking it a short time was completely cured of that complaint. Hunt's Remedy has proved very beneficial to me in attacks of sick headache, which it always alleviates, and I notice the improvement as soon as I take the Remedy. This Remedy has strengthening elements, for it has made me feel much stronger, and has been very beneficial to my general health. I most heartily recommend it to all sufferers like myself. Mrs. L. G. TANNER, No. 136 Pearl street."

Great Praise.

Albert G. Mann, of Cottage Home, Ill., says: "I have been prostrated for three or four years with Kidney disease; at times I was not able to put on my boots; my wife has often pulled them on for me. I was not so bad as that all the time, but I never knew what it was to be without pain in my back until I commenced using Hunt's Remedy. Since I began to take Hunt's Remedy I have been free from all pain, and take pleasure in saying that it is the best medicine that I ever knew for Kidney and Liver diseases."

THE CUTICURA REMEDIES

Some Facts Regarding Them.

Who Makes Them, and What is Thought of Them by the Drug Trade.

Interview of a Times Reporter With Peter Van Schaack, Esq

From The Chicago Times.

To enable The Times to furnish its readers with some reliable information regarding the Cuticura remedies, which are now attracting so much public attention, a reporter called yesterday upon Mr. Peter Van Schaack, of Van Schaack, Stevenson & Co., wholesale and retail druggists, corner Lake and Dearborn streets, when the following facts were elicited:—

R.—Will you oblige the readers of The Times by answering a few questions regarding the Cuticura remedies?

Mr. Van S.—Certainly; fire away.

R.—Do they sell well?

Mr. Van S.—The sale of the Cuticura, Cuticura Resolvent and Cuticura Soap have been unprecedented.

R.—What reasons do you give for so large a sale?

Mr. Van S.—I give four reasons. First, they are original and revolutionary in their composition and mode of treatment. Second, they undoubtedly possess great curative properties. Third, there are thousands upon thousands of sick and suffering who have tried and found wanting the usual remedies and modes of treatment, and who are ready to welcome a really great and successful medicine. Fourth, the price of them is within the means of every invalid.

R.—Are your large sales of these medicines through your agents?

Mr. Van S.—No; they are *legitimate mail orders*. We employ no travelers on the road—are fundamentally opposed to that way of selling goods—the retailer has to stand such expenses, and such staple goods as these require no one to force them off.

R.—Do you class the Cuticura remedies as patent medicines?

Mr. Van S.—I do not. They are proprietary, so far as their names are concerned, these being held as trade marks; but their composition and preparation are scientific, and in accordance with the most advanced pharmaceutical knowledge.

R.—Can you tell us something about the originators?

Mr. Van S.—Weeks & Potter, Boston, are importers, wholesale druggists and chemists, and for twenty-five years have been the foremost house in the trade in New England. The Cuticura remedies have grown to such an extent that the business has been transferred to a five-story labratory, built and fitted expressly for the purpose, and conducted under the name of the Potter Drug and Chemical Co., in compliment to Mr. Potter, the real discoverer of Cuticura.

R.—It is popularly supposed that advertising will sell anything, regardless of merit. Is it true?

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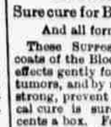

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