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**A Disturbance of the Peace** and the later a revolution. The people were unwilling to take chances and stood by the administration. The patriot who said: "My country, right or wrong. May she ever be right, but right or wrong, my country," struck a sympathetic chord in the breasts of the American people. It is the same feeling which prompts men to stand by their state and to stand by their town.

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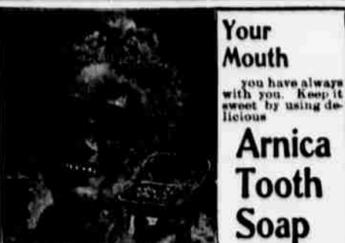


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# Good and Bad Artificial Limbs

They are making artificial limbs so cleverly these days that the people who wear them forget they ever suffered the trifling embarrassment of losing a leg or two or even an arm, relates the Chicago Chronicle. They put in such flexible joints and such charming rubber feet that the wearers of these improved legs dance gayly at balls and cotillions without raising a question as to the make-up of their limbs. There is a man in a downtown office wearing an artificial leg and foot—his own having been amputated four inches below the knee, who jumps six feet forward in a sprightly manner just to show what he can do when the subject of wooden legs is mentioned. He can pick up a 200 pound man in his arms, and hold him easily and dance a jig with his rubber foot and willow limb. He would just as soon have an artificial leg and foot as not. There is one advantage, he says. He never has rheumatism and he never suffers with corns or chilblains. He can quit a poker game at any stage without being accused of having "cold feet." He is as happy as a grig, though just why a grig should be happy is one of the things no fellow can find out.

"The making of artificial limbs," said one of the makers as he stood with a piece of willow tree in his hands and looked at it with a critical eye, "is an art. Every Tom, Dick and Harry who hangs out a shingle cannot make artificial limbs properly. If they did some of us would have to go out of business. You see, they go at the business in a blundering way and try to turn out legs as cheaply as possible, and the result is they turn out bad ones. Everything lies in the fitting of the stump. The making of the leg itself is almost secondary to its fitting in such a way that it will not bother the man who wears it. The making of bad legs is what keeps the business of us who make good legs going." Here the limb maker paused a moment to see whether that shot had found a target.

"There are plenty of limbs demanded," he went on, "owing to accidents and amputations for one reason and another, but if all the legs made and sold were fit to wear permanently the business would be pretty slack. The fact is that two-thirds of the false limbs turned out by some houses are unsatisfactory and their purchasers come here and throw them away when they get new ones. See," and he opened the door of a closet and showed a score of artificial legs of all makes, patents and weights. They were all second-hand, but some of them had evidently been worn only a short time.

"Feel the weight of that," he said, handing out a ponderous thing of leather and wood and metal. It fell on the floor with a clank like that of a bushel of coal.

"What do you think of a man trying to wear a thing like that?" he asked. "Now, in here I'll show you the lightest artificial limb ever made."

He led the way to an inner room, where in a cabinet were half a dozen new limbs, all of the queer pink which is supposed to resemble flesh tints. But they certainly were light. A limb which was intended to be strapped around the hip for an amputation above the knee was as light as a basket of chips. It was made of willow, pared very thin, covered with raw hide, and then painted with waterproof enamel. The foot was of rubber, firm but flexible, and the knee and ankle joints worked as well as metal joints can work.

"That is the leg that I got that certificate for," said the limbmaker, pointing to a framed certificate from the World's Fair, which set forth that the artificial limbs made by this manufacturer were the real thing.

"Very few of the old-fashioned wooden stumps are made now," he went on. "Of course, some people who are too poor to get an artificial limb make them themselves. They take a couple of pieces of wood and chop them out some way to support their weight. A good leg, one of the kind I showed you in there, is worth about \$100. Of course this price keeps many people from getting them, but they are worth it. They must be fitted with a care and skill which comes only with experience and it is worth money to get the right thing the first time. There has been a great advance made in the making of artificial limbs in the last decade. One improvement has followed another until now it is almost impossible to detect the presence of a first-class artificial limb. They are making feet of rubber and of aluminum and of wood, but I think the rubber feet are the only perfect ones made. They bend and give to the steps of a man walking, which aluminum does not.

"A funny thing about false legs," went on the builder of underpinning, "is the prevalence of the term 'cork leg.' Now as a matter of fact there is no such thing as a cork leg and there never was. Cork would not do for a leg—it would crumble away. It was never used for the purpose and I cannot imagine how that expression originated, but right along you hear people talking about somebody with a 'cork leg.' The legs are made of willow, because it is light and very strong. We get it in blocks, as you see, and make every leg to order. It must be much more carefully fitted and measured than a pair of shoes or a suit of clothes, for the least thing out of the way will irritate the stump. Again, we often have to deal with bad amputations—where the surgical work

was not properly done—and that makes lots of trouble.

"A false leg will last from eight to fifteen years, depending upon the character of the work done by the man who wears it. If he has to give it very hard service, of course it will wear out sooner, like anything else. Here is a photograph of a boy, you see, with both legs amputated below the knees. Here he is standing up with a pair of false legs. That boy is now a telegraph operator in Kansas and he plays baseball as well as the best of them."

## Guerrilla Emmerson

Captain S. P. Emmerson, formerly of Dallas, died in Denver, Colo., on Tuesday last, relates the St. Louis Republic. Captain Emmerson was one of the most noted characters produced on the southern side of the war between the states. A native of Kentucky, he had strong southern inclinations and when the war came he raised and commanded an "irregular" confederate force commonly known as guerrillas.

Many of the exploits of Emmerson's command were as daring and sensational as those of Quantrell, Morgan or Mosby. In one of his raids he was captured and imprisoned in Kentucky, but made a bold escape by cutting through the prison roof. He was soon in action again and in 1863 or 1864 had command of the force of about 100 men that rode into Chicago with the intention of causing an uprising that should capture or destroy the city. In this hope Emmerson was disappointed. He escaped capture, as he often related, by stealing a horse and riding beyond the lines of danger. He then turned the horse loose and "hoped it got back to its owners," as he always expressed it.

Captain Emmerson was a friend of Frank James in war days and also of City Marshal Pulliam of Ardmore, I. T. These men have often spoken highly of him as a man and soldier. Captain Emmerson lived for many years on his Dallas county farm, near Richardson. He was an old bachelor and inclined to reticence on the subject of the civil war, particularly in regard to his own part in it. He never got over his grief for the "lost cause." Before going to Denver, when his health failed him, he called on Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie of Dallas, former national president of the Daughters of the Confederacy and now at the head of the local chapter of the order. He said to her:

"When the southern confederacy perished I lost what stood to me in my affections the same as do a wife, children and family ties to other men. When I am dead, which will be soon, I ask that you see that I am buried among my own kind of people. I desire that a plain suit of confederate gray be my burial garments. I want none but former confederate soldiers to act as pallbearers and to place me in the grave. I desire that the confederate flag be spread upon my coffin. I desire that a plain monument, surmounted by a life-size confederate soldier, be erected over my grave and that on my monument shall be carved this epitaph only: 'Here lies a man who believed in the traditions and teachings of the old south.'

"In my will I shall make provisions for my burial expenses."

Mrs. Currie promised Captain Emmerson that she would do as he had requested. When notified last Tuesday of his death she made the arrangements for his funeral. The body was met at the railway station on its arrival from Denver by a squad of former confederate soldiers, who bore it to the residence of Judge Ed S. Lauderdale, from where the funeral took place. The grave was in the middle of the burial lot owned by the Daughters of the Confederacy. Camp Sterling Price, United Confederate Veterans, attended in a body and their old battle-scarred confederate flag was spread over the coffin.

## Editor and Preacher

Rev. Judson Titworth, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church of Milwaukee, edited the Milwaukee Journal on Saturday, October 27, and his experience led him to the following conclusion: "The paper as it is published today is nearer what Christ would make it than the paper edited by Mr. Sheldon. I have learned many things today that I shall always remember. It has been a pleasant experience." George F. Grassie, a reporter of the Journal, preached in Mr. Titworth's church on Sunday evening, October 28, taking for his topic, "The Ethical Side of the Newspaper Business." In the course of his sermon he said: "That the press is a great institution all will agree; that it has many faults no one knows so well as the newspaper men themselves. They feel it every day. And they are trying their best to remedy the defects, but they are held down and choked by the public. They can get no higher than the public lets them. Every man he meets knows how to run a paper better than the editor does. 'If I were running your paper,' he begins. The editor stops and says: 'My dear man, you cannot run a paper. I cannot run a paper. The public runs all the papers. I cater to the public.'"



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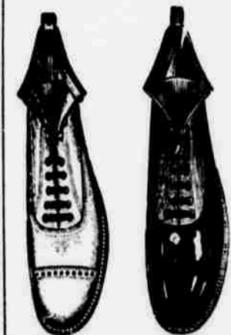
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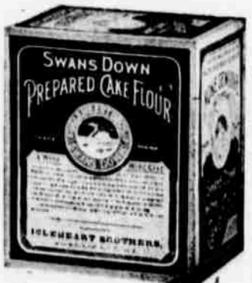


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