

Cornered at Last.

Together they strolled by moonlight—he and she.

They talked of poetry, pigs' feet, and pictures.

They communed with the stars, and felt that heaven was drawing nearer to earth day by day.

Her hand was on his arm, nestling there in fullest confidence.

His carriage was erect; his step firm and buoyant.

Happy man!

Blissful maiden!

He told her of his day dreams, in a voice that to her was melted gold. With a sweep of fancy he tore away the curtains of reserve, and showed her castles of brightest splendor—in the air.

With a tremulous quiver that filled her soul with sunbeams fresh from their fountain source—unsullied by touch of earth—she bowed her head in raptures as the blissful scenes unfolded before her mental vision.

She longed for a cot in some hazy dell; with a vine clambering o'er the window, and plenty of provisions in the cellar.

He talked of Shakespeare, high rents, and the price of pork.

Her heart gave a flutter, for she felt that the turning point of her destiny was near.

Fixing his piercing eye full upon her, he told her of his battles with the heartless, cruel world.

She wondered why he didn't pop and be done with it.

Then he dropped into poetry again, and wandered, oh, so far away, from the thought that thrilled her soul.

She gnashed her teeth, and began to hum, "Home, Sweet Home."

Again he made her heart go bounding high in hope, as he remarked, with a sigh, that carpets were coming down fearfully in price, for he toiled daily in a mart wherein they were sold.

With a tremor like the flutter of an eagle's wing, she softly pressed his arm, and had a great mind to faint and drop on the fire-plug. But the diversion might distract him, and she withheld.

He wandered to religion, pancakes, and sophistry.

She loosened her hold.

He immediately came back to the police-court and family trouble.

She tightened her grip.

From there he went to Rome and the Greeley survivors.

She dropped his arm like a cold potato.

But only for an instant.

He began talking about turning over a new leaf with the new year.

She marveled how malice could have found lodgment in her heart, and trotted up a little closer to his side.

He told her he loved—

She turned pale and clinched his arm.

Hot cakes with plenty of syrup.

She felt that her time was drawing near, and her head began to seek his shoulder.

Or honey!

Down went her head. The millennium was coming.

But not just then.

He spoke of the monastic orders, and the peaceful serenity of a hermit's life.

She marched on alone, with both hands at her side.

But that sort of an existence wouldn't do for him, he said.

With a bound she had gripped him again with both hands, and yearned for more melody.

What he wanted was a fireside of his own.

Oh, ecstasy! The dear man.

With a nice little wife—and he looked into her face with tenderness.

"All right! Take me! I'm yours!" she almost shrieked with the delirium of joy. "And now let's go right home and tell the old folks, and figure up how soon we can get to house-keeping. I'm tired of this sashaying around. I want to settle right down and begin on a crazy quilt."

She was born in Chicago, and business was bred in her bone.—Chicago Ledger.

Hens as Gold Hunters.

The Nevada gold-seekers have discovered a new use for fowls. It is a common sight there to see men and women carrying a hen under one arm and a basket of chickens under the other. When they reach their destination the hens are picketed, and, being already hungry, begin to scratch and eat. After three or four days' honest toil they are killed and their claws examined for gold. As much as \$8 has been found in one claw.—Alta California.

A City's Disadvantages.

Philadelphian—Unhandy city! Why, my dear sir, there are cars on every street, and the city plan is as plain as a checker-board. You certainly would not have it all cut up like the lower part of New York.

New Yorker—I certainly would. The idea of living in a city where you have got to tramp around a whole square every time you see your tailor coming!—Philadelphia Call.

Indigestion's Martyrs.

Half the diseases of the human family spring from a disordered stomach, and may be prevented by invigorating and toning it. A neglected or an overworked stomach is a neglected or an overworked system. Let it be borne in mind that the liver, the kidneys, the intestines, the muscles, the ligaments, the bones, the nerves, the integuments are all renewed and nourished by the blood, and that the digestive organs are the grand alembic in which the materials of the vital fluid are prepared. When the stomach fails to provide healthful nourishment for its dependents they necessarily suffer, and the ultimate result, if the evil is not arrested, will be chronic and probably fatal disease somewhere. It may be developed in the kidneys in the form of diabetes, in the liver as congestion, in the muscles as rheumatism, in the nerves as paralysis, in the integuments as scrofula. Remember, however, that each and all of these consequences of indigestion may be prevented by the timely and regular use of that sovereign antidote to dyspepsia, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

SHY OF POISON.

(From the Washington Daily Post.)

For many years physicians have been much exercised over the use of drugs and medicines containing opiates or poisons. Opium smoking by the Chinese and the introduction of the habit into America is an evil which has been sought to be remedied, and the police of Philadelphia have recently made successful raids on opium "joints" and arrested the proprietors. A more insidious form of poison than this, however, and one which largely affects not only the health but the lives of children, is that which comes in the form of popular medicines. Nine out of ten of these, it is known, contain narcotics or deadly metallic oxides. The difficulty, however, has been to find a substitute for such things which would be purely vegetable, and at the same time effect a prompt cure. That such a discovery had been made was announced recently, and Dr. O. Grothe, chemist to the Brooklyn Board of Health, and a graduate of the University of Kiel, Germany, publicly certified that he had analyzed the remedy and found it free from narcotics, opiates or injurious metallic oxides, and a harmless and happy combination, which will prove highly effective. Hearing that Dr. Samuel K. Cox, a graduate of Yale, and expert analytical chemist of this city, had also analyzed the remedy in question and given public testimony as to its purity and efficacy, a reporter of the Post was told by him that he had given such a certificate, and that he believed the remedy marked a new stage in the treatment of throat and lung diseases. He knew also that many public men in Washington had given the remedy a trial, and felt confident if they were called upon that they would cheerfully endorse it. One of them was Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, Senator elect from Kentucky. Mr. Blackburn, on being approached, said he had used the remedy with marked effect and found great benefit, especially during his occupancy of the Speaker's chair. It had removed all irritation from his throat and relieved a cough which had troubled him much.

Senator Gorman, of Maryland, said that he firmly believed in the remedy, which he had personally tested. Congressmen J. H. Bagley, Jr., of New York; Wm. M. Mitchell, of Pennsylvania; J. H. Brewer, of New Jersey; Hart B. Holton, of Maryland; and J. P. Leedom, Esq., of Ohio, fervent at-arms of the House of Representatives, were emphatic in their endorsement of the remedy. Messrs. E. A. Clark, Architect of Public Buildings; E. A. Carman, Acting Commissioner of the Agricultural Department; Thomas S. Miller, chief clerk in the Surgeon General's Department; H. E. Weaver, ex-Congressman from Mississippi, and now chief of the collecting division in the General Postoffice; J. H. Gravenstein, head of the labor division in the same department, and F. B. Conger, City Postmaster, and son of Senator Conger, of Michigan, all pronounced it a valuable discovery, and had found its effects not only soothing, but lasting. The remedy in question is Red Star Cough Cure. It is free from opiates or poisons, and is purely vegetable.

A physician who stands in close relation to the Board of Health of the District of Columbia said that there are two things which seriously affect the health of the people—impure water and impure drugs, and therefore the benefits of a discovery like Red Star Cough Cure can not be over-estimated. Thousands of children die annually from the use of cough and soothing syrups containing opiates or poisons, and even adults are exposed to the danger of blood-poisoning from such a cause. In view of these facts, members of Boards of Health in various cities; public men of Maryland, from the Governor down, and leading practicing physicians throughout that State have over their own signatures testified that Red Star Cough Cure can not fail to be a boon to the suffering and afflicted. The reporter's investigations were thorough and unprejudiced, and the testimony obtained, judging from its character, can not be gainsaid.

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