

The Country Editor.

The lot of the country editor is not a happy one. He has to submit to many forms of oppression and injustice that his metropolitan brother is unacquainted with. A village grocer will enter the publication office with a patronizing air, as though he owned the village and held a mortgage on two or three more, and orders the insertion of a two-inch advertisement, worth about a dollar, which he pays—next year, if he is dunned often enough. The man of commerce will then casually mention that a half-column special notice upon the editorial page, calling attention to the merits of his stock of dried codfish and Bermuda onions, would be accepted. For this he pays the enormous sum of \$100,000.00.

For a half-column portrait of a dude attired in an eight-dollar suit and a St. Patrick's Day plug hat, the fashionable tailor gives him a box of paper collars, and if he has been profuse with his special notices he will also get a buffalo horn collar-button or a calico necktie out of last year's stock.

He usually secures admission to all entertainments, public and private, upon complimentary tickets, the donors well knowing that for every ounce of outlay, in the shape of a fifteen cent ticket, they will secure a pound of profit in the shape of half column

He goes to the strawberry festival, and for a bite of sponge cake, a mouthful of strawberries and a glass of feeble lemonade he is expected to announce in his next issue, in glaring head-lines, "A Notable Event!—A Congregation of Talent, Wit, Wealth and Beauty!" As a rule, this class are his severest critics, and seldom subscribe for his paper if they can borrow it of their poorer neighbors who pay for it.

He goes to the circus, gazes upon the sacred steer and stuffed monkey, exchanges smiles with the hyena, watches the gyrations of the trick mule, listens to the copyrighted jokes of the clown, and has his pockets picked of the \$4 ordeide watch won at a raffle for the benefit of the parson.

In the lecture room he is a wearied listener to the shabby, long-haired professor who lectures upon "The Cucumber, and the relation it bears to the Colic," or a long and elaborate essay upon the "Extermination of Bed Bugs."

He is pestered by a large class of writers whose contributions smack of nothing but the writer's lack of brains. This class is usually composed of those men who, when told that their sketches are declined, coolly adjust their single-barreled eye-glasses and exclaim, "But, bigod, sir, I have been to college, you know!" The poor fools do not know that the best of all schools in which to acquire a thorough journalistic education is the printing office. Most of the great editors of the day can go to the case and "rattle up" a stickful as quickly and well as any of the boys.

Amateur printers borrow and never return his type, and a thousand other things occur to make life as burdensome to him as that of the man who pays \$1,000 alimony per year to his red-haired, pug-nosed and freckle-faced sometime wife. He dines not upon ox-tail soup and champaigne, but is content with pigs' rump and cabbage which he washed down with Budweiser beer occasionally.

The editor's day of triumph is when he writes the obituary of one of his tormentors, and he celebrates it in a befitting manner. Immediately after placing the copy in the hands of a compositor he goes out. Soon afterward he is seen on the street, his heels occasionally kissing the back of his neck as he tries to forge ahead. When he reaches the office the men have gone to dinner. He sits down and broods over his troubles and wishes that he were dead. Ah, well! The lead butchers return to work; they see a figure lying upon the floor. The lift it and tenderly place it in the lye trough; he is cold and dead—drunk.

Yes, an obituary means something to a country editor. He lives like a ring-tailed mope and lies like a spotted jehoshaphat, dear, indulgent, liver-lipped reader.—*Ca'mity Sam, in Through Mail.*

Parable of the Burglar.

A burglar was going through a house in a Dakota town one night and discovered an exceptionally large roll of money. Curious to know whether he had broken into an editor's house or that of some other variety of capitalist he turned to the owner who had just awokened and said:

"Excuse me, Colonel, but I would like to inquire how you came by such an unusually large wad of wealth!"

"Sir!" replied the moneyed man, "I am a member of the Territorial Legislature."

"A thousand pardons!" exclaimed the polite burglar, dropping the money, "Shake! We never steal from members of the profession. Good-night."—*Es-telline Bell.*

"A Great Strike."

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Saved by a Dog.

A paper called *The Age* tells how in Birmingham, England, a child's life was saved by a Newfoundland dog.

A little two-year-old girl, the daughter of the train-master at the railroad depot, is very fond of her father's Newfoundland dog, an affection which the animal is evidently aware of and reciprocates by constant devotion. The two are playmates, and the attachment between them is most interesting. A few days ago the dog was observed to be acting strangely. He went from one room to another until he found the mother of the child, when he rubbed himself against her hand and pulled at her dress. The lady took no notice of him, and the dog persisted in his efforts to draw her toward the door. "Go away," said the lady, "go and find Nellie." The dog went away whining. A few minutes afterward the mother went to look for her little daughter, and found her lying asleep so close to a large fire that her clothes were scorched. They would have blazed had it not been for the dog, who had crouched down between her and the fire, taking care to protect her well. Marks on the child's clothing showed that the dog had tried to drag her out of danger. When he failed he interposed his own body, and the mother found him in that position whining, while the hair was being singed from his back. The child was still sleeping peacefully. If a dog, without any soul, can be so loving and self-sacrificing, what should we expect from little children who have been trained in the Sunday-school and at home?—*Anon.*

The Physiology of the Liver.

The liver is the largest secreting organ in the human body, and the bile which it secretes is more liable to vitiation and misdirection from its proper channels than any other of the animal fluids.

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Ruskin as a Snubber.

Mr. Ruskin certainly cannot be accused of treating his friends and correspondents very graciously. He has written to inform them that he must decline correspondence in the spring, as he prefers spending such days as may be spared to him in the fields instead of at his desk. If I were one of those "friends and correspondents," I should, by all means, allow him to enjoy his "rest" to the full, and, at the same time, not only pardon his declining correspondence in the spring, but would allow him to take the same course in the summer, autumn, and winter. If the people will fawn and cringe to such "illustrious" egotists, they cannot expect to be pited when they receive an occasional disagreeable snub.—*London Truth.*

A GIGANTIC seaweed more than 1,500 feet long has been found near the equator by the ship Clever, Captain John Stone, portions being taken to Montevideo.

Remarkable Escape.

John Kuhn, of Lafayette, Ind., had a very narrow escape from death. This is his own story: "One year ago I was in the last stages of Consumption. Our best physicians gave my case up. I finally got so low that our doctor said I could not live twenty-four hours. My friend then purchased a bottle of DR. W.M. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS, which benefited me. I continued until I am now in perfect health, having used no other medicine."

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A Washington Crank.

One of the characters of Washington is a young fellow who pads his clothing so as to make him seem to be nearly twice as large as he is. His clothes are always neat, but as he wears them he looks more like a stuffed man than a real one. He wears a pair of boots with heels fully four inches high. His coat sleeves are so long that they cover the tips of his fingers, and even beyond that he has a pair of enormous cuffs. This young man is the son of wealthy parents, and is generally regarded as being a trifle daft. One of his peculiarities is a love for his own figure. He thinks he is the handsomest man alive. He rents an office in an up-town building to which no one save only a favored few are admitted. This room he has arranged so that the walls and ceiling are entirely covered with mirrors. Strange stories are told of the young man's actions in this apartment. It is said he will remain there for hours admiring himself as reflected in the glass, all the while cutting up the most extraordinary antics. On the street he never looks to the right nor to the left. He never speaks to any one unless first addressed. Several times he has been guyed by young fellows who thought they would have a lark at his expense. In each and every instance they have been soundly thrashed, for he is one of the most expert and scientific sparrings in the city. This man is one of Washington's most notable oddities.—*Philadelphia Call.*

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