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"I met a charming young Japanese woman the other day, writes a contributor to the Washington Star. She was eating ice cream, and by way of conversation I asked her if they have ice cream in Japan.

"Oh, yes," said she, "but not so much as in America, nor is it as good as American ice cream. There is no other country in the world where they have such delicious ice cream and ices as in America."

"And what do you call ice cream in Japan?" I asked.

"We have adopted the American name," she answered. "We call it ice cream. We have lemonade, too. Even if you don't know a word of Japanese you needn't suffer for lack of your national dainties when you go to Japan, for 'ice cream' and 'lemonade' are words everybody understands."

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How Japs Overcome Nature.

The Japanese are ruthless in their tampering with nature. If they decide that they want a bird or an animal of a certain shape or color they set about manufacturing the article, so to speak, by the exercise of exceedingly clever ingenuity and untiring patience. Here, for example, is how the white sparrows are produced: They select a pair of grayish birds and keep them in a white cage in a white room, where they are attended by a person dressed in white. The mental effect on a series of generations of birds results in completely white birds.

A Sure Cure.

"They say Tom Twitters has finally got completely over his infatuation for Miss Dolbie."

"Yes; his father finally got him cured of it."

"How did he do it?"

"You know, she had refused him four times, and he was nearly crazy. Well, the old man went around and got her to promise Tom that she would be his. As soon as she had done that, of course, he came to his senses and found that he didn't care for her, after all."

Map in Gold Relief.

Canovas del Castillo's widow has received a magnificent present from admirers of her husband in the Philippines. It is a large map in relief of the Philippines made of beaten gold, the towns marked by rubies, the names written in sapphires and the dedication in diamonds. The map is set in a frame of gold and jewels with a gold bust of Canovas on top, and this is inclosed in a box of precious woods artistically carved. The gift is valued at $80,000.—New York Sun.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Size of a Graveyard.

The attorney general of South Carolina has just made a ruling relative to what the size of a graveyard may be. He says the size is not limited by law, and may be a mile square or more. The land must not be used for any other purpose than as a burial place, and the graveyard must not be held with a view to profit or speculation. The case came up in the matter of the seizure of the old Maverick plantation graveyard, in Pickens County, for back taxes.

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Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15c. and 25 cts. per package. Sold by all grocers.

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"What makes you think she doesn't love you."

"I've been taking my meals there every Sunday for the past six months, and she still has to ask me how I take my tea."

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Mis-steps have made the worst sprains, but it is no mis-step to use St. Jacobs Oil. It makes a cure by strengthening, soothing and conquering the pain. Every hour's delay makes it harder to cure.

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Lane's Family Medicine

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

Slight small injuries and they will become none at all.—Fuller.

AN AFFAIR OF THE NATION

It has been said of Americans that they are "a nation of dyspeptics" and it is true that few are entirely free from disorders of the digestive tract, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Stomach and Bowel trouble, or Constipation.

The treatment of these diseases with cathartic medicines too often aggravates the trouble.

THE LOGICAL TREATMENT

is the use of a remedy that will build up the system, thereby enabling the various organs to act as Nature intended they should. Such a remedy is found in Dr Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People Here is the proof.

In Detroit there are few soldiers more popular and efficient than Max R. Davies, first sergeant of Co. B. His home is at 416 Third Avenue. For four years he was a bookkeeper with the wholesale drug house of Farrand, Williams & Clark, and he says: "I have charged up many thousand orders for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, but never knew their worth until I used them for the cure of chronic dyspepsia. For two years I suffered and doctored for that aggravating trouble but could only be helped temporarily.

"I think dyspepsia is one of the most stubborn of ailments, and there is scarcely a clerk or office man but what is more or less a victim. Some days I could eat anything, while at other times I would be starving. Those distressed pains would force me to quit work. I have tried many treatments and remedies but they would help only for a time. A friend induced me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and after taking a few doses I found much relief and after using several boxes I was cured. I know these pills will cure dyspepsia of its worst form and I am pleased to recommend them."—*Detroit (Mich.) Journal.*

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RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ALL DENOMINATIONS.

Words of Wisdom, and Thoughts Worth Pondering Upon Spiritual and Moral Subjects—Gathered from the Religious and Secular Press.

Dr. Thomas E. Green.

REV. DR. THOS. E. Green, of Cedar Rapids, who was recently chosen by the Episcopalians of Iowa to succeed Right Rev. William Stevens Perry as Bishop of Iowa, has declined the position until his election be ratified by a regular convention. Rev. Dr. Green was born in Pennsylvania in 1857, and after finishing his collegiate and theological studies at Princeton University was pastor of the Eighth Presbyterian Church in Chicago until he entered the Episcopalian ministry and was assigned by Bishop McLaren to St. Andrew's, across the street from the Eighth Church. Ten years ago he went to Grace Church, Cedar Rapids, and there has built up the largest parish church in the State.

DR. GREEN.

Moody's Definitions of Faith.

"Bishop Ryle has very well likened faith to a root whose flower is assurance," writes Evangelist Dwight L. Moody to his Bible class in the Ladies' Home Journal. "To have the latter," he says, "it is necessary that there must first be the hidden source of faith. Faith is the simplest and most universal experience in the world. Call it by whatever name you may—confidence, trust, or belief—it is inseparable from the human race. The first sign of a dawning intelligence in the mind is the exercise of the infant's faith toward those it knows, and its fear toward those it does not know. We cannot even remember when we first began to have faith.

"Faith is the foundation of business. It is an essential asset to every bank and mercantile house in existence. Many a thriving business and successful enterprise has been carried through dark days of reverse on no other capital; and without such capital the markets of the world would soon come to a standstill. I have known men whose ruin has been brought about by some little insinuation relative to their credit—the business equivalent for trustworthiness. The loss of public faith has brought the darkest reverses to the richest of corporations, and even nations have felt the ruin which it entails.

"Faith is the bond which holds family with family. If once this bond is dissolved there would exist a state of barbarism and anarchy like that which marked the close of the eighteenth century in Paris. With every one distressing his neighbor and fearing his nearest friends, progress is impossible, civilization inconceivable."

All Serve One God.

The late Archbishop of Canterbury practiced in a marked degree the spirit of toleration toward those who were doing religious work in other ways than by the methods he followed. In one of his sermons he spoke of traveling with a literary man who had just returned from India. Speaking of religious dissensions, the observer of Oriental men and things remarked: "When a man has passed some years in a country where people worship cows, he comes to think comparatively little of the controversies which separate Christians." The Archbishop said he had never forgotten the moral of that random saying. One important lesson from the useful life of this eminent man is that fidelity to one's principles may consort perfectly with the highest courtesy and kindness to those who bear another denominational name, but are serving the same God and Father of us all.

Heroism Without Suffering.

There is sometimes as much merit in taking pains for Christ's sake as in suffering pain. We are more apt to conceive of a saint as one ready to expire for Christ's cause than as one ready to perspire for it; but the call to duty is oftener one of patient, plodding, thoroughgoing fidelity in little things, rather than one to yield up the life in some supreme act of sacrifice. A mother who takes the trouble daily to teach her child, patiently and wisely, how to conquer the evil in the world against which it needs to guard, may be more truly the savior of the child than if she threw herself into the flames to rescue its body from death. The fidelity to details that makes a life luminously consistent and Christ-like may be a stronger argument than martyrdom for the truth. Conscientious living often counts for more than conscientious dying.

Meeting Trials.

The God-stayed imagination has no space for the trials and perplexities of this world. It meets them with a victorious indifference that is the wonder of the tempest-tossed worldling. Yet when the believer bears witness to the source of his marvelous peacefulness, his words find too often only deaf ears and stony hearts; and those whom he would help to the same source of comfort keep struggling along until they go down.

Has 252,725 Members.

Rev. H. M. Dubose, of Nashville, Tenn., General Secretary of the Epworth League, reported to the recent conference of the Methodist Church South that the present membership of the League is 252,725.

Snap Shots.

The kingdom of God is never ahead; it is here.

No one can walk with God who runs after the world.

"Marriage is a lottery," when it is a corner lot-ery.

Friendship, like phosphorus, gives its light in the dark.

When one is low enough to insult you, be too high for him to reach.

The law is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, but Christ is a Savior to bring us to God.

Adversity shows a true man, as the night brings out the stars obscured while the sun is shining.

Poverty is an icy wind, and the higher the situation of the impoverished, the colder it blows.

Educating your children is investing at a high rate of dividend. Lay up in them, and they will lay up for themselves.

The preacher is commissioned to deliver an invitation, and not armed to execute a threat. He should be a loadstone, and not a whip.

When God's hand is on Gideon's sword, the Midianites are routed. When God's breath thrills Joshua's Ram's Horn, Jericho is doomed.

When a man preaches as though he is mad at sinners, he will make sinners mad. Love wooes; gentleness wins. "I beseech you by the gentleness of Christ," "by the mercies of God." That is full of magnetism.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

A man's socks are always old and faded, no matter how large the dry goods bills at his house.

An Atchison woman gives a party occasionally who really should be saving money for her funeral.

On every new umbrella you buy, there is a cover. Did you ever know any one who used the cover?

A South Atchison woman is so timid that she opens her front door every hour or two and shoots out.

Some people pay too much attention to bookkeeping, to the neglect of more vital parts of their business.

Calling a woman a leader of society is equivalent to calling her a loafer, and trying to dignify the title.

In most business enterprises there is room only at the top, but in the milk business there is room anywhere.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who, when he journeyed afoot, said he traveled on Shanks' mares?

Be careful what you say in the first place; the greatest waste of time is that spent in retracting and denying.

A girl in Atchison is so clever, capable and accommodating that she is getting a reputation for being good-looking.

We would hate to die while the roads are so rough, and get jolted all out of position when on the way to the cemetery.

In order to get along in this world you must not meddle in other people's affairs, and allow them to meddle in yours.

After a couple's engagement has been announced, they don't seem to enjoy being alone as much as when they had a secret.

When a man is so good he wants his wife to go away for the summer for her health, her folks regard him with suspicion.

You hear a great deal about impure water, and the danger from drinking it, but no one was ever hurt by drinking water.

As people grow older, it takes them longer to recover from love affairs, for the reason that they are given fewer chances for falling in love again.

When a girl has her picture taken, and poses as a Grecian goddess, we wonder if it ever occurs to her that she would look better picking a chicken?

No one has a right to gratify his love for music after 9 o'clock at night. This is a town where every one is up by 7, and no one can afford to be kept awake at night.

Getting Down to the First Cause.

The professor of natural science, in one of our best-known colleges, was discussing in a recent lesson the process of fertilizing plants by means of insects carrying the pollen from one plant to another.

In order to amuse the class, he extended Darwin's ingenious illustration used in the Origin of Species, about the connection between cats and clover, and said that old maids were really the ultimate cause of it all. The attention of his hearers was strained to its utmost as he proceeded.

"The bumblebees carry the pollen," he declared; "the field mice destroy the nests of the bumblebees, therefore it is quite evident that the more field mice there are in any neighborhood, the fewer the bumblebees and the less pollen variation of plants. But cats devour field-mice, and old maids protect cats. Therefore, the more old maids, the more cats, the fewer field-mice, the more bumblebees.

"Hence," was the professor's triumphant conclusion, "old maids are the cause of variety in plants."

At this point a fashionable young freshman, with a single eyeglass and a general appearance indicating that he was got up regardless of expense, arose and asked:

"I sa-a-y, professah, what is the cause—ah—of old maids—don't you know?"

"Perhaps Miss Brown" (a quick-witted member of the class) "can tell you," suggested the professor.

"Dudes!" said Miss Brown, sharply, and without a moment's hesitation.—Saturday Evening Post.

New Apparatus for Submarine Work

A new apparatus for submarine work has been brought to public attention by M. Patee del Pazzo, an account of it being given in the Scientific American. It consists essentially of a huge sphere of cast iron. On the top of this is a hand rail, in the center of which is a trap door, large enough to allow the workers to enter the bell. It is covered with oilcloth three inches thick, to resist the pressure adequately, so that it can sink to a distance of about 550 yards. The inside of this submarine worker—absolutely airtight, of course—is where the operators live, it being hermetically closed by means of screws before it is lowered beneath the surface. In front of this sphere is placed a powerful lens, enabling the operators to view their surroundings, the lighting of which lens is by means of an enormous electric light stationed in immediate proximity to the bell, and, like it, suspended from the ship above. The machine can be moved or shifted from one place to another by means of three screws regulated by a rudder, just as a ship is steered on the water.

King Humbert as a Hunter.

Not long ago King Humbert surpassed Victor Emmanuel's achievements as a hunter of the stambecco. Now at Ameris, near Cuneo, the royal party has killed seventy chamois in one day, of which fifty-one fell to King Humbert's rifle. The old mountaineers declare that such an occurrence has only happened once before, when King Victor Emmanuel, in the same Valley of Ameris, killed forty-four chamois. King Humbert has, therefore, broken the chamois record also.

Crying Benefits Women.

A good cry is beneficial to a woman. Crying does not consist merely in the shedding of tears, but includes so general and widespread an action of the muscles that the whole body is convulsed, and the blood pressure on the brain is much reduced.

A matinee girl says that it's a poor villain who doesn't attempt to kiss the heroine when he has a good opportunity.

TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.

NATURE is hard to deceive.

Rob Nature, and she will rob you.

Meanness is idleness in business.

To lose patience may be to lose all.

Forbidden flowers have a sweet odor.

When home is a slave-pen, it is not home.

Trials are the up-grade lessons of education.

The way of life is narrow, but well paved.

Wherever there is envy, there is ignorance.

No man can do his best whose motive is not love.

Nothing emits a worse odor than a fallen name.

Deception is a viper that bites back and forward.

Too much notoriety is like a blanket coat in hot weather.

Learn to be contented, and you will know how to be rich.

Every dog has his day, but a dog's day is only a dog's day.

Most people feed the body too much and the mind too little.

Honor your convictions, and heaven and earth will honor you.

God has already come into the heart that longs for his presence.

Facing to-morrow's trials is turning your back on to-day's duties.

Nothing but the love of truth will open the seals of gospel glory.

The man can ask most of God, who has given him most of himself.

Love would rather serve Christ in a dungeon than satan in a palace.

Whatever comes from the heart, has a voice that speaks to the heart.

The stars of God's promises shine more brightly in the night of grief.

There must be Red Sea danger before there is Red Sea deliverance.

It will take eternity to bring out of us all that God has put in us here.

Discouraging a good man, is the devil's way of spiking his best gun.

Christians may overcome great sins and be made miserable by little ones.

Some men make their intentions of being better an excuse for not being so.

Ephraim was cake on one side and dough on the other. His family still lives.

What a difference there is between what we are and what we want others to be.

Every good law is a public confession that society is not as good as it should be.

History is the record of what man's heart has been. Christ is the prophecy of what it may be.

LATE LEGAL DECISIONS.

A regulation of a water company, by which it refuses to turn on water for a building until unpaid rates of previous owners or tenants are paid, is held, in Turner vs. Revere Water Company (Mass.), 40 L. R. A. 657, to be unreasonable and invalid, unless authorized by statute.

The liability for goods stolen from a peddler's cart in the custody of an innkeeper is upheld in Cohen vs. Manuel (Me.), 40 L. R. A. 491, although the peddler had no license to peddle, as he did not lodge at the inn as a peddler.

The killing of a dog by an electric car in consequence of the motorman's negligence is held, in Citizens' Rapid-Transit Company vs. Dew (Tenn.), 40 L. R. A. 518, to render the street railway company liable for the damages.

An agricultural and mechanical college which is strictly a public or quasi-public corporation created by the laws of Oklahoma is held, in Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College vs. Willis (Okla.), 40 L. R. A. 677, to be not subject to be sued in the absence of express statutory authority.

The mere possibility of injury by an unconstitutional statute, which may prevent insurance companies from making such contracts as persons might otherwise procure them to make, is held, in Business Men's League vs. Waddill (Mo.), 40 L. R. A. 501, insufficient to sustain an injunction against the approval of a uniform policy of insurance under an unconstitutional statute by the superintendent of insurance.

Grant's Self-Control.

Even when a cadet General Grant was as free from agitation in an emergency as that self-possessed woman of whom Alexander Pope wrote, "And mistress of herself though china fall." An amusing story, told by a classmate at West Point, and quoted by J. G. Wilson in his memoirs of the great commander, displays his imperturbable gravity under the most trying circumstances:

"One morning, when our squad was marching to the academic hall, to recite, Frank Gardner produced an old silver watch that was apparently about four inches in diameter. It was passed along from one cadet to another to look at, and when we arrived at the section-room door it was in the hands of Grant. He could hide or carry it only by putting it in the breast of his coat.

"When the section was seated, Zealous B. Tower, who that day heard the recitation, sent Grant and three other cadets to the blackboards. The weather was mild, and the room door open. When Grant had turned from the board and had begun to demonstrate, suddenly a sound resembling a buzz-saw and a Chinese gong burst forth and drowned all proceedings. In the uproar we all laughed aloud with impunity.

"'Shut that door!' cried Tower, and that only made matters worse. Fast and furious went the buzz-saw, and louder went the gong. Bang! went something. The noise stopped.

"While all this rattling din was going on Grant looked as innocent as a lamb, and in the profound silence that followed he began:

"'And as I was going to remark, if we subtract equation E from equation A, we have,' etc.

"I mention this to show how he could conceal his emotions, for it was that alarm-watch in his bosom that caused all the commotion. It had been set to go off, and it did go off!"

A Hot Subterranean Lake.

A subterranean lake of hot water has been found near Boise City, Idaho. It is 400 feet below the earth's surface, and the average temperature is 170 degrees.

Truth is stranger than fiction to most people probably because they don't care for an introduction.

A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before using your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer. I have been sick for months, was troubled with severe pain in both sides of abdomen, sore feeling in lower part of bowels, also suffered with dizziness, headache, and could not sleep. I wrote you a letter describing my case and asking your advice. You replied telling me just what to do. I followed your directions, and cannot praise your medicine enough for what it has done for me. Many thanks to you for your advice. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me, and I will recommend it to my friends.—Mrs. FLORENCE R. HOFFMAN, 512 Roland St., Canton, O.

The condition described by Mrs. Hoffman will appeal to many women, yet lots of sick women struggle on with their daily tasks disregarding the urgent warnings until overtaken by actual collapse.

The present Mrs. Pinkham's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled, for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometimes past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand ailing women during a single year.

The Mysterious Temple of India.

The great mystery about Indo-China, and one which must ever be insolvable, is the story of the lost race and the vanished civilization of that strange country. The mighty walls of Angkor-Vat, rising in the midst of sparsely populated jungles, remain as the memorial of a great empire which has utterly disappeared and is altogether lost to history. No one will ever know who planned this gigantic temple, or what tyrant hounded on his myriads of people to build up those immense blocks of stone and cover them with the most elaborate of sculptures.

Angkor-Vat is one of the most astonishing monuments in the world, and this forgotten temple was built so as to endure as long as the earth itself, where it not for the irresistibly destructive effect of plant life on the strongest walls that man can raise. Only a highly civilized and very wealthy people could have erected Angkor-Vat—a very different race from the Annamite of modern days. The whole nation has disappeared as completely as the busy myriads who once populated the wastes of Memphis.—Saturday Evening Post.

LOW RATES TO THE SOUTH.

A Splendid Opportunity to Visit Southern Points at Small Cost.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, and Tuesday, Dec. 20, a popular low-rate excursion will be run from Chicago to the South via Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad. On those days that company will sell both one-way and round-trip first-class tickets at greatly reduced rates. One-way tickets will be for continuous passage; on round-trip tickets stop-over will be allowed on going trip at points in the South. Round-trip tickets will be good twenty-one days. The Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad has two daily through trains which leave Dearborn station, Chicago, for all points beyond the Ohio river. Both trains carry through first-class coaches, sleeping cars and have dining cars serving meals out of Chicago. This is the shortest route to the South, and the time made by its trains is the quickest. For detailed information, inquire of any ticket agent or address Charles L. Stone, General Passenger and Ticket Agent C. & E. I. R. R., Chicago.

It Stuck.

A literary society in one of the large cities had made arrangements, as a variation from its usual style of entertainment, to give an evening of "burnt cork minstrelsy." It was to be on a high plane, of course, as befitted the character of the entertainers, but the young men were to appear in black.

There was one young man, however, who demurred to the arrangement, so far as he was concerned.

"I won't make a negro of myself," he said, with some arrogance. "There is no particular reason why I should. I'm not one of the end men. I'll appear as an Indian."

"How will you get the necessary complexion?" was asked. "There are no shades in burnt cork. You'll have to be black if you use that."

"I can fix him," said another of the young men. "I can make a preparation that will transform him into an Indian."

"Is it harmless?"

"Perfectly—only you mustn't get any of it into your eyes."

"I'll use it."

The evening of the entertainment arrived, and the preparation was forthcoming. It was a small vial. It was applied carefully to the face, neck and hands of the young man, with a camel's hair brush, and was pronounced a complete success, as was the performance that followed, the "Indian" receiving his full share of the applause.

The next day the young man who had furnished the "preparation" was summoned to the telephone.

"That stuff you put on my face and hands last night," said an indignant voice at the other end of the wire, "won't come off. What was it?"

"Black walnut juice," answered the young man at the 'phone. "You'll be an Indian for the next ten days."

And he was.—Youth's Companion.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Cause and Effect.

"Why is it that a thoroughly good man never stands any show in politics?"

"I guess it's because he doesn't know enough to keep his virtues in the background until after election."

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

It All Depends.

"The doctor," said the young mother, "says baby ought to have one cow's milk for his daily drink. Now, really, isn't that entirely too much?"—Indianapolis Journal.

Experienced.

Lawyer—Are you a married man?

Witness—No, but I was run over by a trolley car once.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for Children teething; softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

WANTED.—Case of bad health that R·I·P·A·N·S will not benefit. Send 5 cents to Ripans Chemical Co. New York, for 10 samples and 1,000 testimonials.

How John Bull Got His Name.

Comparatively few people know how the name John Bull came to be applied to the English.

Dr. John Arbuthnot, one of the many royal physicians to whom the Scotch city of Aberdeen has given birth, was the author of John Bull's being. Arbuthnot christened the British nation in bulk as John Bull in the political strife incidental to the dismissal of the Whig ministry of 1710, when the able and avaricious Marlborough saw the beginning of the decline of his brilliant fortunes.

The history of John Bull was a satire on the political events preceding the treaty of Utrecht in 1713, written by Arbuthnot. In 1704 he had been created physician extraordinary to the Queen in recognition of his services in saving the life of Anne's husband, Prince George of Denmark. He had become the Queen's confidential medical attendant, a position of no mean importance at a time when so much depended on the succession to the crown, and he was closely in touch with court life of that period. He wrote:

"For the better understanding of the following history the reader ought to know that Bull, in the main, was an honest, plain-dealing fellow, choleric, bold, and of a very inconsistent temper. He dreaded not old Lewis, either at back-swords, single fashion, or cudgel play; but then, he was very apt to quarrel with his best friends, especially if they pretended to govern him; if you flattered him you might lead him like a child. His temper depended upon the air; his spirits rose and fell with the weather-glass.

"John was quick, and understood his business very well, but no man alive was more careless in looking into his accounts or more cheated by his partners." So well does this description fit the English character that John Bull came to typify English.—Saturday Evening Post.

They Yielded at Once.

A strike which may be regarded as a parody on strikes has been successfully carried through in Sieradz, in Russian Poland. The professional beggars of the town have been in the habit of calling at every door on Fridays and receiving the customary alms of a Polish groschen, worth about half a cent. On a recent Friday they omitted their visit, and later sent around a delegate with the notice that, unless they received two groschens from each house, they would emigrate in a body to Czenstochau, where a miraculous image of the Holy Virgin attracts pilgrims, and where beggars reap a rich harvest. As in return for the alms the beggars pray for the souls of the givers at morning mass, the good people of Sieradz yielded at once to the demand and kept their beggars.

Grows Stubborn.

Any complaint becomes chronic by neglect, and rheumatism grows stubborn by not using St. Jacobs Oil, which is its sure cure and conquers the pain promptly. Every sufferer should use it.

English "Guinea Pigs."

The troubles of the English nobility did not stop with the Hooley exposures. The London Critic has gone on to compile a choice list of sixty-nine noblemen who are directors of 190 companies, with a capital of over $320,000,000, the greater number of which have never yielded a penny of dividend. Fortunately for the conservation of the peerage, however, the titled director continues to draw handsome fees, and it is calculated that one noble lord who is director in fourteen companies received more for the use of his name than the shareholders received for the use of $15,000,000.

In No Hurry.

"Uncle Beasley, are you going to heaven?" asked the little boy.

"I s'pose I'll have to some day or other," answered the old man.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

I believe my prompt use of Piso's Cure prevented quick consumption.—Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kan., Dec. 12, '95.

We cannot always oblige, but we can always speak obligingly.—Voltaire.

Author of Sherburne Stories.

Amanda Minnie Douglas, who has endeared herself to the youth of two generations by her writings, occupies an exceptional place among American authors in that she has maintained an uninterrupted popularity for more than thirty years. Her first book, "In Trust," was published in 1867, and her last, "A Little Girl in Old Boston," a few weeks ago. In that time scarcely a year passed that she did not publish a book.

In 1893 she won a prize of $2,000 with the story of "Larry." She has lately applied herself to expanding the Sherburne Stories, at the request of her publisher, and to preparing a series of historical narratives, of which "A Little Girl in Old New York" and "A Little Girl in Old Boston" are the first. She has a charming personality, is intensely fond of children and their pursuits and pleasures, and is constantly engaged in doing something to brighten some one's life.—Saturday Evening Post.

A Mean Man.

Mrs. Bingle—George, there's just one thing I want to say to you before you embark in this enterprise, and that is——"

Mr. Bingle—Excuse me, my dear; but I've got to go downtown to-day. Wait till Sunday. Then I shall have the whole day to hear it.

One Idea of It.

"I've never been quite able to make up my mind what constitutes an epigram," said Willie Wishington.

"An epigram," answered Miss Cayenne, "is what a cynic calls any pointed assertion over which he is too indolent to argue."—Washington Star.

A Race Against Fire.

The crew of a steamer from Spain discovered in mid-ocean that flames were raging in the hold. For ten days they bravely fought the flames. If men would fight as persistently against disorders of the stomach, there would be fewer premature deaths. The best weapon for such a fight is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Quite Realistic.

"That wood scene in the third act of your opera seemed so natural that I imagined I could actually hear the bears growling," said the Western man to the theatrical manager.

"Guess that was the chorus girls you heard," replied the manager. "Some of them haven't been paid for six weeks."

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing, and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about ¼ as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

Prof. Von Zenker, who in 1860 first discovered the trichina disease, died recently in Mecklenburg at the age of 73 years.

The opportunity to do mischief is found a hundred times a day, and that of doing good but once a year.—Voltaire.

A box of Glenn's Sulphur Soap is equivalent to many sulphur baths. Don't forget it.
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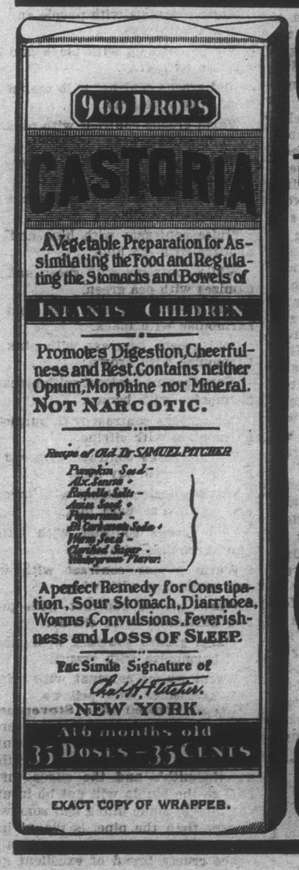

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