

Surprised the Lord.

The coming of the templar knight reminds Spicer of an incident that occurred when he was an active member of De Molay. The commandery had an outing, and the culminating point was a banquet, of course. Sir Knight Spicer had seated himself for a quiet time, when, to his horror, a messenger whispered in his ear:

"Sir Knight Spicer, the eminent prelate is absent. Will you kindly invoke the divine blessing?"

Mrs. Susan Spicer said:

"Seth, you are never going to do that?"

But Seth did, and, as he sat down, said to Mrs. Spicer:

"Did not that astonish you?"

And Mrs. Spicer, with that crushing effect which all women have, said:

"It did not astonish me, Seth, but I think it must have astonished the Lord."

The botanic garden of the Jardin des Plantes includes about seventy acres. The plants are all labeled with red labels, medicinal, green for alimentary, yellow for ornamental purposes, blue for art and black for poisonous plants.

MOTHERS MUST GUIDE.

Should Watch the Physical Development of Their Daughters.

Information They Should Furnish at the Proper Time—Knowledge by Which Suffering May Be Avoided.

Every mother possesses information of vital value to her young daughter.

When the girl's thoughts become sluggish, with headache, dizziness, and a desire for solitude, and a dislike to the society of children: when she is a mystery to herself and friends, then, her mother should come to her aid.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will, at this time, prepare the system for the coming change. See that she has it, and Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., will cheerfully answer any letters where information is desired.

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Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness, without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, then laxatives or other remedies are not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commanded to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, then one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

* This testimonial will be found in full in Ayer's "Curebook" with a hundred others. Free. Address J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

ROSE IS A CANADIAN.

Something of the Late America's Cup Challenger.

Charles D. Rose, the America's cup challenger, is the second son of the late Sir John Rose, baronet, of Canada. His mother was Miss Emmet-Temple, of Rutland, Vt. It is understood that Mr. Lowe, an American gentleman who has some horses in training in England, is associated with Mr. Rose in

the following letter:

Mothers

Anxiously watch declining health of their daughters. So many are cut off by consumption in early years that there is real cause for anxiety. In the early stages, when not beyond the reach of medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla will restore the quality and quantity of the blood and thus give good health. Read the following letter:

"It is but just to write to my daughter Cora, aged 19. She was completely run down, declining, had that tired feeling, and friends said she would not live over three months. She had a bad

Cough

and nothing seemed to do her any good. I happened to read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and had her give it a trial. From the very first (as) she began to get better. After taking a few bottles she was completely cured and her health has been the best ever since." Mrs. ADRIE PECK, 12 Railroad Place, Amsterdam, N. Y.

"I will say that my mother has not

stated my case in as strong words as I

would have done. Hood's Sarsaparilla has

truly cured me and I am now well." CORA PECK, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Be sure to get Hood's, because

CHAS. DAY ROSE,

Challenger for the America's Cup in 1896.

building the new challenger for the cup, and experts, therefore, do not regard the enterprise as of purely British origin.

Sir John Rose, the father of the challenger for the cup, assumed the management of the financial affairs of the duchy of Cornwall for the Prince of Wales when he settled in England, fifteen years ago, and is credited with having greatly improved the finances of his royal highness during his administration. Mrs. Frances Sloane Stanley, a daughter of Sir John Rose, was at one time a prominent figure in society at Marlborough house, the London residence of the Prince of Wales.

Current Condensations.
Duluth, by a census just finished, has a population of 52,646.

Maynooth College, Ireland, receives the income of an endowment of £350,000.

The San Francisco Call is to have a new fifteen-story building, costing \$500,000.

The Kalama, Wash., Bulletin, has for its motto: "Grab All in Sight, and Hustle for More."

Few people are so troubled with ambition that they get out of bed any earlier in the morning.

When a man commences taking an interest in your affairs keep your hands on your pocketbook.

A boy never says his school teacher is nice; if he likes her, he says she isn't as mean as the others.

One of the funny things always to be seen around a photograph gallery is the picture of a fat old girl dressed as Galatea."

After having repaired the damage done to the Parthenon the Athenian Archeological Society will begin the work of excavating the lower slopes of the Acropolis.

There's a puzzling kind of a toad down in Middletown, Conn. It is considered larger than the ordinary toad, with horns extending from its head on either side. They are very hard and about two inches long. It has purple eyes and is very aggressive.

Manufacturers of patent medicines can find an excellent market for their goods in China. According to the report of a British consul the Chinese have "that tired feeling" a great deal and like to fancy that they are run down in health and in need of a nostrum.

A good and easy way to discover the presence of ozone in a place is to wear silver trinkets. If they grow black, as it near hot sulphur springs, you have it in a large proportion. Silver jewelry keeps white in the low-lying towns of Norway, but gets black in the hillside pine woods. If one walks in a meadow after a thunderstorm one will find the silver money in one's purse discolored.

Martin Smith, of Carroll County, Kentucky, has a horn, taken from the head of a South American animal, that was originally three feet seven inches long. It is now two feet ten inches, a piece having been cut off the small end of it. It measures twelve inches around at the larger end. It was presented to Mr. Smith by his uncle, Lewis Sanders, and was a present to the latter by Governor Floyd of New York in 1850. It was carried in a procession at Ghent in the campaign of James Buchanan in 1856.

His Question.
"Do you think, then, that the defendant was in the right?" asked a young lawyer of an elderly and cautious witness.

"Well, were it not that—"

"Come, come," interrupted the lawyer. "We have had enough of 'wells' and 'nots'." I asked you a plain question. I want a plain answer. Was he right? Yes or no?"

"I really cannot reply 'yes' or 'no' to such a question. Either answer would be misleading. You see, I—"

"Do you mean to say, sir?" stormed the lawyer, working himself into a state of indignation, "that you could frame a question to which I could not reply 'yes' or 'no'?"

"Certainly I could," said the old gentleman, quietly.

"Then let us hear it," said the man of law, turning with a smile of incredulity to the Judge and jury. "By all means, let us hear it."

Calmly the old gentleman settled his eyeglasses on his nose, and, leaning on the edge of the witness-box, he regarded the lawyer for a second or two.

"Will you tell us?" he asked, very deliberately, "whether in your opinion—in your own opinion, mind you—I cannot conceive any one else entertaining the slightest doubt whatsoever on the matter—whether you are as big a fool as you look?"

When the roar of laughter from bench, bar, jury and spectators at the young lawyer's dilemma had died away, the latter was heard to faintly intone that he had finished with the witness.

An Idle Scavenger.

The bowels act the part of a scavenger, inasmuch as they remove much of the debris, the waste effete matter of the system. When they grow idle, negligent of duty, it is of the utmost importance that they should be impelled to activity. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters effects this desirable object without gripping them like a drastic purgative. The Bitter is also efficacious for malaria, bilious, dyspeptic and kidney trouble.

He Knew His Mother.

Mrs. Williams is a widow with three boys, whom she has brought up with great firmness. It is one of her rules that obedience to her commands must come immediately, and explanation, if at all, at her leisure.

"Freddy," she said a short time ago, to her youngest boy, aged 7, "I am going to do something in a few days about which I want to talk to you a little."

"Yes'm," responded Freddy, meekly. "I am intending to marry Doctor Morse next week, on Monday," said his mother, and then she paused for a moment.

"Yes'm," said Freddy again, and then he added, with a look of awe on his small face: "I suppose Doctor Morse won't know anything about it till the time comes, will he, mother?"

GOLD AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

And the Best Way to Get There Is Over the Santa Fe Route.

The fabulously rich gold mining district of Cripple Creek, Colo., is attracting hundreds of people. By spring the rush bids fair to be enormous. That there is an abundance of gold there is demonstrated beyond doubt.

To reach Cripple Creek take the Santa Fe Route from Chicago or Kansas City. The only standard gauge line direct to the camp. Through Pullman sleepers and chair cars. The Santa Fe lands you right in the heart of Cripple Creek.

Inquire of nearest ticket agent, or address G. T. Nicholson, G. P. A., A. T. & S. F. R. R., Monadnock Block, Chicago.

Her Vow.

At Ofen, Hungary, a woman died recently who had not for thirty years gone outside her house. She was the daughter of well-to-do parents. Thirty years ago she was about to be married. Her lover, "to test her obedience and love," desired her on a certain feast day not to go into the street. She agreed, but broke her promise and went into the town. The next day her lover broke the engagement, and thereupon she made a vow that never again during her lifetime would she leave the house—and she kept her word.

Home Seekers' Excursions.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to see the Western country and enable the home seekers to secure a home in time to commence work for the season of 1896, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has arranged to run a series of four home seekers' excursions to various points in the West. Northwest and Southwest on the following dates: March 10, April 7 and 21 and May 5, at the low rate of two dollars more than one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good for return on any Tuesday or Friday within twenty-one days from date of sale. For rates, time of trains and further details apply to any coupon ticket agent in the East or South, or address F. A. Miller, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

The gambling institution at Monte Carlo pays 300,000 francs annually for the support of the clergy of all Monaco, and spends not less than 1,500,000 francs every year in muzzling French journalists and other inconvenient writers.

To prevent the hardening of the subcutaneous tissues of the scalp and the obliteration of the hair follicles, which cause baldness, use Hall's Hair Renewer.

Every unmarried woman is more or less of an optimist. While there's life there's hope.

I know that my life was saved by Piso's Cure for Consumption. John A. Miller, A. Sibley, Mich., April 21, 1895.

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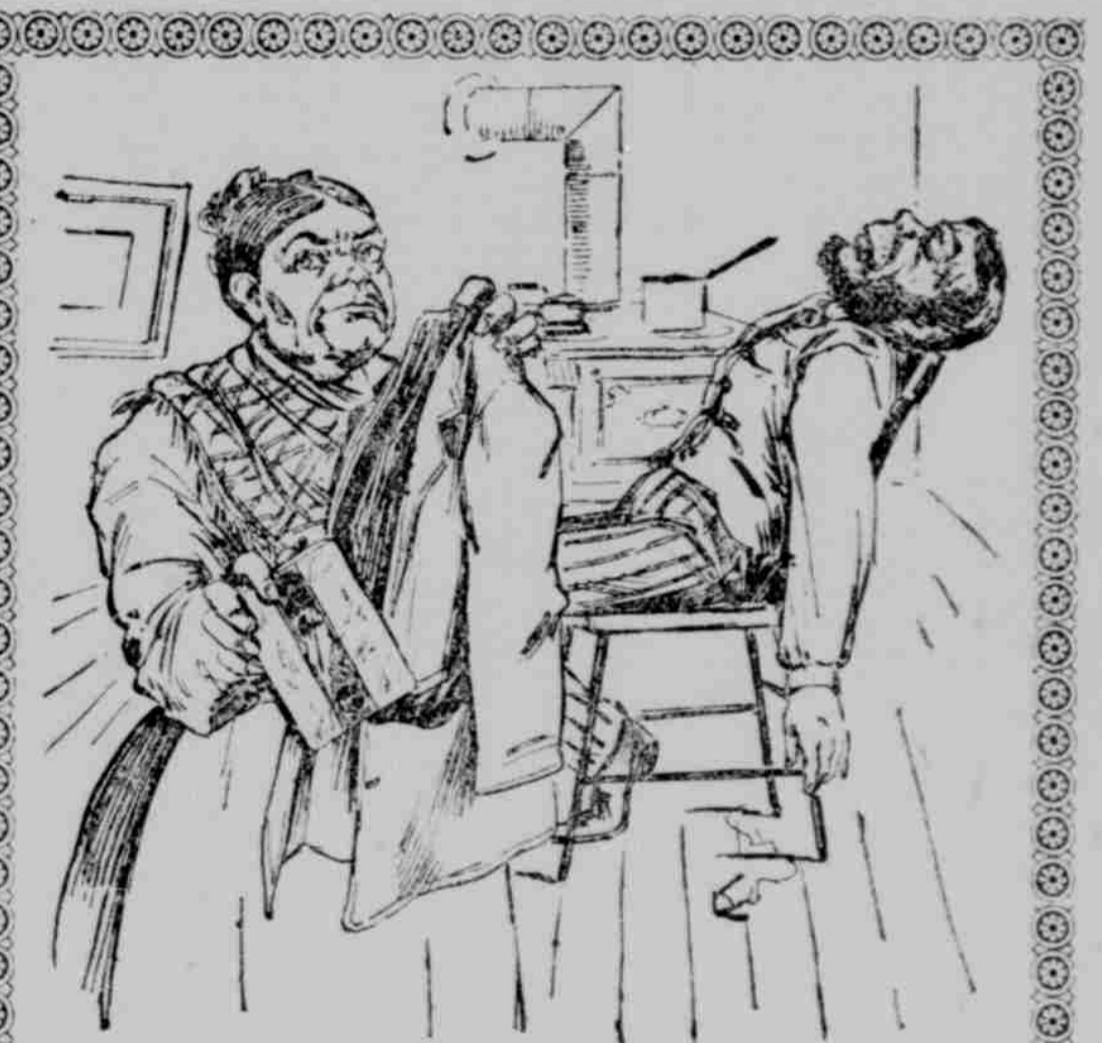
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Carriage & Harness Mfg. Co.
Eckhart, Ill.

Sam Rivers, of Keyser, N. C., is an old colored man who is very influential with his class, and the colored people are numerous in that section. In an interview with Fred W. Saunders, a local reporter, on the 10th of June, 1895, the old gentleman said: "For a long time I have been annoyed with dyspepsia and indigestion (man's two worst evils). Ripans Tabules having been tested after many others had failed gave me perfect relief. I recommend them to all my friends who are afflicted with these or kindred diseases."

(Signed) SAM RIVERS, D. D."

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