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## THE CHARM OF KISSING.

It Is Impossible to Scare the Seasoned Kissing Man with Sinister Talk of Microscopic Reptiles.

Once more the warning goes out that kissing is dangerous. This time it is voiced by Miss Ellen M. La Motte, the ranking officer in Dr. Bosley's corps of fair and accomplished nurses. The contact of lip and lip, says Miss La Motte, affords an ideal opportunity for the voyaging of pathogenic organisms. Most of these germs, when they enter the body at all, do so by way of the mouth. Of such sorts are the germs of diphtheria, tuberculosis, meningitis, influenza, the simple cold and all the familiar juvenile plague. Therefore, it is thoughtless and often cruel to kiss, and sometimes suicidal to be kissed.

Thus speaks science, and its mandate should be observed as to babies and by invalids. But the great majority of folks, no doubt, will keep on kissing. We have often wondered at the enormous popularity of the exercise. Why do people kiss? The act itself is ridiculous as a spectacle and unsatisfying as an amusement. Its sole physical accompaniment is a feeling of suffocation, and on the physis side of it is frequently embarrassing, particularly if an unsuspected evidence reveals itself say, by satiric whoops and cat calls. It has none of the charm of other pleasures, such as solfeggio, eating and automobiling, for example. Kissing will neither build up the anaemic nor soothe the neurasthenic.

But it still thrives, and no jermoids on its perils will ever work its abolition. The man who makes a practice of kissing the fair sex is a man attracted rather than repelled by danger. He knows that every kiss he steals is full of fearful hazard. The girl herself may black his eye, stab him with a hairpin or call for the police; and then again she may choose to regard his idle favor as an offer of marriage, and accept him before he can escape. Yet again, her father or brothers, detecting him with his arm around her neck and gazing into her forehead, may rush him and hail him as a relative, touching him for small loans, calling him by his first name and seizing offensively upon all the other familiarities which relatives-in-law affect. Finally, the mother of the girl may knit him pulse-warmers and send him amateur remedies for his rheumatism and red nose, and her little sisters may giggle every time they see him.

No, it is impossible to scare the seasoned kissing man with sinister talk of microscopic reptiles. He is used to larger game, and he loves danger. It is his pleasure to fare out into space upon a gossamer strand, blown by strong winds, and with fathomless abyss of matrimony yawning beneath him. In such grisly perils he joys.—Baltimore Sun.

## MINISTERIAL DIPLOMACY.

At a dinner given by the prime minister of a little kingdom on the Balkan Peninsula, a distinguished diplomat complained to his host that the minister of justice, who had been sitting on his left, had stolen his watch.

"Ah, he shouldn't have done that," said the prime minister in tones of annoyance. "I will get it back for you."

Sure enough, toward the end of evening, the watch was returned to its owner.

"And what did he say?" asked the diplomat.

"Sh-h," cautioned the host, glancing anxiously about him. "He doesn't know that I have got it back."

## A ROBBERY THAT PAID.

Scott—I always thought it was rough on Adam to rob him of his rib.

Mott—Yes; but on the other hand it was the making of Eve.—Puck.

## CHILDREN TEETHING

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## IN A BEAUTIFUL MORNING.

For the storms that have driven the blue from the skies Give the dark of thy tresses—the gray of thine eyes. And song shall be sweet where the heart knew but sighs, In a beautiful—beautiful morning!

Thy tresses were midnight, but ever thine eyes Made the sun of the morning in splendor arise In the varying blue and the gray of the skies, In a beautiful—beautiful morning!

You knew, dear, but only Love's tenderest art,— And now, as the lights and the shadows depart Let me dream with your dark tresses over my heart, In the beautiful—beautiful morning!

Let me dream, when no longer your eyes I may see, That love in some bright world untrampled will be— That your dear lips will steal through the mosses to me With a kiss in a beautiful morning!

## OUR STAY IN DEATH.

When on my day of life the night's falling, And in the wind from sunned spaces blown, I hear far voices from out of darkness calling My feet to paths unknown.

Thou who has made my home of life so pleasant, Leave not its tenant when its walls decay; O Love Divine, O Helper ever present, Be thou my strength and stay!

Be near me when all else is from me drifting— Earth, sky, home's picture's, days of shade and shine— And kindly faces to my own uplifting The love which answers mine.

I have but thee, my Father! Let thy Spirit Be with me to comfort and uphold; No gates of pearl, no branch of palm I merit, No streets of shining gold.

Suffice it if—my good and ill unreckoned, And both forgiven through thy abounding grace— I find myself by hands familiar beckoned Unto my fitting place.

Some humble door among thy many mansions, Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease, And flows forever through heaven's green expansions The river of thy peace.

There, from the music round about me stealing, I find would learn the new and holy song, And find at last, beneath thy trees of healing, The life for which I long.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

## A SABBATH SCHOOL THOUGHT.

The Railroad Guide on the Road To Heaven.

In our common schools, academies, colleges and universities, each have their course of study, and text books for the same; and as a student masters each branch, the text books are laid aside and he graduates to a higher. But in the Sabbath School it is different. We have our text book for the whole course, and that course should be for life. In the Bible there are truths which the merest child can understand and depths of thought which the most learned cannot fathom. It may be called the railway guide on the way to heaven, and the Sabbath School lunch counters along the way at which we may refresh ourselves. One of the grandest sights for mortal eyes is a whole family from the tottering grandparents down to the prattling child, all in school and studying the same lesson, and that lesson for eternity. A person should never be too old, too rich, or too wise to cease being a Sabbath School student.

## CASTORIA

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## DEDICATION OF A HOME.

A World of Care Shut Out, A World of Love Within.

Not long ago Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Page, of Des Moines, Iowa, formally dedicated their home.

And why not? Churches are formally dedicated to their uses and temples of learning and of justice and of charity and of pleasure.

Why not dedicate the holiest of all—the home.

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Take up the old book of Deuteronomy. There you will learn that a man was excused from war if he had builded a house that was not yet dedicated. The home was first.

In the olden days a home meant much. It was to be the abode of many generations. It was built to stand. It passed from father to son.

Nowadays we build houses only to tear them down after a few years or sell them. Many of us are like birds of passage. We make our nests first here and then there. We are in too big a hurry to dedicate them. Even the old customs of an evening's "house warming" have passed away. Especially is this true in the middle west.

This Des Moines dedication was notable.

A dedicatory hymn was written for the occasion and sung, and the minister offered a dedicatory prayer. The two boys of the family then lighted the fire on the hearth, and the two girls lighted the evening lamps. Then the four-year-old brought "papa's slippers." Father and mother read alternate verses of the poem "A Foretaste of Heaven."

That was all save the remarks of a few neighbors and congratulations.

The four walls of this home, thus set apart for holy uses, will house real affection that dwells within all the better for this distinction. Its every precinct will be hallowed by this joyous and loving consecration.

A home that is built upon the foundation of faith and hope and love, where dwells light and purity and truth, where the voices of happy children are heard and pattering feet, is heaven in miniature.

Let us have more home dedications.

You are less than nothing if you do nothing.

## Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

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