

McKinley the Man.

Of all the tributes paid president of the United States in the course of his tour of the country none has been so eloquent, and none other can be, as that paid him by one woman. That woman is his wife. At New Orleans she, for the first time, allowed herself to be interviewed. It could hardly be called an interview, however, for it was but the expression of an opinion casually given, but it is doubtful if anything ever said of the president could bring him quite as close to all the people as this from his wife:

"Do you know Major McKinley?" she asked. "Ab, no one can know him, because to appreciate him one must know him as I do. And I am not speaking now of Major McKinley as the president. I am speaking of him as my husband. If any one could know what it is to have a wife sick, complaining, always an invalid for twenty-five years, seldom a day well, and yet never a word of unkindness has ever passed his lips; he is just the same tender, thoughtful, kind gentleman I knew when first he came and sought my hand.

"I know him because I am his wife, and it is my proudest pleasure to say this, not because he is the president, but because he is my husband.

"I wish that I could have seen him yesterday; I love to see him among the people whom he seeks to serve so faithfully. But I read his speeches this morning. I read all his speeches. I only wish that I could help him as I should.

"He is so kind, so patient. He gives me all the time he can; he never forgets me, no matter how busy he is. But I will be glad when he is out of public life; I did not want him to run a second time. I thought he had done enough for the country, and now I know that he has done enough, and when his term expires he will come home and we will settle down quietly and he will belong to me.

As a tribute to McKinley, the man and husband, nothing could be more eloquent.—Atlanta Constitution.

Shudders at His Past

"I recall now with horror," says Mail Carrier Burnett Mann, of Levanna, O., "my three years of suffering from Kidney trouble. I was hardly ever free from dull aches or acute pains in my back. To stoop or lift mail sacks made me groan. I felt tired, worn out, about ready to give up when I began to use Electric Bitters, but six bottles completely cured me and made me feel like a new man." They're unrivaled to regulate Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by Hood Bros. Only 50 cents.

Oil in Louisiana.

Monday last oil was secured at Sulphur City, in this State, a well which has been in progress of construction for some time, having developed in to a great oil gusher similar to those which have been found at Beaumont, Texas. The location of the new find is about 40 miles east of the Beaumont oil fields, in the heart of Calcasieu parish, this State.

The discovery of oil in Louisiana is no surprise, as its presence has long been known, although until the development of the Beaumont field no great attention was attracted to it. It is quite probable that the oil belt extends well through the center of the State, and it is more than likely that the mineral products will be found in greater quantities in this State than in the neighboring State of Texas.

It will be interesting to compare the quality of the Louisiana oil with that found at Beaumont. While the fuel oil now available is enough in itself to add greatly to the wealth of this section, it is pretty certain that oil of an even higher grade will also be discovered. The development of a well 40 miles distant from Beaumont, to the eastward, is proof positive that the oil field is extensive and underlies a large section of country. These oil finds certainly mean great things for this immediate section; something which is beyond human computation.—New Orleans Picayune.

Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This liniment is for sale by Hood Bros.

Compensation.

S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald. Who fails to sow for fear that he Shall not be here to reap Must lie in bleak obscurity Through all his final sleep. The bard who sang, long, long ago, When no one rent an ear, Sang on for love of singing, though They scoffed who chanced to hear. To-day men seek his grave and bow Beside his monument— We laud the noble poet now Who couldn't pay his rent.

Who idly stands and shakes his head, And sighs and murmurs: "No! Ere reaping time I shall be dead, Why bother, then, to sow?" For him no shaft shall ever rise To ebb the pilgrim's gaze, No love shall centre where he lies, No hero crown his days! Who plants his hope, and though he may Not see the fruitful fall, He has foreseen a glorious day, And triumphs, after all.

Mixed Pickles.

The cooper whoops things up. The geographer is necessarily worldly wise.

All the world's a wheel, and men and women are the riders.

The biggest hero is the man who is scared most and runs least.

The war in South Africa appears to be as hard to wind up as an old Waterbury watch.

"Your time has come," announced the facetious jeweler's boy, as he delivered the customer's clock.

Most people kick about the world's hard knocks, but the more cuffs the laundryman gets the better he likes it.

"Most people are good because it pays to be good," remarked the Wise Guy. "Some appear to be good for nothing," chuckled the Simple Mug.

"In Germany," said the Man-Who-Had-Been Abroad, "they have shoes made of wood." "That's nothing," spoke up the Peace Disturber; "in Canada they have snow shoes."

"What are your views on the financial question?" asked the old man, genially. "Oh, the money of the fathers is good enough for me," incautiously answered the prospective son-in-law.—Philadelphia Record.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Hood Bros.

Why Lincoln Wouldn't Take a Case.

General John H. Littlefield, who studied law with Abraham Lincoln, writes his recollections of his great mentor in the New York "Success." He tells this attractive bit of anecdote:— "All clients knew that, with 'Old Abe' as their lawyer, they would win their case—if it was fair; if not, that it was a waste of time to take it to him. After listening some time one day to a would-be client's statement, with his eyes on the ceiling, he swung suddenly round in his chair and exclaimed:— "Well, you have a pretty good case in technical law, but a pretty bad one in equity and justice. You will have to get some other fellow to win this case for you. I couldn't do it. All the time while standing talking to that jury, I'd be thinking, 'Lincoln, you're a liar,' and I believe I should forget myself and say it out loud."

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He Was All Fixed.

One of the churches in a little Western town is so fortunate as to have a young woman as its pastor. She was called to the door of the parsonage one day, and saw there a much embarrassed young farmer of the German type.

"Dey said der minister lived in dis house," he said.

"Yes," replied the fair pastor. "Vell—m—I vant to kit merritt!"

"To get married? Very well; I can marry you," said the minister, encouragingly.

"Oh, but I got a girl already!" was the disconcerted reply.—Brooklyn Life.

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ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Suggestions on the Arrangement of the Hall.

Hall curtains may be hung from swinging brackets, to be pushed back flat against the walls when a freer passageway is needed. These brackets are often used in apartments where the parlor and dining room are just by the front door, the bedrooms and bath beyond. Perfect privacy is then secured the tenant, and a pretty interior is suggested to the visitor. The quality of the curtain must depend upon the surroundings. Sometimes a heavy tapestry can be used, a velvet or a silk, but oftentimes a simple hanging serves every purpose.

There is a transparent Japanese silk showing painted flowers or figures, which in many places is better than anything else. The hall is not darkened by it, and at the same time no visitor can see through it. The general effect is apt to be enhanced by a small table in front of the hall curtain, and if the other appointments of the house justify the use of cathedral and church lamps one of these suspended from the ceiling by the curtains, with pieces of brass or of pottery on the table, will be found most interesting. For the most part, however, the simpler the arrangement of the table the better, a crystal vase with fresh cut flowers or a palm being all that is needed.—Harper's Bazar.

GERANIUM FLAVORING.

Among the old fashioned flowering plants the rose geranium has always occupied a prominent place in popular favor.

Our grandmothers and perhaps some of their grandmothers have been known to strew the fragrant leaves among their lingerie, but few know of the culinary value of the humble plant.

The next time you are making crab apple jelly try this recipe with a few glasses:

Have the geranium leaves washed to free them from any possible parasites. Then, just before pouring the hot jelly into the glasses, throw a small leaf into the bottom of each glass.

It may be allowed to remain until the jelly is used and will not spoil it in any way. The result is an indescribable flavor, which improves the jelly immensely.

Sometimes when baking a cake line an earthen plate with the geranium leaves and turn the hot cake upon them, leaving it there until quite cold.

The steam absorbs the fragrance from the leaves, giving the cake the daintiest possible flavor, that suggests nothing so much as the odor of a La France rose.—What to Eat.

PLANTS FOR THE VERANDA.

With the usual perverseness of human nature, it is the woman on the shady side of the street who usually wants flowering plants for her veranda, and it is her neighbor on the sunny side who admires, above all things, a variety of palms and ferns. Because a house is generally on the shady or the sunny side of the street a veranda is a difficult place to decorate with plants; but, with planning, each can be fitted with those best suited to its situation. Jardinieres for posts, filled with palms and ferns; trailing vines from hanging baskets, running vines up the supports and across the woodwork and a box for the edge filled with fuchsias, geraniums, heliotropes, a few petunias and a fern or two are all suitable for the shady veranda. For the vines that will thrive best there are the variegated vinca, English and German ivies and Asparagus plumosus.

Anything but palms and ferns will grow on the sunny veranda. Rubber plants, which, like well disciplined people, accommodate themselves to circumstances, will grow in either place.

TO HOLD THE COOKBOOK.

I have in my kitchen a device for holding my cookbook open for reference as I work at the table beneath the kitchen shelf. It has proved very convenient for a novice at cookery, says a writer. A board having a narrow strip nailed along its edge, to keep books from slipping, is suspended in a slanting position by wires fastened to the underside of the shelf in the kitchen. My cookbook or recipes rest on this at just the right height for my eyes to read as I work at the table beneath the shelf. A strip of tape runs across this board and holds the book open at its proper place.

SCISSORS IN THE KITCHEN.

A good cook says that a large and strong pair of scissors is one of her most treasured cooking utensils. With it she cuts young chicken, lamb chops, green peppers, any number of things that can be cut in half the time with the scissors that they can be with a knife and in a way that is much more satisfactory.

Forewarned, Forearmed.

The liability to disease is greatly lessened when the blood is in good condition, and the circulation healthy and vigorous. For then all refuse matter is promptly carried out of the system; otherwise it would rapidly accumulate—fermentation would take place, the blood become polluted and the constitution so weakened that a simple malady might result seriously.

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Mr. E. E. Kelly, of Urbana, O., writes: "I had Eczema on my hands and face for five years. It would break out in little white pustules, crusts would form and drop off, leaving the skin red and inflamed. The doctors did me no good. I used all the medicated soaps and salves without benefit. S. S. S. cured me, and my skin is as clear and smooth as any one's."

Mrs. Henry Siegfried, of Cape May, N. J., says that twenty-one bottles of S. S. S. cured her of Cancer of the breast. Doctors and friends thought her case hopeless.

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COONS.

A Texan writer tells how negroes came to be called coons. He says a pioneer moved to Texas from North Carolina, built a cabin of poles and planted a crop. When the corn was in roasting ears the coons came very near eating it all up. He procured some strychnine, which turned out to be morphine, and dosed quite an amount of corn. The next morning when the pioneer went to the field the fence was covered with sleeping coons, which were clubbed, their skins sold and a negro "gal" bought with the money. The negro was called Coon and hence the name.

Fought For His Life.

"My father and sister both died of Consumption," writes J. T. Weatherwax, of Wyandotte, Mich., "and I was saved from the same frightful fate only by Dr. King's New Discovery. An attack of Pneumonia left an obstinate cough and very severe lung trouble, which an excellent doctor could not help, but a few months' use of this wonderful medicine made me as well as ever and I gained much in weight." Infalible for Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Lung trouble. Trial bottles free. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00 at Hood Bros.

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"It is with a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Druggist A. W. Sawtelle, of Hartford, Conn. "A lady customer, seeing the remedy exposed for sale on my show case, said to me: 'I really believe that medicine saved my life the past summer while at the shore,' and she became so enthusiastic over its merits that I at once made up my mind to recommend it in the future. Recently a gentleman came into my store so overcome with colic pains that he sank at once to the floor. I gave him a dose of this remedy which helped him. I repeated the dose and in fifteen minutes he left my store smilingly informing me that he felt as well as ever." Sold by Hood Bros.

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