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A Poem for Today THOMPSON OF ANGEL'S By Bret Hart. 'T is the story of Thompson—of Thompson, the hero of Angel's. Frequently drunk was Thompson, but always polite to the stranger; Light and free was the touch of Thompson upon his revolver; Great the mortality incident on that lightness and freedom.

He knew about such things, knew the pull of them, how they sucked the atmosphere out of a corner all at once, and his gasp was evidence that the air had left the corner he occupied. John knew nothing about summer hats, as big as Toleidore ore baskets, nothing of trains that spread like Japanese fans over wooded groves and drosses that made the autocratic blood sweep into the heart and out again at precisely the same instant, but he did know something of ventilation.

Nothing and Everything By FRANK H. SPEARMAN. Copyright, 1904, by Frank H. Spearman. S WITCHBACK lay between two summer resorts in Colorado, one a large and prosperous town, a very well-to-do town with a group of very well springs, the other nothing more than a huge hotel up the gorge at Spanish Peaks, hung about by granite tapestries hard as the manager's heart.

BREEDS OF TURKEYS. Size and Color of Plumage Distinguish the Different Varieties. The distinguishing feature in the different breeds of turkeys is in the color of the plumage and the size, writes a correspondent American Cultivator.

The frightened girl with the violin—John saw she was young and slight—bent her hands and panted in a pretty terror. Reaching the child's side with astonishing bounds, the autocrat, seizing the bear's collar, jerked it off the bawling urchin. Thoroughly and excruciatingly enraged, the bear turned on the interloper, and with the utmost air of business, the encounter was short, for miners and bears are instant in fight. The frightened Italian girl, grasping her violin, saw the bear, springing wickedly, tear at Blair's arm, thrown out as a buffer. In a very flash the struggling pair fought in blood. The Italian rushed toward the store with his early bucket, but not until the autocrat had by a shrewd and merciless twist hurled the bear to the ground and put back into its sheath a dripping knife he had passed across the brute's throat.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble. Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition, beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child is not cured too often, if the urine soaks the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs.

Good Spirits. Good spirits don't all come from Kentucky. The main source is the liver—and all the fine spirits ever made in the Blue Grass State could not remedy a bad liver or the hundred-and-one ill effects it produces. You can't have good spirits and a bad liver at the same time. Your liver must be in fine condition if you would feel buoyant, happy and hopeful, bright of eye, light of step, vigorous and successful in your pursuit.

Drinking Vices Spread Disease. Many poultry keepers make the mistake of using open receptacles, such as an old washtub or cracked dish, filling it up once a week and allowing it to be exposed to the sun's rays. This is a serious error, says a correspondent of American Cultivator. Should a touch of disease appear on the farm the bird affected naturally drinks a lot and in so doing leaves the germs of disease behind for the others which follow, and so disease is spread broadcast. I maintain that the scalding of the tin is very essential. No disease spreads so rapidly as by means of infected drinking water. Keep the water cool and absolutely pure.

No Courting on Sundays. The Bethel Primitive Methodist chapel in Burnley, England, recently held its anniversary. On that occasion a souvenir handbook, which contained copies of all records, was issued. A minute passed in 1834 reads: "That we do not allow young men and women of our society to court with each other on Sunday. Neither do we allow our single men and women to walk arm in arm in the streets together at any time, nor do we allow them to stand in the streets together chatting." Another resolution forbade girl choirists wearing bows in their bonnets.

England's Marriage Rate. The marriage rate is higher in England than elsewhere, being 15 per thousand. In most other countries it varies from 7 to 10 per thousand. The highest birth rate, according to a volume of statistics, referring chiefly to foreign countries, issued by the board of trade, is in Roumania—39 per thousand. That country also has the highest death rate—27.7 per thousand. The lowest marriage rate is in Sweden, where it is 0.9 per thousand.—London Mail.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER. Goat's flesh or venison is now sold freely as mutton in many large cities because of the high price of real mutton. An ordinary kid's meat is as juicy and toothsome as fair mutton, says Farm and Ranch. A steady demand for "fire horses" is reported—weight, 1,800 to 2,000 pounds and price about \$200. The cotton crop brings a vast sum of money to America and is therefore of great national and international importance. For an apparatus bed (which may be started now) select a warm, sunny exposure and give each plant plenty of room. The shoulders and collars of the hard-working horse deserve the closest attention and special care. Fine plowing and other hard duties are dependent on the soundness of the shoulders, remarks Dr. Currier in National Stockman. An anxious season for the beginner in poultry comes in the fall, when the pullets demand careful and heavy feeding and yet do not lay an egg. They must be fed with a fair amount of meat if we expect them to lay early.

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Three rare specimens of male tree fern of more than 1,000 year's growth have been procured for the Imperial Botanic Gardens of St. Petersburg from the virgin forests on the Black sea coast near Adler. Pain may go by the name of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, pleurisy. No matter what name the pains are called, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will drive them away. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Thompson Drug Co.

There is a religious meaning to the white cross on the red field of the Swiss flag. It was adopted as an appeal to heaven in 1339, when the Swiss fought and won one of their greatest battles. Many children inherit constitutional weakness and feeble, others due to childhood troubles. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will positively cure children and make them strong. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Thompson Drug Co.

To cure a sick headache, take the juice of half a lemon in a cup of black, unsweetened coffee. Nature Needs but a Little Early Riser now and then to keep the bowels clean, the liver active, and the system free from bile, headache, constipation, etc. The famous little pills "Early Risers" are pleasant in effect and perfect in action. They never gripe and sicken, but tone and strengthen the liver and kidneys. Sold by The J. C. Simmons Drug Co.

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