

THE WORLD A MIRROR.

When I come down with smiling face
The world is such a pleasant place
The like of mirror great and wide
Where I see smiles on every side
Upon my plate my breakfast food
Smiles up at me and tastes so good
The clock upon the wall, I think
Is smiling too and seems to wink
The people whom I chance to meet
All smile at me upon the street
The little dogs wag pleasantly
As if they meant to smile at me
At school the children smile and say
"Good morning," in the gayest way
And teacher and ex-teacher and
I love to see and watch their face
And then at night when I come in
To kiss my kitten, she will grin
And all her pans and kettles bright
Are grinning too, a merry sight
When I come down with smiling face
The world is such a pleasant place
But if I'm cross, alas alas!
The world's indeed a looking glass
—Gregg

FIVE SHORT STORIES

Dr. Evans, the American Dentist, who achieved such success in Paris, once received, before he went abroad, a letter from a young Vermont girl who wanted a set of false teeth made and sent to him. The letter concluded: "My mouth is three inches across, five eighths inches threw the jaw. Some hummocky on the edge. Shaped like a husslew, toe forward. If you want me to be more particular I shall have to come that."

At a colliery, near Leeds, is a shaft with a staging around it, its height being considerably above the average of such erections in the West Riding. A mixer had fallen off this staging to the ground, and on recovering consciousness was offered a glass of water by one of the men who had picked him up. Looking at the water in disgust and amazement, he exclaimed: "—, hoo fur doos that ha' to fall at this pit afore they gives yer brandy?"

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister at Washington, is on friendly terms with the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, and is careful never to say anything that will offend him. But he likes harmless pleasantry once in a while. Some one informed him that President Roosevelt had decided to discontinue the training in ju-jitsu, and asked him if he could guess why. "Can't imagine the reason," replied the envoy; "perhaps Cassini objected to the lessons as a breach of neutrality."

Here is a story that illustrates the estimate the German citizen places on sauer-kraut as a food staple. A German was speaking last fall about the high price of cabbage. "I tell you, dese kabages is awful high, dis year," he said, and me and me wife vifts up six, seven, eight barrels of sauerkraut every year, and can't dis year. Dem kabages is too much."

A young globe-trotter was holding forth during a dinner in Paris about the loveliness of the Island of Tahiti, and the marvelous beauty of the women there. One of the Barons Rothschild, who was present, ventured to inquire if he had remarked anything else worthy of note in connection with the island. Resenting the baron's inquiry, the youth replied: "Yes; what struck me most was that there were no Jews and no pigs to be seen there." "Is that so?" exclaimed the Baron, in maise disconcerted; "then if you and I go there together we shall make our fortunes."

What Lemons Will do.

No family should be without lemons. Their uses are almost too many for enumeration. The juice of a lemon in hot water, on awakening in the morning, is an excellent liver corrector. Glycerine and lemon juice, half and half, on a bit of absorbent cotton, is the best thing in the world wherewith to moisten the lips and tongue of a fever-parched patient. A dash of lemon juice in plain water is an excellent toothwash. It not only removes tartar, but sweetens the breath. A teaspoonful of the juice in a small cup of black coffee will almost certainly relieve a bilious headache. The finest of manicure acids is made by putting a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cupful of warm water. This removes most stains from the fingers and nails, and loosens the cuticle more satisfactorily than can be done by the use of a sharp instrument. Lemon juice and salt water will remove rust stains from linen without injury to the fabric. Wet the stain with the mixture and put the article in the sun. Two or three applications may be necessary if the stain is of long standing, but the remedy never fails. Lemon juice (outward application) will allay the irritation caused by the bites of gnats or flies. Lemon peel (and also orange) should be all saved and dried. They are a capital substitute for kindling wood. A haadful will revive a dying fire.

Vegetarians.

When the price of meats gets to soaring skyward—as it is doing now—it is easy enough for us to say that in the future we shall be vegetarians, but the trouble is that we will not stick to that determination. Flesh is not always a necessity of life, especially in hot weather. In fact, in any quantity, it is not even desirable. But we have been meat eaters so long that it is hard to break away from the flesh pots and we load ourselves with the heartiest beef and the juiciest lamb and all the other kinds of meat the markets afford. It is not long ago that a young man whose bodily condition was such that he was the admiration and envy of all men who saw him, passed his physical examination at the United States Naval Academy; yet he was a vegetarian in such a strict sense of the word that he never ate butter, and as for the usually easily assimilated fish, it was an abomination to him.

But even with this example before us, it is not altogether clear that a purely vegetable diet would fit all Americans, or even a large share of them. One person's nature is never like another's and what would suit one might be exactly the most harmful thing for the other. There is no doubt, nevertheless, that we should be much better off if we were more temperate in meat eating. And there would be the added consolation that we were doing our little mite to put down the beef trust. Aside from the advantages to be gained from restriction in diet, we might find pleasure in putting a little reverse English on the corporation now so objectionable in the eyes of the people that no one speaks of it without damning it.—Exchange.

"Tie a string around your finger." Get that bottle of Rheumacide today before your rheumatism gets a firm hold and becomes dangerous.

Preters Weevil to Ants.

Rosa L. Clark, owner of big plantation in Calhoun county, Texas, and of other lands in Victoria and adjoining counties, has sued out an injunction to prevent Entomologist Cook bringing into Texas ants from Guatemala, which the Government expert declares will exterminate the boll weevil. Mr. Clark said in stating his reasons for this step:

"It is always dangerous to bring in one pest to destroy another, and especially so when we apply in this instance, because we run the risk of getting the weevil and the boll weevil, and the only thing that could be done in connection with the weevil would be for this gentleman to succeed in the very thing he is trying to do—that is, to breed this ant in sufficient numbers to destroy the boll weevil.

"Any man who has picked cotton and has had the little black ant get in his shoes in the field will understand what I mean. In other words, this ant, to be of any practical benefit in destroying weevil, must cover the entire field and visit every stalk. He would be present while picking was going forward. Two-thirds of the cotton of Texas is picked by negroes, who do not wear enough clothes in the field to make a respectable start. One half of the remainder is picked by the barefooted children. If the ant is in the cotton in sufficient number to destroy the weevil, you could not get the cotton picked.

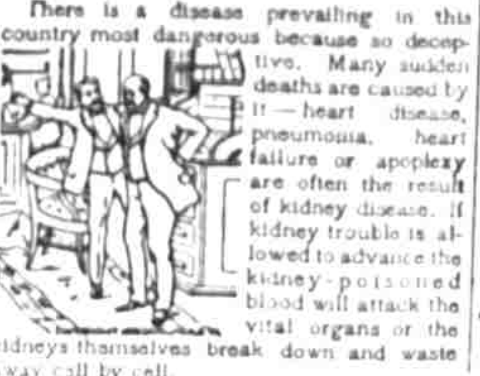
"Unless this ant is different from all other ants, the weevil destroy the vegetation that grows around his bed and paths. To be of any service in a crop of cotton, his bed and paths of necessity would cover the entire crop. Another thing: On what will it feed when he has annihilated the weevil and how will we destroy it? I have heard it said in South America that in some sections the natives are compelled to wrap their feet and legs in cloth and saturate it with oil before they can go in the cotton field, to protect them from the ants."

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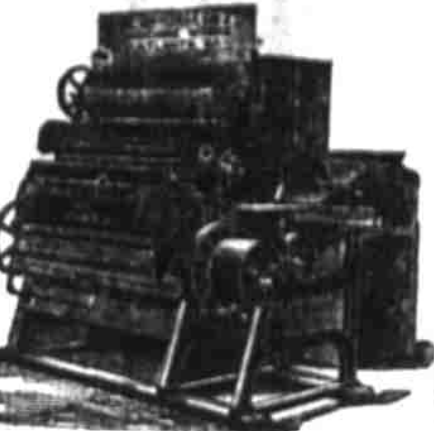
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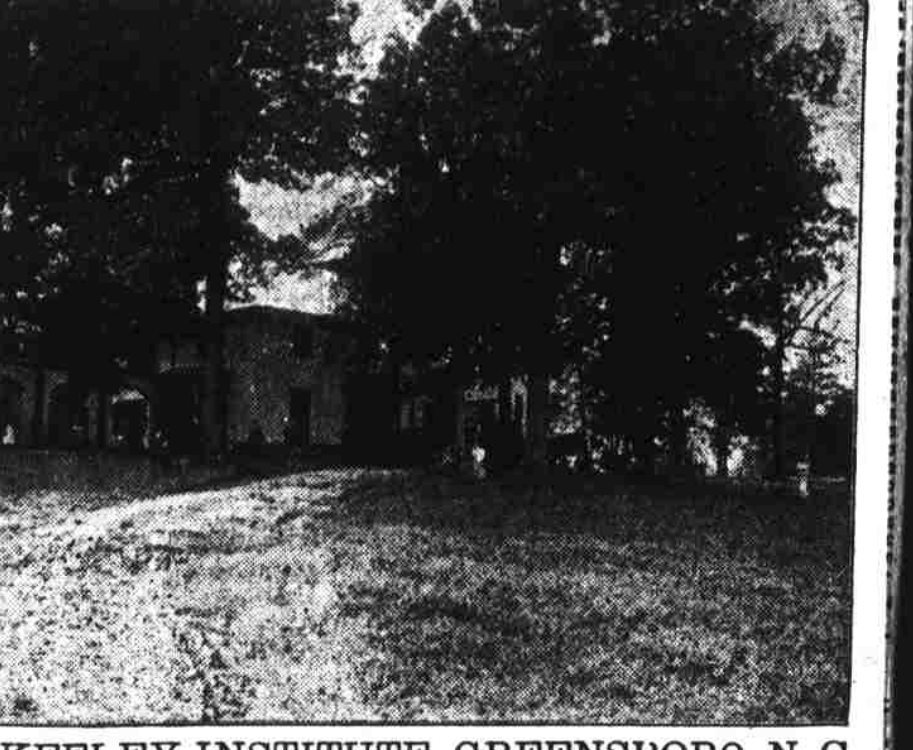
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