

### How a Married Woman Goes to Sleep.

There is an article going the rounds entitled, "How Girls Go to sleep." The manner in which they go to sleep according to the article, can't hold a candle to the way a married woman goes to sleep. Instead of thinking of what she should have attended to before going to bed, she thinks of it afterward. While she is revolving these matters in her mind, and while snugly tucked in bed, the old man is scratching his legs in front of the fire and wondering how he will pay the next month's rent. Suddenly she says: "James, did you lock the door?" "Which door?" "The cellar door," says she. "No," says James.

"Well, you'd better go down and lock it, for I heard some one in the yard last night." Accordingly, James paddles down stairs and locks the door. About the time James returns and is going to get into bed she remarks: "Did you shut the stair door?" "No," says James.

"Well, if it is not shut the cat will get up into the bed-room." "Let her come up, then," says James, ill-naturedly.

"My goodness, no!" returns the wife, "she'd suck the baby's breath!" Then James paddles down stairs again, and steps on a tack, and closes the stair door, and curses the cat, and returns to the bed-room. Just as he begins to climb into his couch his wife observes:

"I forgot to bring some water. Suppose you bring some in the big tin." And so James, with a muttered curse goes down into the dark kitchen, and falls over a chair, and rasps all the tinware off the wall, in search of the "big" tin, and then he jerks the stair door open and howls:

"Where the deuce are the matches?" She gives him minute directions where to find the matches, and adds that she would rather go and get the water herself than have the neighborhood raised about it. After which James finds the matches, procures the water comes up stairs, and plunges into bed. Presently his wife says:

"James, let's have an understanding about money matters. Now, next week I've got to pay—" "I don't know what you've got to pay, and I don't care," shouts James, as he lurches around and jams his face against the wall; "all I want is to go to sleep."

"That's all very well for you," snaps his wife, as she pulls the covers viciously, "you never think of the worry and trouble I have. And there's Araminta, who I believe is taking the measles."

"Let her take 'em," says James, sticking his legs out as straight as two ramrods.

"It seems to me you have no sense or feeling," whines his wife, "and if you had any respect for me you would not eat onions before you come to bed. The atmosphere of the room from the smell of onions is horrid."

"Well, go down and sleep in the kitchen, then, and let me alone," says James. Hereupon she begins to cry softly, but about the time James is falling into a gentle doze she punches him in the ribs with her elbow, and says: "Did you hear that scandal about Mrs. Jones?" "What Jones?" says James, sleepily. "Why, Mrs. Jones."

"Where?" inquires James. "I declare," says his wife, "you are getting more stupid every day. You know Mrs. Jones that lives at No. 21, Well, told me yesterday, Susan Smith told Mrs. Thompson that Sam Baker had said that Mrs. Jones had—"

Here she pauses and listens. James is snoring, in profound slumber. With a sort of rage she pulls all the covers off him, wraps herself up in them and lays awake until 2 A. M., thinking how badly abused she is. And that is the way a married woman goes to sleep.

### Water as a Fuel.

The second trial of the Holland report, in which water and naphtha are used as fuel to produce steam for the propulsion of a locomotive engine came off at College Point, on the Long Island Railroad, yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a number of experts and scientific gentlemen. The report was attached to an engine belonging to the railroad company, which had been standing in the repair shops for six months. It is not such an engine as the inventor would have selected to fully demonstrate the utility of his invention. It was, however, the only one that was available. It was stated by competent engineers present that even with a coal fire it would be difficult to raise steam enough to move the engine itself, let alone a load. The run was made from Flushing to Whiteston and return, a distance of six miles with one coach filled with passengers. Only two gallons of naphtha, worth three cents per gallon were consumed. As the apparatus was only temporarily attached to the engine, the combustion was not absolutely perfect, though the operator assured the gentlemen present that such a result could be secured under favorable circumstances. The highest pressure of steam attained was about 125 pounds to the square inch. The engine was run out of the round house and on the turn table in 40 minutes after lighting the fires under the boilers. It then had 60 pounds of steam. Dr. Holland says that he conceived the idea embodied in his patent in 1855, and that he has been working at it ever since. By his process the naphtha is subjected to an absolutely distinctive distillation, which produces bi-carbonated hydrogen. The water used is separated into oxygen and hydrogen gases. The secret consists in separating the gases of the water, utilizing the oxygen and producing a perfect combustion of the naphtha and the elemental gases. It is claimed that the cost of fuel for operating railroads may be reduced at least one-half; that the invention may be applied to any engine, and that it will be of immense advantage in ocean steamship navigation. It is also believed that it will be exceedingly valuable on elevated railways, where the danger of fires by falling sparks is constant, and that it can be applied to domestic and illuminating purposes.

### Father McNamara.

A few days past the *Observer* contained a reference to this gentleman who was formerly in charge of the Roman Catholic Church of this city. He has now left that church and founded in New York a church of his own, to which he has given the name of the "Independent Catholic Church." Of this church he has been made Bishop. This church is also termed the "Irish Catholic Church," for it does not recognize the Pope at all, and is composed of Irish entirely. On Sunday last the new bishop gave a sketch of his life, which will no doubt be relished by those who knew him while in Raleigh. He went on to say that he became a Catholic at nineteen years of age, and that he was a true-blue Irishman. He said that at one time he had founded a church in Brooklyn, and lectured all over the country. At one time he was reporter for a paper in Massachusetts. He had been accused of being a drunkard, but this was not true. He sometimes flourished his handkerchief and drank lemonade. He said he found there wasn't an honest fibre in several of the men who joined with him, and had had east them overboard, but good and loyal men were yet left. Speaking of his new church, he said: "The way I started this church was this. I had only seventy five cents left, and I hired a newly arrived Dutchman, who carried my proclamation excommunicating the Pope. I stood him up against a tree in the City Hall Park, and the result was that the next day all the papers published it. The people said I was crazy, and I wonder that I have not been put in a lunatic asylum before now."

### Seven Bibles of the World.

The seven Bibles of the world are the Koran of the Mohammedans, the *Eddis* of the Scandinavians, the *Try* *Ritiques* of the Buddhists, the five *Kings* of the Chinese, the three *Vedas* of the Hindus, the *Zendavesta*, and the *Scriptures* of the Christians. The Koran is the most recent of the seven Bibles, and not older than the seventh century of our era. It is a compound of quotations from the Old and New Testaments, the *Talmud* and the Gospel of St. Barnabas. The *Eddis* of the Scandinavians were first published in the fourteenth century. The *Ritiques* of the Buddhists contains sublime morals and pure aspirations, but their author lived and died in the sixth century before Christ. The sacred writings of the Chinese are called the five *Kings*, king meaning web or cloth, or the warp that keeps the threads in their place. They contain the best sayings of the sages on

### Drinking Ice Water.

There is no more doubt that drinking ice water arrests digestion than there is that a refrigerator would arrest perspiration. It drives from the stomach its natural heat, suspends the flow of gastric juice and shocks and weakens the delicate organs with which it comes in contact. An able writer on human diseases says: "Habitual ice water drinkers are usually very flabby about the region of the stomach. They complain that their food lies heavy on that patient organ. They taste their dinner for hours after it is bolted. They cultivate the use of stimulants to aid digestion. If they are intelligent they read upon food and what the physiologist has to say about it—how long it takes cabbage and pork and beef and potatoes, and other meats and esculents to go through the process of assimilation. They roar at new bread, hot cakes and fried meat, imagining these to have been the cause of their maladies. But the ice water goes down all the same, and finally friends are called in to take a farewell look at one whom mysterious Providence has called to a climate where, as far as is known, ice water is not used. The number of immortal beings who go hence, to return no more, on account of ice water, can hardly be estimated.—*Baltimore Sun*."

### An American Girl in Paris.

An American girl in Paris writes: "We went to the Madeleine to church this morning. It is not much like church, especially when one stops to buy things on the way home. The French all do their shopping on Sunday, but they are very particular not to miss mass in the morning. The music at the Madeleine was very fine, but the ceremony was rather ridiculous. "Soon after we came to the pension, they announced a soiree for Sunday evening. The English girls rebelled at first, but at last were prevailed upon to go, and they danced until 12 o'clock at night. This is not the worst of it. Soon afterward the most prudish of the English girls were seen going to hear Sarah Bernhardt play on Sunday evening. "We are in the queerest of hotels now. We have no *femme de chambre*, but instead an old man does all the chamber work. He is called *'garcon'* in French, and B—and I call him 'the old boy' in plain English. "I shall never believe that the French are hypocritical. I have found them very kind, good-hearted and frank. Of course French girls are very different in their feeling from Americans or English. The Americans are a sort of cross between the English and French—better than the English and a little better than the French."

### Water as a Fuel.

A proposition has been made by the State of New York to preserve Niagara Falls and create a park around it. Gov. Seymour, we believe is the chairman of the commission charged with examining into the matter. Their notion is to relieve the surroundings of traces of civilization—to tear down the buildings on Goat Island, and along the banks, and to restore the Falls to their primeval appearance. The present open spaces are to be planted in forest trees, and the whole scenery is to have the cast of wild nature. We like the idea. Niagara Falls presents one of the most sublime views which can be found in the world, and all who have ever visited it will doubtless be pleased to understand that it is to be preserved in its natural grandeur. The Virginia Midland Road was sold to its bondholders on Thursday last for \$4,500,000, just \$4,000,000 less than the amount of the bonded debt.

### A Smart Boy.

A Brownsville young man called on his intended the other evening, and while waiting for her to make an appearance, he struck up a conversation with his intended brother-in-law.

After a while the boy asked: "Does galvanized niggers know much?" "I really can't say," answered the amused young man; and silence reigned for a few moments, when the boy resumed: "Kin you play checkers with your nose?"

"No, I have not acquired that accomplishment." "Well, you'd better learn. You hear me?" "Why?"

"Cause, sis says you don't know as much as a galvanized nigger, but your dad has got lots of stamps, and she'll marry you anyway—and she said when she got ahold of the old man's sugar, she was going to all the Fourth of July perchesums and ice cream gum sucks, and let you stay at home to play checkers with that holly-hock nose of yourn."

And when "sis" got her hair banged and came in, she found the parlor deserted by all save her brother, who was innocently tying the tails of two kittens together.

Never before in the United States has a single murder been avenged so terribly by the law as that of Joseph Rabe, who was drowned eighteen months ago by some men who wished realize the value of his life insurance to policies. Six months ago two of the alleged conspirators were hanged, and on Thursday three others suffered the same penalty.

An odd little suit was decided in New York last week. A young man sued the coopers to whom he was apprenticed for not teaching him all the branches of the cooper's trade, as provided for in the articles of indenture. He claims that he was only taught "loose cooping," and not "tight cooping." He got a verdict.

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