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PURPOSE. Like the shifting sand beside the sea, That backward drifts to every sea-wind's sway...

THE CONSTABLES STORY.

Constable John Frick. That's me. A matter rough to look at, but sound inside. Lots of folks affect to sneer at a constable...

Remember I thought they were miserable places for God's creatures to live in, and awful weather to put a family out...

All the same Constable John Frick felt mean and uncomfortable. To save his neck he couldn't account for it...

It was an awful sickle, the sick baby, nor the drunken wretch of a husband. To tell the plain truth, he and his good wife had talked the matter over...

frequently. You see, she was a mother, and had a mother's big tender heart...

When the writ of expulsion was put into my hands, and the landlord said he wouldn't give another day, I felt meaner...

It was a business that paid exceptionally high wages, and that used to have fallen into habits of intoxication...

My new landlord told me they were ready to move, and would be surely gone that day. He was not half satisfied...

I wouldn't listen to what she had proposed, by no manner of means. As good as my word, I had \$10 in my pocket...

Then I grabbed him and yanked him backwards with a pretty rough jerk, but he wouldn't come away from me...

It was a woman like too. You get a team and move this stuff levelly, as I let him crawl up off the floor...

THE EFFICACY OF CHARMS.

AN AGREEABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR NAUSEATING MEDICINE. Strange Superstitions of English...

A letter from English Settlement, Penn., to the New York Times says: Years ago a number of emigrants from Devonshire...

When I stood up to leave, after enjoying a real pleasant chat, and promising to call again, Sevholm clasped my hand...

Desperate Fight With an Elk. A few weeks ago Jack Gaylord was on a hunt in the Wind River mountains...

But the hounds were not to be shaken off, and at the end of two hours' run the elk found himself at the foot of the peak...

The Story of the Telephone. In 1873 Dr. Bell had a private school for deaf mutes in Boston. Among his pupils was Howard Gibson, who is well known in literary circles...

Artificial eggs—both the yolk and white made of Indian corn flour, and inclosed in a paper of paraffin shell—was found to find a ready sale.

A CURIOUS LITTLE HARP.

UPON WHICH EXPERTS CAN PRODUCE ANY MELODY. A Chat With a Jew-harp Maker—Long Experience Required to Make a True Instrument.

Drinks for the Yuletide. Tea, coffee and cocoa are three desirable drinks, but none in excess. For the voice cocoa is the most beneficial...

Fortunes in Stone and Bronze. Washington City has a great deal of money invested in statuary, and some of it may be looked upon as a mighty good investment...

The Little Kingdom of Wales, early united to her more powerful neighbor of England, has a distinctive badge drawn from the vegetable world.

An Active Man. "Greatest man to jump into a town and get acquainted with folks I ever saw, Jap Johnson was," said a traveling man...

The Chinese Drama. The history of the regular drama in China has been divided into three periods, corresponding respectively with the pieces composed under the Tang dynasty...

Drugs are sold from \$5 to \$15 per month from each moderately large family in New York city.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Dr. B. W. Richardson finds that the cat resists suffocation three times as long as the dog on the average...

English physicians have expressed the opinion that the use of dynamite tends to produce apoplexy, several soldiers having fallen victims to the malady in one district.

Fort Lewis, in La Plata county, is said to be the highest military post in the world, being 8,500 feet above sea level.

Centipedes, such as abound in New Mexico, keep their attacks at night. They are armed with about 300 little lances...

Why is a drum-drummer's nose red? It is answered by Dr. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., who says that the drum-drummer's heart beats about thirteen times...

General Dodge, besides being a railroad builder, he had no tools to work with but those of the pliers, axes, pickaxe and shovel...

Webster and Jenny Lind. "Webster was a very convivial man, fond of pleasure and social amenities. On one occasion he was at a supper, at Brown's hotel, and the wine being good, he imbibed a great deal of it...

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