A DROP OF WATER.

It Has a History That Is Full of the Wonders of Romance.

Water that is now in the ocean and in the river has been many times in the sky. The history of a single drop taken out of a glass of water is really a romantic one. No traveler has ever accomplished such distances in his life. That particle may have reflected the palm trees of coral islands, and may have caught the sun ray in the arch that spans a cloud clearing away from the valleys of Cumberland or California.

It may have been carried by the gulf stream from the shore of Florida or of Cuba to be turned into a crystal of ice beside the precipices of Spitzenbergen. It may have hovered over the streets of London and have formed a part of a murky fog and have glistened on the young grass blade in April in Irish fields. It has been lifted up in heaven and sailed in great wool pack clouds across the sky, forming part of the cloud mountain echoing with thunder. It has hung in fleecy veil many miles above the earth at the close of long seasons of still weather. It has descended many times over in showers to refresh the earth and has sparkled and bubbled in mossy fountains in every country in Europe.

And it has returned to its native skies, having accomplished its purpose, to be stored once again with electricity to give it new life producing qualities and equip it as heaven's messenger to earth once more.

A SAVING GRACE.

Lavish living means a grubbing old age.

Prosperity is pushed by putaway pennies.

Every penny saved is one less pang of foreboding.

Improvidence in trifles has never swelled a bank account.

Her savings are the savings of many a business girl.

Each time the spending microbe is successfully fought "salt down" the equivalent.

Too many women who work find it easier to get than to keep.

The worker fares better when she learns the difference between economy and stinginess.

The fear of being called mean has many a time paved the path to the poorhouse.

A bank account is a nerve tonic hard to beat for the girl who must face the future.

Arithmetic for the fortune founder: Give the ratio of the squandered dime to the saved dollar.

Most of the money in the world goes for eating and dressing. A pointer for the woman who would begin to save.

Generosity, like charity, should have a home start. It is neither generous nor thrifty to spend lavishly on others at the cost of public dependence on others in later years.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

When she was introduced to him she called him "Mister Dickerman."

After she was well acquainted with him "Charles" was the usual term.

When they became engaged she addressed him as "Charlie."

As the engagement progressed he became "dear."

Just before the wedding she called him "dearest."

During the honeymoon she callgd him "darling."

To her friends she alluded to him as "Mr. Dickerman."

One year after marriage she called him, "Say you!" while in speaking of him he was "That husband of mine."

If a cough once gets into your system it acts on every muscle and fiber of the body and makes you ache all over. It especially affects the intestines and makes you constipated, so in order to get rid of a cold thoroughly and without delay you should not take anything that will tend to constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—It is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children.
Sold by W. M. Cohen, Weldon, N. C.

If a cook has a good temper it's a sign that she isn't a good cook.

It depends upon the pill you take. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known for constipation and sick headache.
Sold by W. M. Cohen, Weldon, N. C.

Some people make room at the top by pushing others off.

When you want the best, get DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve. It is good for little or big cuts, boils or bruises and is especially recommended for piles
Sold by W. M. Cohen, Weldon, N. C.

Good fortune comes to her who takes care of her.

Do you have backache occasionally, or "stitches" in the side, and sometimes do you feel all tired out, without ambition and without energy? If so, your kidneys are out of order. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They promptly relieve backache, weak back, inflammation of the bladder and weak kidneys.
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A STRENUOUS RULER.

Daring, Coolness and Bravery of James IV. of Scotland.

One of the interesting characters of history is James IV., king of Scotland from 1473 to 1513. He was athletic, courageous and fond of adventure. In putting down insurrections and improving the criminal administration of the country he was foremost in the ranks and did not shirk a hand to hand contest. He married a daughter of Henry VII. of England and made a treaty which secured peace between the two countries. He labored to build up a navy and develop commerce and showed skillful diplomacy in dealing with other nations. He was killed in battle at Flodden, where his army was disastrously defeated by Henry VIII.

Those were strenuous times, when it was necessary for a king to be a fighter and to inspire his obstreperous subjects with some degree of terror. King James used often to go about the country in different disguises, not only because he loved adventure, but because he could thus secure information on the state of the nation at first hand.

It is related of the vigorous Scottish king that once when wandering through the hills during the night he was overtaken by a violent storm and was obliged to take shelter in a cottage near Wemyss, which is one of the most remarkable assemblages of caverns. Having advanced some way in the king discovered a number of men and women ready to begin to roast a sheep for supper. From their appearance he suspected that he had fallen into evil company, but as it was too late he asked hospitality from them till the tempest was over. They granted it and invited the king, who was unknown to them, to sit down and join them at supper. They were a notorious band of robbers and cutthroats, and this fact soon dawned upon James.

As soon as they had finished their supper one of them presented a plate on which two daggers were laid in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, telling the king that this was the dessert they always served to strangers, that he must choose one of the daggers and fight him whom the company selected as his antagonist. The king realizing that he was to be murdered instantly seized both daggers, one in each hand, and plunged them into the hearts of the two robbers nearest to him. He then dashed out of the cave and made his escape, returning as soon as possible with a body of soldiers, by whom the whole band was arrested and publicly hanged.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

A BRAHMS ANECDOTE.

The Man Who Spoiled an Evening For the Great Composer.

Among the Brahms anecdotes which are popular in Germany this one was contributed by Frau Luise Dohl. Brahms liked Baden Baden and took as much pleasure in a winter visit to the place as in the crowded summer time. The residents knew this when they invited him in 1870 to come and direct some of his works. After the concert the friends of the master assembled at Goldenen Kranz by invitation of the oberbergermeister ganner to "drink a glass of wine." The session lasted long, but gradually the company grew smaller. Presently they had all gone except Brahms and Coroelius Rubner. After awhile even Brahms suggested home, and his young companion eagerly agreed to adjourn the session. On the way home Brahms asked his companion, whose name he had not heard, "By the way, do you know this young director Rubner?"

"Are you interested in him?" he asked by way of answer.

"Certainly. Adolf Jensen thinks he is not only great, but genial. Don't you know him?"

"I know him very well. He is an arrogant, conceited fellow, who can do nothing and knows nothing."

The pleasure of the evening was spoiled by this harsh opinion as to a man whom Brahms had made up his mind to like. The next morning he attended, with some others, a breakfast at Jensen's, where he told the story. He had hardly finished when the door opened and Rubner walked in.

"That's the man who slandered your friend," said Brahms, and when everybody laughed he suspected what was told to him as soon as the first man recovered.

Using the Fire Buckets.

In many business offices fire buckets are placed, filled with water, in readiness for an emergency. It is seldom, says the Scientific American, that instructions for use are printed near the supply. The wrong way to tackle an incipient fire is usually to hurl the whole contents of a bucket on the spot. Most of the water is wasted by this means. A heavy sprinkling is more effective. The water may be splashed on the blaze by hand, but a more useful sprinkler is a long haired whitewash brush. One of these should hang beside every nest of fire buckets.

A Doubtful Assertion.

Browne—They say that drowning men catch at straws.

Towne—Yes, but I doubt it. I've seen a number of men drown, and those of them who had any preference at all seemed to favor of a plank. In fact, I do not now recall ever having been asked for a straw by a gentleman who was drowning.—New York Journal.

Extravagant.

Kind Lady—If I give you this penny what will you do with it? Beggar—Hire a motor cab and show me friend Rigby the town, ma'am.—Illustrated Bits.

Conceit may puff a man up, but never props him up.—Ruskin.

Wise Counsel from the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blanchership of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at any drug store. Price 50c.

Every belle should ring true.

A girl wouldn't mind being thin if she could pick out the spots to be.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at first signs of trouble—which are belching of gas, nausea, sour stomach, headache, irritability and nervousness. These are warnings that the stomach has been mistreated; it is doing too much work and it is demanding help from you. Take something once in a while; especially after meals; something like Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly
Sold by W. M. Cohen, Weldon, N. C.

PLEASANT PROSPECT.

A young fellow in Pittsburg intended to ask her father's consent the other evening but changed his mind. He has decided to wait till the old gentleman is disabled from a fall on the ice or till something equally propitious turns up. It happened in this way:

When he reached the house, the girl met him at the door, pearly tears stealing down her fair cheeks.

"Oh, George," she whispered, "I am so glad you have come. Please go into the library and see if you can calm father; he is so excited and is raging about, knocking over the furniture and breaking things."

"Certainly," George said briskly. "What is the matter with the old gentleman?"

"I'm sure I don't know," she said. "He was all right, and I just began to tell him that you wanted to marry me."

HIS CHANCE.

He—You don't realize how I love you. I could die kissing you!

She—Well, perhaps if you come round to morrow, when father's here you can gratify your ambition.

Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion is a combination of natural digestants with vegetable acids and contains the entire nourishment of a healthy stomach. Take Kodol to aid digestion, prevent and cure sour stomach.
Sold by W. M. Cohen, Weldon, N. C.

The disgrace of dying rich is nothing like as much as the abuse for living so.

Cured of Lung Trouble

"For more than six years I suffered from a severe cough, which I could not leave or escape from, even in addition," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Anthony, Kan. "I had lost down in weight to ten pounds, the cough was constant, both day and night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's Discovery and most much this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Verify yours at any drug store. 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

You can propose to a girl without ever knowing you did it till she tells her friends.

How to Cure Chilblains.

To cure inveterate chilblains some John Kung, of Gumbel, Germany, applies a mixture of tincture of iodine, with excellent results. Chilblains in the toes, which often above pain, have yielded to the same treatment. Chilblains are also cured by applying a drop of any drying oil.

A derrick will not help a man out when he falls in love.

The Right Name.

Mr. Angus Sherman, the painter, was in the store of Fred Muhlenberg, Jr., when a friend came in and said to him, says the Philadelphia Ledger: "Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is a great medicine, I see. I've read about it in the papers." "Swamp-Root?" said Mr. Muhlenberg, pleasantly. "Why, that's the name of a man who has been hanging around my place for a month!" "Nonsense!" said Mr. Sherman, indignantly. "Why, I know a number of people who have taken it and they say it is the best medicine they ever took." "Well, I don't care what it is," said Mr. Muhlenberg, "I don't like the name of it, anyhow." Mr. Sherman, who is a very outspoken man, gave Mr. Muhlenberg a piece of his mind. Mr. Muhlenberg, who is a very good-natured man, laughed and said he would try a bottle of the medicine. He did so, and was so much better that he kept on taking it. Now he says he is glad he did. He says he feels like a new man. He says he sleeps well, his appetite is good, his nerves are steady, and he feels like a man who has not a care in the world. He says he is glad he took Swamp-Root, and he is glad he took it because it has cured him. He says he is glad he took it because it has cured him. He says he is glad he took it because it has cured him. He says