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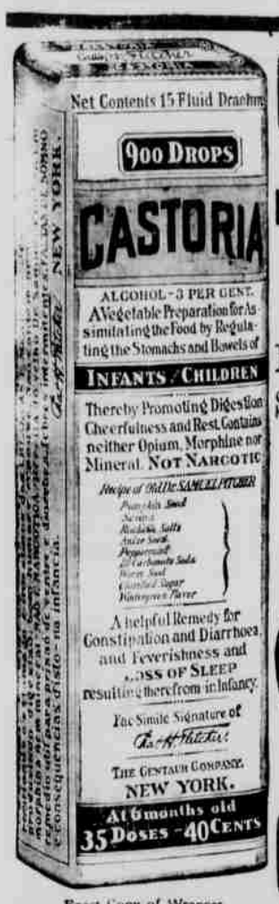

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OF EVERY RACE AND TONGUE.

All Peaples of the Earth Represented in the Millions Seeking Homes in This Country.

Armies equal in size to the one we sent to France land every two years on our shores, and at the present time millions are said to be waiting to enter. Since 1900 more than thirteen million immigrants have entered this country, and approximately one-third of our present population of more than one hundred millins are immigrants or the children of immigrants. Two-thirds of the population of New York state and three-fourths of that of our great cities are foreign born or the children of foreign-born parents. From a fourth to a half of the population of the large cities of the South are negroes. Already we are the most heterogeneous people on earth; here are found representatives of every race and tongue and culture in the world, and still they continue to come in enormous numbers. It is doubtful whether any other migration in the history of mankind compares in magnitude with that which has been converging on America during the past twenty years. The sources and magnitude of this migration are indicated by the following general summary: Of more than thirty million persons in this country who are foreign born or the children of foreign-born parents there are from eight to nine million Germans, four to five million Irish, about three millions from Great Britain, about three million Slavs, from two to three million Scandinavians, more than two million Italians and about two million Hebrews, while all other races and nations constitute about five millions.

PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS.

Captain Recognized Prospective Marine Engineer as a Man After His Own Heart.

They are so close in some parts of Scotland that the lakes can't get enough water, and have to go dry.

A visitor tells the story of a Scotchman, a prospective marine engineer, who was being examined by the captain.

The skipper asked a number of difficult questions in order to confess the applicant, but the latter was always ready with an answer.

Finally, in a tone of deepest concern, the captain asked:

"Now, suppose the water in your injector was working properly, your boiler check was not stuck, or your pipes clogged, but you were not getting any water in your boilers, what would you do?"

The engineer looked puzzled for a moment, unable fully to grasp the situation; then, with a knowing smile on his face, he answered:

"I'd go up on deck and see whether there was any water in the lake."

"You'll do," said the captain.

IT'S FICKLE AS A WOMAN.

How can we expect the forecast officials to tell what the weather will do when the weather itself does not know?

SOUR STOMACH INDIGESTION

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FROM LANDS AFAR.

BY FRANK L. STANTON.

Love cannot ease his longing heart to say
If skies are dim or blue,
Nor waft one prayer from lips you taught to pray,
Sweetheart, to you.

I look with longing o'er the hills and plains—
I cry to the cold skies
Far dashing down their desolate white rains
Over pour dreaming eyes.

I shiver in a world of bloom, and light,
Fronting a heaven above;
Knowing the night—the dark, dividing night—
Is over one I love.

And Oh! the sorrow and the wild unrest—
Bitter, and dark, and deep!
I could not lay one flower on your dear breast
If God should whisper, "Sleep!"

Yet till the last sad shadow veils the sun—
To all eternity,
Dream still; and in your dreams may there be one
Beautiful dream of me!

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ENCOURAGEMENT.

BY PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR.

Who dat knockin' at de do?
Why, Ike Johnson—yes, fu' sho!
Come in, Ike. I'se mighty glad
You come down. I thought you's mad
At me 'bout de othah night,
An' was stayin' 'way fu' spite.
Say, now, was you mad fu' true
When I kin' o' laughed at you?
Speak up, Ike, an' 'spress yo'se'f.

'Tain't no use a-lookin' sad,
An' a-mekin' out you's mad;
Ef you's gwine to be so gum,
Wondah why you evah come.
I don't lak nobidy 'roun'
Dat jes shet dey mouf an' frown,
Oh, now, man, don't act a dunce!
Cain't you talk? I tol' you once,
Speak up, Ike, an' 'spress yo'sef.

Wha'd you come hyeah fu' to-nite?
Bidy'd think yo' haid ain't right.
I's done all dat I kin do,—
Dressed pertucler, jes fu' you;
Reckon I'd 'a' bettah wo'
My ol' ragged calico.
Aftah all de pains I's took,
Cain't you tell me how I look?
Speak up, Ike, an' 'spress yo'sef.

Bless my soul! I 'mos' fu'got
Tellin' you 'bout Tildy Scott.
Don' you know, come Thus'day night,
She gwine ma'y Lucius White?
Miss Lize say I allus wuh
Heap sight laklier 'n huh;
An' she'll git me somep'n' new,
Ef I wants to ma'y too.
Speak up, Ike, an' 'spress yo'self.

I could ma'y in a week,
Ef de man I wants 'ud speak.
Tildy's presents 'll be fine,
But dey wouldn't ekal mine.
Him what gits me fu' a wife
'Ll be proud, you bet yo' life.
I's had offers; some 'ain't quit;
But I hasn't ma'ied yit!
Speak up, Ike, an' 'spress yo'self.

Ike, I loves you,—yes, I does;
You's my choice, and allus was.
Laughin' at you ain't no harm,—
Go 'way, darky, whah's yo' arm?
Hug me closer—dah, dat's right!
Wasn't you a awful sight,
Havin' me to braig you so?
Now ax what you want to know,
Speak up, Ike, an' 'spress yo'self!

THUS SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN.

As Philosophers Have Said, Devious Are the Ways to the Heart of a Maid.

Lo! there was once an artistic maiden who did things cleverly and wore bobbed hair and smocks. Her art was really very bad, nor the maiden unaware of it. She had three suitors and she was sore perplexed until one day suitor No. 1 said, "I shall be frank. Your art is very bad, but I love you." She dismissed him.

Suitor No 2 said. "Your art is very good."

The maiden said to him, "Prithee, sir, do you not agree with me that in places it is a bit—er—crude?"

He answered the maiden. "Now that you speak of it. I agree with you that in places it is a bit—er—crude." And she cast him forth from her father's threshold.

Suitor No. 3 spoke unto the maiden in this wise: "Your art is perfect. It delights my soul. It is true art, without flaw. I love you."

The maiden knew in her heart that her lover lied and she straightway married him.

JUBILANT JUBILEE.

"Some years ago," says an American who used to live in London, "before Queen Victoria's death and about the time the queen's jubilee was celebrated, there was overheard this conversation between two old Scotchwomen on a street corner:

"'Can ye tell me, wumman, what is it they call a jubilee?'

"'Weel, it's this,' said the other. 'When folks has been married twenty-five years, that's a silver wuddin'; and when they have been married fifty years that's a golden wuddin'. But if the mon's dead then it's a jubilee.'"

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THE HOWLING DOG.

Are you superstitious? asked Topley of his neighbor.

Well, I don't know, replied Winton. Give me a case to deal with.

Suppose a dog stood howling on your doorstep at midnight, explained Topley, would you regard it as a sure sign of death?

A grim look shone in the other man's eyes. Yes, I should—if the dog stayed long enough.

QUITE SO.

"The Browns named their baby after Julius Caesar.'

"Why, the crazy idea! What did they do that for?"

"Because he was born too late for them to name him before him."

WHAT SHE HAD HEARD.

Mother—Now, Lucy give untie nice hand—and then what do you say when auntie is going home?

Little Lucy (shy and embarrassed)—At last!

ARTISTIC IMPROVEMENT.

Do you think it's wrong for a woman to paint her face?

Not always, replied Miss Cayenne. Sometimes it's a kindness.

RARE SPECIES.

Pa, what is a good talker?

A man who can talk and make you actually want to listen to him.

PROPERLY QUALIFIED.

The generous who is always just, and the just who is always generous, may, unannounced, approach the throne of heaven.

A young wife remonstrated with her husband, a dissipated spendthrift, for his conduct. Love, said he, I am like the prodigal son; I shall reform by and by. I will be like the prodigal son, too, she replied, for I will arise and go to my father.

It is sweet to suffer when we suffer for those we love.

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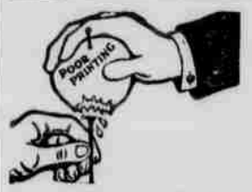

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