NO MAN IS STRONGER THAN HIS STOMACH.

The stomach is the vital center of the body. It is the organ from which all other organs are fed. A weak stomach means a weak man. There never was a strong man with a weak stomach. What is called "weak stomach" is in general a diseased condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, which prevents the proper digestion of the food which is taken into the stomach, and so reduces the nutrition of the body. When all food is taken away the body starves. When the food eaten is only digested and assimilated in part it only nourishes the body in part, and so the body is partly starved. And this starvation is felt in every organ of the body dependent on the blood which is made from food.

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IF YOU COULD KNOW.

If you could know the half of all I
yearn to be to you, Dear Heart?
Each day that dawns I struggle to be
strong and do my part;
Yet when at last night comes softly
down, I humbly pray—
Lord, grant me still to prove my tender love, just one more day.

Just one more day to strive to rise
above small troubles, petty care,
That my cramped soul may break its
earth fogged bonds, at last to
dare
To face the future and to gladly live
with courage new,
Loyal and cheerful facing toward the
light for truth and you.

And yet I feel in spite of all the
heights which I can never scale,
In spite of all the many tests in which
I daily fail,
That my deep love, more deep and
pure and strong than I can ever
show,
You somehow, through my failures,
doubts and fears, will come to
know.

The dreary clouds can't hide the sun
for aye, it glimmers through;
The sweet, wet violet, struggling
through dead leaves, still shows
its blue.
And so I trust, though oft I strike
love's chord with clumsy hand,
You feel the melody I tried to play,
and understand.

—*Cosmopolitan.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Perfection is to be attained by slow degrees; she requires the hand of time.—*Voltaire.*

— The secret of success is to do all you can without thought, thought, of fame.—*Joseph Addison.*

— Live in Christ, and you are in the suburbs of heaven. There is but a thin wall between you and the land of praises.

— Doubtless there are times when controversy becomes a necessary evil. But let us remember that it is evil.—*Stanley.*

— We know God that we may serve him, and we serve him that we may receive immortality as the reward of our labor.—*J. J. Williams.*

— The greatness of God is the true rebuke to the littleness of men. The greatness of Christ is the true rebuke to the littleness of Christians.—*Stanley.*

— In all matters of eternal truth, the soul is before the intellect; the things of God are spiritually discerned. You know the truth by being true; you recognize God by being like him.

— The consecrated soul can bid defiance to the opposing forces of life. Nothing is nobler than to see such a one as firm as the everlasting hills, when around them on all sides surge the waves of opposition.

— If a clock goes wrong we must change or regulate the works within. If the water is impure, painting the pump will not remedy the evil. The well, the fountain itself, must be cleansed.

Tit For Tat.

The diners at a popular New York restaurant are said to have had the privilege of witnessing an amusing little incident one evening not long ago.

An Anglicized young man seated himself at a table at which there was only one other person, a writer well known throughout the country, but evidently a stranger to the newcomer.

The writer is a man whose dress is always fastidiously neat, but by no means fashionable in cut or expensive in material. When the young man took his seat, the writer glanced up at him and, seeing that it was no one whom he knew, returned to his study of the bill of fare.

The young man languidly placed his monocle in his eye, and, screwing up his face to keep the glass in position, treated the other guest at the table to a prolonged stare.

The stare ended abruptly, however, for suddenly the writer looked up. Quick as thought he seized an empty tumbler and, applying it to his right eye, stared gravely through its bottom at his vis-a-vis.

The monocle was dropped in a very few seconds, and then the tumbler was replaced on the table. But the young Anglomaniac's face was crimson, while that of the writer remained grave and unmoved, and through the dining room rustled the sound of something that suggested repressed merriment.

Adjustable Authors.

The most cheerful author—Samuel Smiles.
The noisiest—Howells.
The tallest—Longfellow.
The most flowery—Hawthorne.
The holiest—Pope.
The happiest—Gay.
The most amusing—Thomas Tickell.
The most fiery—Burns.
The most talkative—Chatterton.
The most distressed—Akenside.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The President has appointed George W. Cobb, of North Carolina, collector of customs for the district of Albemarle N. C,

THE CLUBS AND LOVE

CHICAGO CLUBWOMEN DENY CHARGE MADE BY HALLIE RIVES.

Keep Affection For Husbands While Picking Up Intellectuality Along the Way—Miss Rives Mistakes Sentimentality For Love.

Chicago clubwomen vehemently refute the assertion of Hallie Erminie Rives, the novelist, that Chicago women's interest in club life is destroying their domestic love and filling the divorce courts. In answer to her charge the women want to know what Miss Rives knows about love. Dr. Julia Holmes Smith says Miss Rives' views are "the expressions of immaturity" and questions the authoress' right to pass upon the emotional side of clubwomen. Moreover, Chicago women say the demands of club life prevent "idle marriages." "As for real love," says Mrs. Caroline K. Sherman, "no influence on earth can swerve it."

Expressions from Miss Rives which received the heartiest denunciation from the women were based on her exclamation, "Imagine the sensations of a Chicago clubwoman who happens to be kissed!"

"I don't think Miss Rives knows what she is talking about. Most clubwomen of Chicago are already married, and as love and kissing are essential to marriage she is evidently on the wrong tack," said Dr. Frances Dickinson, head of the Harvey Medical college. "I was in club life from 1886 to 1894, and in all that time no one ever asked me to indorse her application who was not already a married woman, and I don't know of a divorce among clubwomen of Chicago.

"If the statement be true that woman insists upon surpassing man and leading him, whose is the fault? Doesn't he tell her when he proposes that he will be her slave? Doesn't he say he is willing to devote his whole life to her happiness? If he is not in earnest, what is woman to believe, and what is she to do about it? That is the time of all others a woman expects a man to be truthful, earnest and honest. It is the man's fault if the woman is not contented. He should not make such promises if he does not expect his life companion to hold him to them. Show me the women's club that is a retreat for divorced women. If it were not for the women's clubs, the probabilities are that many women wouldn't have the cultivated wit to withstand some of the unexpected occurrences of married life so as to make it even tolerable."

Dr. Julia Holmes Smith had the following to say: "The young woman must be extremely young to talk in this way. I think it is the expression of immaturity. It seems to me, in the first place, the young person knows very little of life, less about women and nothing at all about men. An estimate given by a tyro of any institution is necessarily brimful of ignorance, and certainly in this case of some conceit, because the young person sits in judgment, not upon her peers, but upon those who have had long experience of life, for the clubwoman of Chicago, as of other cities, is no immature girl, but in 99 cases out of 100 is a woman rich in experience of life in all its phases—the experience which goes to make up a perfect woman, that of sweetheart, wife and mother. In my judgment the number of divorced women would be found to be much fewer among clubwomen than among those whose ideals of life are bounded by desire for charming environment, extravagant living and sentimental devotion.

"It is an impertinence to assume that Chicago clubwomen are so intelligent they are beyond love, and also a grave insult to a pure woman that she goes through a cataclysm of love in her teens and before she has reached the age of 20 experiences of the heart that men do not know until they are much older. My experience with young women goes to show that before 20 their experience is with books and with music. While they may be good chums with the boys, genuine passion is the exception. That women's clubs are the means of eliminating love from the feminine temperament is absolutely unworthy of discussion. I would like to see this young woman when she has really grown up and attained the measure of the perfect woman, nobly planned, 'to warn, to comfort and command,' and not to analyze her sensations when being kissed."

Mrs. Lucy Flower, former member of the board of education, said: "You don't hear of as many scandals as you used to. Women's clubs have helped to prevent them. The right sort of a club is making the woman broader. This talk of the club alienating the woman's affections from her husband is all tommyrot. Modern conveniences give the woman more time than she used to have. It is not indolence that makes her idle. When I was young, we used to have to make our own yeast, soap and bluing. A woman would be a fool to spend her time doing these things now. I believe clubs increase marriages. They prevent some loveless marriages perhaps. If a woman had nothing to do, she might be tempted to marry to provide herself with occupation."

"Before the women's clubs came into existence the tendency of women was to be more spiritual and emotional than intellectual," said Mrs. Caroline K. Sherman, member of the board of education. "The mission of club life should be to equalize these qualities. Perhaps the effort of some clubwomen to change their social life all at once has caused them to appear more masculine than they should be. When the clubs induce women to become less womanly than they were, then they are a dangerous institution. It is nonsense to say that the interests of club life are likely to deprive women of the power of loving. Love is a quality which no influence can swerve."

Miss Margaret A. Haley, actuary of the Teachers' Federation, said: "What's good for the gander is good for the goose. If clubs are good for men, they are also good for women. As far as the effect of clubs on love is concerned, it is my belief that women have too much sentiment already. Love does not do any harm in the world, but sentiment does, and if the woman's club results in extricating soft heartedness from women it is doing a good thing. Clubs have a wholesome effect, but no woman should belong to more than seven clubs."

Miss Catherine Goggin, president of the Teachers' Federation, said: "The mistake of most people is that they think sentimentality is love. Many times women marry on sentimentality instead of love. If the clubs can teach women what is right, they will be doing a good thing. It's a good thing, too, that all women do not get married. There aren't enough good men to go around."—Chicago News.

being made from the sinews in the neck of a giraffe. It is stiff, inelastic, with a great tendency to "kink" and tangle itself up with anything near it. Before being used it is steeped in hot water until it is quite soft and is then beaten between two smooth stones, which causes it to separate into filaments, which can thus be obtained of any strength and thickness. Thus the seamstress has a considerable amount of labor before she commences with the real work in hand.

Finally she squats on the ground (for no native stands to work or do anything else who can possibly help it), and, taking her needle, bores two holes in the edges of the rug or garment on which she is working. The thread is then pushed through with the butt of the needle, drawn tight, and two more holes are made with a like result, the skewer progressing very slowly compared with the English needlewoman, but fast enough for a country where time is of no value whatever.

The skin upon which the seamstress is working is dampened with water before she commences, and as the damp thread and hide dry out it brings the work very closely together. This is carefully attended to, and the work is not allowed to get dry until finished, when the seamstress lays it flat upon the ground, pulling it this way and that and mixing and arranging the hair for several hours, until, the skin being generally dry, it is impossible to find the joint or hem with the naked eye.—Stray Stories.

Food of the Right Kind.

The food that a child consumes has to provide for more than a continuance of its existence. It has to build up a structure that grows with every day of life and also to prepare a reserve of force for the future. A large proportion of the ill health that women especially suffer from in later years is due to inappropriate and insufficient feeding in early life. This does not necessarily imply that they have suffered from lack of food, but from want of the kind required to nourish and supply their particular constitution. There is such a thing as starving in the midst of plenty, an indirect and systematic starvation.

This is particularly true with regard to our school children. Breakfast for them comes before they have fully shaken off sleep. It is hurried through under a perpetual fear of losing a train or of being late. And the dinner hour comes after a very long fast, perhaps even after another journey. In between biscuits and cake have been consumed to still the cravings of hunger, and when at last the time for a substantial and savory meal has arrived the appetite for it is wanting, and the digestive powers are too exhausted to give the necessary amount of attention to their work. In spite of physical training and culture it is impossible that under such conditions we can turn out robust men and women.

Basque Funeral Customs.

Among the Basques funeral festivities were kept up not only after the funeral, but also for eight days more, and on New Year's day, when they were repeated. In their case this was a purely religious ceremonial observance, even if it originated in pagan days. For religion has entered into and still pervades the funeral rites of the Basques to a degree now hardly conceivable. The deceased who was the head of the family, probably belonging to the third religious order, was usually buried in the appropriate dress of the order. The funeral was presided over by the serore, who was a sort of nun. This probably, as O'Shea says, came down from the time when women held high ecclesiastical positions among the Basques.

The very feasts were relics of days when an offering of meat, bread and wine was wont to be taken into the church or churchyard not only at the funeral, but every day for two years afterward, for the supposed benefit of the deceased, but really for that of the clergy.

Up to 1766 in Guipuzcoa on the occasion of a funeral an ox was tied to the church door and then killed and subsequently eaten, a survival, of course, of pagan sacrifices in primitive times. In whatever way the habit of taking the deceased to the church on an open bier arose, there can be no question that the fire lighted at the nearest crossroads and the obligatory pater and l'intention du defunt are of deeply religious origin and both in deed and in truth appeal to each neighbor to pray for the soul of a departed brother.—Gentleman's Magazine.

No Interference.

Burglar (suddenly confronted by a policeman)—Hello, here's a cop!

Policeman—Don't let me interfere. I'm not on duty tonight. Just dropped in to see the cook.—Boston Transcript.

Wisdom without honesty is mere craft and cozenage, and therefore the reputation of honesty must be got, which cannot be but by living well. A good life is a main argument.

SUFFERINGS AT SEA.

The Crew of the Brig L. F. Munson Undergo a Terrible Ordeal—Almost Too Horrible to Put in Words.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

TAMPA, FLA., July 13.—Captain C. F. Watts, of the ill-fated brig L. F. Munson, Mobile to Sagua LeGrande, is in the city en route to Mobile. He himself is a physical wreck and tells a most thrilling story of the wrecking of his vessel. The suffering of Captain Watts and his men is something which is almost too horrible to be put into words. Wrecked upon a little raft, without food or water, under a blistering sun for three days, followed by huge, gloating sharks, seeing vessels pass within hailing distance and then fade into distance, was almost too much for human to stand. He says:

"The men, beaten and battered by the wreckage, lay more dead than alive upon the raft, and many of them with wounds which had begun to mortify when they were rescued.

"Sunday, while about two hundred miles west of Tortugas, the vessel was literally battered to pieces in a storm. Almost in an instant all on board realized that the vessel was sinking. The life boat had been made ready, and provisioned for several days. All hands rushed to lower it, and in their haste the boat was overturned and rendered useless to them. They but had time to climb upon the afterhouse when the vessel sank and left them twisting in the eddy of the water where the vessel had been.

"For three days, the crew, lashed to the top of the after house, were upon the tossing waters of the gulf, the improvised raft upon which they sat being covered a foot or more with water, and keeping that depth all the time. Thus for three days their bodies were under the water. The lashing waves soon tore the clothing from the men and their naked bodies were exposed to the tropical sun.

"They saw four vessels loom into view and then disappear. When the nights came on chilling winds made the men shiver and suffer, to be followed by the blistering heat of a tropical sun the next day. With dry and parched lips and throats they suffered only such agonies as can be experienced, but not described.

"Monster sharks followed in their wake, and occasionally one more venturesome than the rest would come and place his snout against the little raft. These harbingers of death were always with the unhappy and helpless crew.

"Beaten and battered in a storm of a few days before three men were wounded. They could do nothing for themselves, and mortification set in soon and added to the horror of their situation."

Captain Watts says he does not believe his men will recover from their intolerable exposure, as when he left them at Key West they were in a horrible shape.

LYNCHING PREVENTED.

Disappointed Mob Makes Attack Upon Inoffensive Negroes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., July 13.—The mob which made a demonstration last night against the county jail, where Frank Holland and Joe Robertson, negroes, charged with an assault upon Miss Grace Davis, are confined, broke up at 3 o'clock this morning into disorderly groups which chased and assaulted dozens of negroes who had given no offence. At an early hour to-day gangs of men were still hanging about the north end of the town, talking of the Davis outrage and threatening the negroes. An attack on the jail, if made, would have been repulsed, the police say.

— Nell—You surely don't think Jenkins' wife pretty. Belle—Certainly not. Nell—But you told May Sowers she was just lovely. Belle—That was because May was an old flame of Jenkins.—*Philadelphia Record.*

STRIKE ENDED.

Employes of the Reading Iron Company Will Return to Work Monday at Higher Wages.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

READING, PA., July 13.—The strike of the 2,700 employes of the Reading Iron Company, including the tube works, the Ninth street and the Oley street mills and the sheet mill, is ended, after having lasted ten weeks, since May 6th. The men met this afternoon when the proposition of Vice President Spink was submitted to them and it was unanimously decided to accept the offer. The men cheered as the motion was passed ending the long strike and giving them higher wages. They will now return to work next week, as soon as the various departments can be put into readiness to resume operations. The resumption of work at the plants in this city will enable the Blandon and Seyfert rolling mills to resume. They were compelled to stop work shortly after the strike began, as they are dependent on the Reading Iron Works for their product.

The new scale of wages will be the same as that paid by the company in August, 1899, which was the boom period of iron prices. The men will go back to work on Monday in all departments which are able to resume. The union is not recognized, the company reserving the right to employ any man, whether union or non-union, but all of the strikers will be taken back and none will be discriminated against.

THE DROUGHT IN THE WEST.

Situation Becomes Worse Each Hour. Corn Crop Almost a Total Failure.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., July 13.—Despite local thunder storms, accompanied by slight rainfall in western Missouri last night, the drought that is burning up vegetation in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory is still unbroken. The Kansas City weather observer says:

"The atmosphere is so uniformly heated to such a great altitude that it makes precipitation almost impossible. Clouds may gather and a few drops of rain may fall, but the lower stratem of air is so hot that the rain drops would be transformed to vapor in passing through it."

There is no relief in sight and the situation becomes worse each hour. Several days ago, one-fourth of a corn crop in Kansas was hoped for. The estimate now must be still further reduced.

Prayer for rain will be offered in scores of churches in Missouri and Kansas to morrow.

The Kansas City live stock market is a victim to the sun. Many feeders are holding back in hope that the rain may succor them. Each day brings them nearer to the inevitable and commission men are flooded with letters indicating that next week is the longest they can hold out.

TWINKLINGS.

— Patience—"The man I marry must know as much as I do." Patrice—"What! No more than that, dear?"—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Just Like a Woman: Benham—"Why did that woman keep you standing at the door for half an hour? Mrs. Benham—"She said she hadn't time to come in."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— Not versed in social customs.—"They're dreadfully plebeian, aren't they?" "Fearfully! Why, the cards for our reception said 'From 8 to 12,' and they arrived before half past nine."—*Washington Star.*

—Von Blumer—"Look here, can't we get along with a less expensive church pew?" Mrs. Von Blumer—"Possibly. But I don't want to do anything to jeopardise our social position."—*Town and Covntry.*

— Defined—"Say, pop, I've got to write a composition on Hope. What is Hope, anyway?" "Hope, my boy is the joyous expectation of being able to dodge our just deserts."—*Life.*

— A Chicago Circumstance.—"I hear Mrs. Wedmore wants a divorce." "Oh, yes, she is trying to get in our best society, you know, and she's so afraid people will think she is happily married."

— Against Her Rule—"Cholly Dinsmore proposed to me last night," confided Miss Bunting to Miss Kilduff. "Did you ask him if he could support you in the style to which you have been accustomed?" "Oh, dear, no. I never ask men who propose to me that question."—*Detroit Free Press*

PUZZLE PICTURE.

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CURRENT COMMENT

— Ambassador Choate must be playing for his recall. In his Fourth of July speech he gave Providence a portion of the credit for our prosperity.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

— China is not stuck up. She is not ambitious to be one of the powers to go about the world shooting religion into the people and looting things to pay for it.—*Newport News Herald, Dem.*

— Secretary Gage's wisdom in putting a punitive duty on Russian petroleum was like the wisdom of throwing Br'er Rabbit in the briar-patch to kill him. No Russian petroleum comes to this country.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

— Senator McLaurin may well come to the conclusion that it is hard to please everybody. He will also discover, if he lives long enough, that a mixture of politics and religion is very likely to suffer in the compound, and that the safest thing for a politician to do is to "shinny on his own side of the fence."—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

— The French have the best submarine torpedo boats. One of them, in naval exercise, the Gustave Zede, had startling success. We learn that the officers and crews of all the warships in the harbor of Ajaccio were on the alert, nevertheless the Zede sneaked in and attached a dummy torpedo firmly to the bottom of the biggest warship there and escaped without being detected. In case of war between France and England, the French torpedo fleet may stagger British humanity in an unprecedented naval fashion.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

General Wood has issued a circular strictly prohibiting the sale at the Cuban post exchange of "beverages containing any percentage whatever of alcohol" that would bring them within the provisions of the anti-canteen law.

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Professor Rein of Bonn university says in an exhaustive work on lacquer that "among the many well developed branches of Japanese art industry lacquer work undoubtedly takes first place. In no other have the feeling for art and artistic ability of the Japanese their free play of fancy and their admirable perseverance and skill in executing their richly figured pictures, developed earlier and more."

Japanese lacquer ware is distinguished for its lightness, elegance, solidity and the beauty and spirit of its decoration, and principally by several valuable elements in the material itself, such as great hardness, in which it excels all others, without showing brittleness or cracking, for its luster and mirrorlike surface and its resistance to a number of agencies which attack and destroy common resinous lacquer varnish. Professor H. W. Vogel says the simple black Japanese lacquered dish is proof against acid and alcohol. Hot cigar ashes or even boiling water do not affect it. It is these characteristics which distinguish Japanese lacquers from European and American imitation, which are all prepared from resinous varnishes and have none of the properties of the Japanese product.

There is a great variety of single color Japanese lacquer ware—black, red, greenish yellow, green, brown of various shades, cloudy light green, dark green and a variety of other shades almost too numerous to mention.

There is a peculiar lacquered yellow woodenware made in Nojiro, a small town north of Akita, near the Japan sea, that differs from all other varieties, inasmuch as the natural grain of the wood is clearly shown and beautifully preserved, while usually the material used is entirely concealed beneath the opaque coating of lacquer. This ware is of a transparent yellow or brownish yellow color, through which the veins or spots of the wood show up under a high luster, which adds greatly to the beauty of the ware. Nojiro Shin Kei, as it is called, is very expensive, and is seldom exported to this country. It is claimed that its method of workmanship is a trade secret that is jealously guarded by those engaged in its production.—Jeweler's Review.

Don't Be Critical.

Whatever you do never set up for a critic. We don't mean a newspaper one, but in private life, in the domestic circle, in society. It will not do any one any good, and it will do you harm—if you mind being called disagreeable. If you don't like any one's nose or object to any one's chin, don't put your feelings into words. If any one's manners don't please you, remember your own. People are not all made to suit one taste. Recollect that. Take things as you find them unless you can alter them. Even a dinner after it is swallowed cannot be made any better. Continual fault finding, continual criticism of the speech of this one and the conduct of that one, the dress of the one and the opinions of the other, will make home the unhappiest place under the sun. If you are never pleased with any one, no one will ever be pleased with you.—Weekly Budget.

Japanese Superstitions.

Enlightened as the Japanese are in many ways, it still happens that in cases of sudden outbreak of disease religious festivals are organized with a view to propitiating the Supreme Power, and these functions have the effect of gathering together the people from infected as well as healthy localities, to spread infection.

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