

**Cheer**

**Kidney trouble but by choice.**  
E. H. Wolfe, of cheated d. ath. H ago I had kidney ed me great pain. iety, but I took which effected a have also found fit in general debility and nerve trouble, and keep on hand, since, as I no equal." Z. W. No guarantees them at 50c

Secretary Wilson proposes that the postman's wagon in the rural free delivery service, which is now rapidly extending, shall carry the daily weather forecast, with cold wave and frost warnings, for the benefit of farmers. With universal rural free delivery, every householder may receive a daily visit from a representative of the United States government. The suggestion is a reasonable one that the mail carrier should attend to other government matter, of which a distribution of the weather forecasts may be only the first upon an extending list.

**Fairy Rings.**

Mr. Steele has an article in Knowledge on "Fairy Rings," those green circles in pastures which were formerly believed to be caused by the midnight revelry of the fairies. They are caused by a fungus whose spawn spreads centrifugally in every direction and forms a common felt from which the fruit rises at its extreme edge, the soil of the inner disk is exhausted, and the spawn dies there while it spreads all round in an outward direction and produces another crop, whose spawn spreads again. The rank growth of the grasses composing these rings is probably due to the fungus taking up from the soil organic nitrogen which is not available to the grasses, and in some way becoming the medium of supply of the soil nitrogen to the grasses forming the circle.

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**THE MEANEST LOVER.**

**Fortune Certainly Did Favor His Ex-Fiancee When He Jilted Her.**

"My roommate is a chap of extraordinary financial genius," remarked a railroad clerk of this city, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "He is a native of California, and five or six years ago he spent a season on a sugar plantation in Hawaii. He was engaged at the time, and while he was there he corresponded regularly with his fiancée. Afterward they quarreled and the match was broken off, but the poor girl thought his letters were beautiful, and treasured them religiously.

"Quite recently he saw in a paper that the Hawaiian stamps of the period of his stay there had become very scarce and valuable, and he immediately sat down and wrote to his own sweetheart, demanding his letters. He said he was soon to be married and felt it his duty to destroy 'em; he appealed to her 'better feelings' and all that, and, to make a long story short, she sent them back. They were yellow with age, and had suspicious stains that looked like tears, but he wasn't moved a bit. He promptly cut off all the stamps and sent them to a New York agency, and got a check for \$42.

"Our landlady, who knows about it, says he is a perfect brute, and will come to a bad end. I am afraid so myself. I think he is doomed to become a millionaire."

**Diplomacy.**

"Will you love me when I am old?" she asked.

"Certainly," he replied, promptly, "if you will love me when I am bald."—Philadelphia North American.

**The Mediocre Man.**

"No," said the man who was feeling blue. "I have not been a success—not even as a failure."—Indianapolis Journal.

**True to Its Name.**

Brush—What became of that story of yours entitled "A Bad Penny?" Penn—It keeps coming back.—N. Y. Journal.

**Teaching and Its Reward**

"Does school-teaching pay?" is a question which various answers. Many negative ones in the mouths of the teachers themselves, says Arthur Goodrich in Leslie's Magazine. "Any man who has brains enough to earn \$1,200 a year teaching," declared one teacher to Mr. Goodrich, "can make \$12,000 a year doing something else." Another, a high school principal, declared his vocation not because of its small financial returns, but "because a man likes respect and reputation among men, and few men respect a schoolteacher." Only one out of eleven teachers interviewed by Mr. Goodrich felt satisfied with his work. "I make enough money," this one said, "probably as much as I could in another profession. I imagine the majority of people respect me as much as I respect the majority of people. I find a great deal of satisfaction in my work, and few even wealthy men have as long a vacation."

No professional course of study is required of a man who is to teach. The qualifications as outlined by a well known superintendent are: "First, character; second, scholarship—a university education if possible; third, physical health; fourth, aptitude." Yet it is difficult to find enough good teachers, according to the statements of superintendents, and difficult to keep them when once obtained. But a small percentage of college graduates take up teaching, and many of these go into other lines of work at the first opportunity. Out of a graduating class of 280 at Princeton last year but twelve expressed an intention to teach.

This evident prejudice against teaching as a profession is hard for an outsider to understand unless it be due to the same spirit of unrest which makes men of every profession find fault with their lives. It is doubtful if the average doctor or lawyer finds more pleasure in his work than the average teacher does in his. The schoolteacher is generally sheltered from congenial persons, and as to salaries, while they range for women and men from \$200 a year to \$5,000, the average salary of men teachers in public schools in New Jersey, for example, is \$87 a month. The average income of the doctors of the United States has been estimated at \$750 a year.

Beyond the question of money there is an indirect reward for the schoolteacher which men of other professions have not. The doctor may point to remarkable cures, the lawyer to the winning of a great law case, but the successful teacher has an army of witnesses, themselves doctors and lawyers and business men, whose success is in part his own, whose minds he has molded, whose impulses he has steadied, whose ambitions he has encouraged. Herein lies his real reward.

As for the future of the teacher, with the growing consolidation of schools, the tendency extending even into the rural districts, his position becomes more permanent and his chances of advancement better. In the larger cities teachers are pensioned after long service. Men have failed in every profession, and there are perhaps as many who have found teaching worth while as those who have succeeded in other lines.

It is becoming clear that the Japanese haven't a monopoly in heroism after all. The Russian soldier who "kept on being shot" until he was full of bullet holes, yet maintained his nerve and cheerfulness, is a case in point. And the gallant defense of Port Arthur didn't exhaust the pluck and patriotism of the garrison. Out of 226 officers included in the surrender only eighty, it was reported, gave their parole in order to evade the ordeal of a war prison. A paroled man need not fight any more, and to give a parole is the easiest way out if a captured soldier is tired of war.

That English letter addressed to John Smith, etc., "Usona" (United States of North America), was imperfectly addressed and has been returned to the writer, Mary Smith, etc., "Ewisicasa" (England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, India, Canada, Australia, South Africa). Now the Sir Edward Clarke's nickname incident is closed.

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