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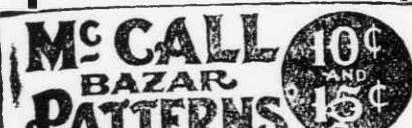
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Peter Parley's Paragraphs.

A fellow who is afraid to say what he honestly believes is true and ought to be said, for fear of insulting somebody is a selfish cur—one who thinks more of his own little hide than he does of the truth.

If no one should speak or do anything only that which he is perfect in, then the world would be struck speechless and workless and helpless.

Many men are only nominally, not really so. That is they are men only to the extent of wearing "bifurcated garments" and having their names on the poll books; otherwise they are ever subject to some one else's opinion or dictation.

There has been a very determined effort made of late by the distillers and brewers and saloon keepers to impress the people that alcoholic drinks are a food product and are to be used as food. This is an old lie again reiterated in face of repeated exposures. In view of this assertion, by these vampires, it is well to consider what Sir Frederick Trevis, England's leading surgeon and private surgeon to King Edward, says upon the subject: "Alcohol a food or a poison," he says that it is a rank poison and should be classed with strychnine and that its sale should be as rigidly guarded as the sale of arsenic, strychnine, morphine or cocaine etc. Yet there are those who for the sake of their own personal gain wish to have this death-dealing poison sold publicly to the youth of this town.

My friend, are you a nominal or a real citizen? That is, are you a citizen and voter to any great extent or just simply to that of being a registered ticket hopper.

A poet has said that the saloon is appropriately called a bar because it is

"A bar to heaven, a door to hell,
A bar to manliness and wealth,
A door to want and broken health,
A bar to honor, pride and fame,
A door to sin and grief and shame;
A bar to honored, useful life,
A door to brawling, senseless strife;
A bar to all that's true and brave,
A door to every drunkard's grave;
A bar to joy that home imparts,
A door to tears and aching hearts;
A bar to heaven, a door to hell,
Whoever named it named it well."

Some practical questions for you: Which is the more disgraceful, to be a drunkard or a drunkard maker? Who is deepest in the mire, the man who signs a petition for a saloon or a man who pays for the license? How much does a county make in granting a \$500 license that brings in its train a \$2,000 murder trial? Why, in a country district, is it so easy to find witnesses to prove a man has dynamited the river and injured the fishing but hard to find those

who know anything about the boot leg whiskey or blind tigers that are ruining our boys? Why is a man a crank if he says a word about prohibition or against liquor drinking but a wise man and a good citizen if he talks like a parrot and by the hour about good roads or education?

The vital point for each person to decide on the liquor question is this: On which side is Almighty God? Be assured of this: when a man fights for sobriety and righteousness he fights for a sure thing. God is on his side and he is sure to win if he will only keep at it long enough and hard enough. The only ground between right and wrong is "battle-ground." PETER PARLEY.

State Farmer's Convention.

There will a State Farmer's Convention at A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C., August 31, September 1 and 2, 1905. First session will be held at 12 m., August 31. From then until the close of the convention at noon Saturday, September 2nd, there will be a continual round of good things. Night sessions will be held and daily trips will be made over the College and Experimental farms.

On Friday and Saturday mornings departmental meetings will be held.

Special sessions by the Woman's Department.

Special sessions by the Dairy men's Association.

Special sessions by the Cotton, Tobacco and Truck Growers.

On Friday afternoon the dedicatory exercises will be held and a special program prepared, celebrating the completion of the new agricultural building. The farmers of the state have long looked for this building, and this event will be one of special interest to all people in the state.

Prominent men and their wives will be in attendance. Noted speakers will discuss, among other things, the following subjects: Insect pests; Diseases of Plants and Animals; Soil Improvement; Fertilizers and How to Use Them; Stock Raising and Stock Judging; Dairying in All of Its Phases; Corn Culture; All Phases of Cotton Culture; Poultry Culture; Beef and Dairy Cattle; Poultry Crops, and How to Raise Them; Tobacco Culture; Truck Raising; Corn Production, etc.

All questions concerning the farm home and country life of special importance to women will also be taken up at this Farmer's Convention.

Reduced rates on all railroads. Ask ticket agent. Board and room can be obtained at the college at \$1 a day or \$2 for the session.

This is going to be the largest and most interesting convention ever held at the College, and every farmer in the state who possibly can ought to come and bring his wife for a pleasant outing and take part in the discussion of the vital factors connected with North Carolina agriculture.

E. L. DAUGHTRIDGE, Pres.
C. W. BURKETT, Sec.

Japan's Bill of Particulars.

The indemnity demanded by Tokyo may be large or small, but should Japan put down the figures in the usual way for her service to the powers as the "scourge of God" they will foot up not far from the billion dollar mark. The actual war expenditures of Japan since February, 1904, are estimated at \$585,000,000. This covers all foreign and domestic loans, except the \$150,000,000 loan now on the market and the revenues of the empire which have been spent for military purposes.

The amount spent in prosecuting hostilities is the largest item in the bill. But it will be necessary for Japan to support war invalids, orphans and widows. Germany's fund for this purpose after the Franco-Prussian war was \$140,000,000, and the battle losses of Japan have exceeded those of Germany in that war already. Probably \$150,000,000 would be needed in this case.

The loss of trade to Japan is consequence of the war has been considerable. There was a rise in the prices of freight and insurance and of certain raw material. Then, too, Japan has been at considerable loss in the wear and tear of her outfit. The expense of returning the army home and of administering affairs in Manchuria and the outlay for miscellaneous purposes chargeable to the war must also be taken into account. Placing the relief fund at \$150,000,000, the loss to commerce at \$100,000,000 and the wear and tear and extra expenses at \$100,000,000, the total will come close to a billion up to the date of Togo's victory. Before the world's court Japan may claim to have been a good policeman and deserving of an award that will make good her loss.

Talk of a Coming Iron Famine.

In a recent paper Professor N. S. Shaler of Harvard treats of the world's supply and consumption of metals and predicts the exhaustion of some of the great iron beds of Europe and the United States within a period measurable by decades. The idea is not radical, for Andrew Carnegie has expressed the belief that the exhaustion of the high grade ores in this country is a question of only a few decades. It is a fact that we are using the present stores with vast prodigality, that the waste in manufacturing is nearly one-fourth, and yet only a small part of the world is using iron to any great extent.

When the great ore beds of the present are exhausted, the only recourse now in sight will be to work in smaller deposits, more costly in operation, and to use ores which are now deemed worthless. Prices will necessarily soar and iron be counted a precious metal. If steel buildings continue in favor and railroad development is kept up, civilized man will be forced in the near future to discover a substitute for iron unless, as some geologists teach, the earth's core is mainly iron and science finds a way to extract it.

Danger on the Rail.

A bulletin just issued by the interstate commerce commission shows that over 15,000 persons were killed or injured in railway accidents in this country the first three months of 1905. This is at the rate of 60,000 casualties a year.

In 1888 there were 25,888 casualties. Of course there has been an increase in passenger traffic meanwhile, but so have there been improvements in the service. Evidently the multiplication of safeguards does not keep pace with the growth of lines and traffic. In this connection the Engineering News, discussing the new fast train enterprises, says:

The great defect of American railroad-ing today is not low speeds. It is too frequent accidents. Most American railway trains are run at quite as high speed as the existing track, rolling stock and signal systems justify. If money is to be spent for improved service, let it be in making travel safer. So far as increased speed is concerned, the traveling public as a whole will gain much more by greater promptness and regularity of train movement and close adherence to time tables than it will by spectacular feats of fast running by special trains.

Yes, John Paul Jones at one time was in the Russian navy, but as that was over 100 years ago it cannot reflect upon his fame as an able fighter.

WASHINGTON CHAT.

Cuba is now threatened with a deficit as a result of following her "pattern" too closely.

Luther Burbank's latest triumph, is the production of a "golden plum." That man should be in politics.

Mr. Rockefeller is wondering if those busy critics of his are not going to take a holiday after awhile.

Whatever else, for goodness sake, don't laugh in the marriage service. It is no laughing matter nowadays.

The trouble that the Russian peasants find with those "grand Dukes" is that they cannot tell where the "grand" part is.

Japan repeats that she does not want the Philippines. But will Japan kindly give us the name of anyone who does want them.

Chicago is making fun of Kansas City because a wealthy widow married her coachman there. In Chicago the real thing is to marry the "Chauffeur."

The daily announcement that the Taft party "spent the morning quietly" occasions no surprise, when you think how they spent the night before.

It is thought that Peary should reach the north pole this time, unless his ship "Roosevelt" should loose time stopping to shoot the polar grizzlies.

"What is a kiss," asked a young authoress in the Boston Transcript. We cannot define it but will be glad to demonstrate it, if proper material is furnished.

Cardinal Gibbons says he can think of nothing more lonesome than the man who has an immense fortune. The man who is dead broke is the only one more lonesome.

If, however, Russia should profit by the experience she has gained in the last year \$1,000,000,000 will not be an excessive price to pay for it. Experience comes high you know.

Paul Morton and Jas. H. Hyde, of the Equitable Society, locked arms in a cotillion at Newport on Saturday night. Their "stunt" of locking horns is reserved for business hours.

The Maryland republicans are importing "niggers" from Virginia to help carry the election this fall. The result will be to turn the white republicans into democrats—that is all.

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It will wash and not rub off
This complexion all envy me,
It's no secret so I'll tell
Take thou Rocky Mountain Tea.
—Z. W. Nichols.