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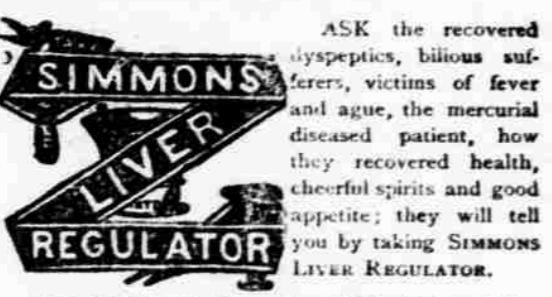
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I'm not a beggar, sir, thank God! I only ask my right—

A chance to earn what I and mine require, and in the sight

Of fellow-men to be a man.

And hold my head up straight, Whose child your child, sir, could not scorn

As an associate.

My wife and child need food and warmth.

And I can give them all They need with work—and help, as well

At any neighbor's call.

But idle hands are helpless, sir, And so I ask of you

A chance to show what mine are worth— Some honest work to do.

I'm only one of thousands—and We are not beggars, sir!

We're just as willing now to work As good men ever were.

Don't treat us, sir, like mendicants Whom you would fain avoid.

But give, for God's sake, if you can, Work for the unemployed.

ONE'S HAPPIEST YEARS.

The happiest years are those when self is entirely forgotten.

Those when we strive with heart and soul to create happiness for those around us, sacrificing our own pleasure for others, giving a kind word when perhaps an angry retort is our first impulse, and doing what we can to lighten the burden of some less fortunate person than ourselves.—N. Y. Recorder.

A Snake in A Woman's Stomach.

At Stony Fork, Pennsylvania, an operation was performed on Mrs. John Halliday for what was supposed to be cancer of the stomach.

Instead, the surgeons found a live water snake nearly eight inches long, in her stomach.

The reptile was as active as though it were in a natural place. Mrs. Halliday thinks she swallowed the snake while drinking from a mountain spring, after dark, last September.

No-To-Bac For Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak nervous, blood pure. 100 Cts. All druggists.

Madeline Poillard in London.

Miss Madeline Poillard, who was the plaintiff in the sensational suit against former Congressman W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Frankfort, Ky., and who disappeared after the trial, which resulted in a verdict in her favor for \$15,000 damages, has been living quietly in London. She is apparently in good circumstances, and is understood to be studying with the view of engaging in literary work. She intends to make England her home.

Not many business houses in these United States can boast of fifty years' standing. The business of Dr. J. C. Ayers & Co., Lowell, Mass., whose incomparable Sarsaparilla is known and used everywhere, has passed its half-centennial and was never so vigorous as at present.

Anything that adds to the neatness and beauty of the home and its belongings not only increases the owner's pleasure, but fosters refinement and real betterment of the household.

Poor Blood

is starved blood. It shows itself in pale cheeks, white lips, weak digestion, no appetite, exhaustion, lack of nerve force, soft muscles, and, chief of all, weak muscles. Your doctor calls it Anaemia. He will tell you that the weakening weather of summer often brings it on.

It was a time favorably suited to the purpose of the pirates. The country was sparsely settled, Georgia being yet a wilderness with no white settler within her borders, and the mother country had her navy employed in protecting her interests in other parts of the world. While the laws against piracy were stringent, they could not be enforced. The temptations upon the seas were so great that many of the boldest in each colony forsook the peaceful haunts of their homes and sought ill-gotten fortunes upon the water.

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After reveling in blood for years and amassing a large fortune by his deeds of violence, Teach went to Edenton, N. C., then the capital of the province, and applied for the king's pardon which had been offered to all pirates who would return to their duties of citizenship. Governor Eden granted Blackbeard and his followers the certificate of pardon, and they settled near Bath in the same state to enjoy their ill-gotten gains. About this time Blackbeard married his thirteen-year-old wife. She was unquestionably a woman without much feminine curiosity, or she would have become somewhat inquisitive as to what had become of her twelve predecessors.

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PIRATES OF CAROLINA.

The Freebooters Who Infested Our Shores—

Their Daring Deeds of Lawlessness.

BLACKBEARD MEETS HIS MATCH.

The Desperate Fight Which Ends This Famous Pirate's Career.

(By W. C. Allen.)

Vessels come and go along the whole coast of America now with perfect security so far as molestation by pirates is concerned. To-day the sailor from New York to Havana does not anticipate any interference from robbers on the high seas; but makes provision, on setting out, to combat only the winds and waves, the common enemies of navigators. He is not on the lookout constantly for freebooters on his right hand or on his left. Teach's hole on the coast of North Carolina, one time the terror of all coasting vessels, has no special interest to the navigator now, more than the fact that, at one time, it was the trying place of many marauders of the seas.

There was a time when things were different. From 1690 to 1720 the entire coast from Maine to Cuba was infested by bold and blood-thirsty buccaniers. They roamed the seas as lords of the deep, and committed their depredations with impunity; for there was no adequate task of coping with them. The merchant vessel that ran the gauntlet of these desperadoes was esteemed fortunate. Many were captured and plundered, and their crews either slaughtered or sent adrift to perish in the deep. The booty that they obtained was enormous. Their adherents in land aided them materially in hiding the treasure as it was brought into the place of rendezvous. It is believed in some places that large quantities of gold and silver, buried during those times, still remain concealed along the coast of the United States.

About 1710 a formidable band of these freebooters entered into a compact to act together for mutual profit and safety. Edward Teach, better known by the name of Blackbeard, was commander-in-chief; and three noted pirates, namely, Henry Vane, Steed Bonnet, and Richard Worley were his chief lieutenants. Teach was the soul of the band and the dictator of all their movements. His fleet consisted at first of six heavily armed vessels of war, that of Teach himself carrying forty guns and manned by a hundred sturdy sea rovers, each man ready at any time to give his life in defense of his commander. There were no vessels in American waters at that time that could match those terrors of the sea.

With these formidable enemies of mankind scouring the seas and frequenting the coasts, the commerce of the New World was almost destroyed. They confined their depredations mostly to the southern colonies, though frequently they made bold dashes into the northern seas and carried off immense treasure almost in sight of Boston harbor. Their headquarters were established upon one of the small islands of the Bahamas, with places of rendezvous in the Cape Fear and Pamlico rivers in North Carolina and others of less note on the coasts of South Carolina and Georgia. Here they met at stated times and formulated their daring schemes of murder and plunder.

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DID THE ELOPING HERSELF

Widow Berry Tied her Daughter up and became Mrs. Whitley

In the WhiteOak neighborhood near Greenup, Kentucky, Mrs. Martha Berry, aged about 40, and her pretty daughter Matilda, who has just entered her eighteenth year, have lived for several years. In the same neighborhood lived Johnson Whitley, a prosperous farmer of 30, and a widower. Whitley has been paying attention to Mrs. Berry's daughter for six months, and it was supposed generally that they would be married soon. The mother would not give her consent, but she did not object to the young widower's calls. He pleaded with the widow for the hand of her daughter to no purpose, and the young people decided on an elopement.

All the arrangements were made for the elopement, but the watchful mother discovered what was on foot, and on Friday night, the time set for the elopement, she went to her daughter's room, shortly after dark and bound the girl hand and foot.—She also tied a gag in her mouth and took her to her own room and tied her to the bed. She then returned to the daughter's room, and when Whitley came to steal away his love the widow answered the summons, and without speaking a word joined the young man in the yard. He assisted her into his buggy and drove with her to Grayson, the county seat of Carter county where he had arranged with Judge Morris to perform the ceremony.

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