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Make the Best of Things.

We excuse a man for an occasional depression just as we endure a rainy day. But who could endure 365 days of cold drizzle? Yet there are those who, without cessation, continue to wear a somber look, as if charged with evil progn stication. We may be born with a melancholy temperament, but that is no reason why we should yield to it. There is a way of shuffling the burden. In the lottery of life there are more prizes drawn than blanks, and to one misfortune there are fifty advantages. Despondency is the most unprofitable feeling a man can have. One good laugh is a bombshell exploding in the right place while spleen and discontent is a gun that kicks over the man that shoots it off. Some must have got into heaven backward. Let us stand off from despondencies. Listen for sweet notes rather than discords. In a word where God has put exquisite tinge upon the shell washed in the surf and planted a paradise of bloom in a child's cheek, let us leave it to the owl to hoot and the toad to croak, and the fault-finder to complain. Take out-door exercise and avoid late suppers, if you would ever have a cheerful dispos tion. The habit of complaint finally drops into peevishness and people become waspish and unapronchable...Bap. Week.

He Meditates Over the Oyster.

It was rather late yesterday morning when Mr. Willaby got up and he was vaguely conscious of a confused recollection of the things, that happened the night before, and he didn't say much, and tried to appear as cheerful as he knew how. Presently breakfast was announced, and the family took their places at the table, but Mr. Willaby was amazed, as he sat staring at six little round wooden boxes of axle-grease solemnly in front of his plate.

'Where under the sun,' he said, with puzzled astonation, 'what in thunder—where did all this axle grease come from, and what is it for?

'Oh, is it axle-grease?' asked his wife, with charming simplicity and innocence, just a trifle overdone. 'You said last night when you brought these cans home that they were oysters, and would be nice for breakfast. I thought you had better eat them right away, as they didn't smell as though they would keep much longer.

And then Mrs. Willaby removed the cans, and her husband sat and looked at the teapot and thought so long that his coffee was as cold as a rich relation when he began to drink it.

A Chicago widower has a fine house of brown stone and brick and he wants to know, before choosing a second wife whether a blonde or a brunette would best harmonize with the colors of the structure.

To procure a divorce is called courting after marriage.

If a man blows his own trumpet, can his opinions be sound?

When may a smith be said to commit fellony? When he forges.

Oblige people to pay as they go and the majority of them would go slow.

Sparking across a garden fence admits of a great deal being said on both sides.

A tombstone in Maine, erected to the memory of a wife, bears the inscription, 'Tears cannot restore her—therefore I weep.'

'Hope deferred maketh the heart sick,' and a liberal supply of cucumbers causeth the colic.

'Drowning men clutch at straws.' Yes; and so do drinking men—especially in lemonade season.

A sentimental gentleman intends to petition for a grant to improve the chanels of affection, so that henceforth the 'course of true love may run smooth.'

A modern surgical operation: to 'Take the cheek out of a young man, and the jawbone out of a woman.'

A sagacious philosopher observed that if the earth really is hollow, we all live upon a mere crust.

Aunt: 'Has any one been at these preserves?' (Dead silence.) 'Have you touched them, Jemmy?' Jemmy: 'Pa never 'lows me to talk at dinner.'

Huxley says 'there was a time when men walked on all-fours.' He probably alludes to that interesting time in early life of us all, when we approached a neighbor's melon patch from the back way.

A Vassar College girl read a paper to prove that phthologayrrh spelled Turner. Her argument was that phth, as in phthisic, is t; olo, as in colonel, is ur; gn as in gnat, is n; yrrh, is er.

'I am afraid it is mixed goods,' said the lady to the clerk. 'Oh no madam, impossible,' replied the polite clerk. 'All our camel-hair shawls are made of pure silk direct from the worm.'

When a boy falls and peels the skin off his nose, the first thing he does is to get up and yell. When a girl tumbles and hurts herself badly, the first thing she does is to get up and look at her dress.

Goods injured by fire have such a ready sale when advertised, that we really believe that if some one should announce a sale of powder saved from a powder-mill explosion, it would go off readily.

A Galveston man met a gentleman from Northern Texas and asked how a certain mutual friend was coming on. 'He is doing very well,' was the reply. 'What business is he at?' 'He has got the softest thing in the world of it. He bought a lot of Mexican donkies at San Antonia at $3 a piece, and having taken them up to his ranche, he cleares $27 [illegible] on them.' Do they b[illegible] a heav[illegible]gh prices?' 'No; but [illegible]ng such h[illegible]d-road train run [illegible] he lets the r[illegible]e company has to [illegible]ver them, and [illegible] a piece for them.' [illegible] pay him $30

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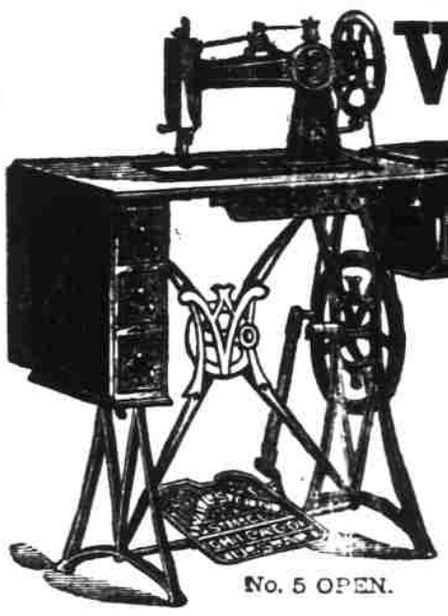

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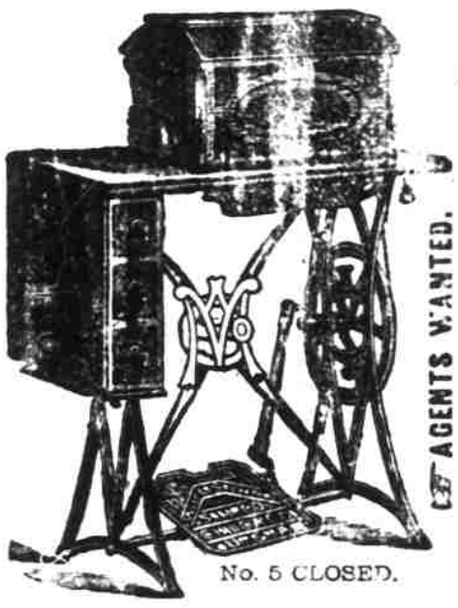

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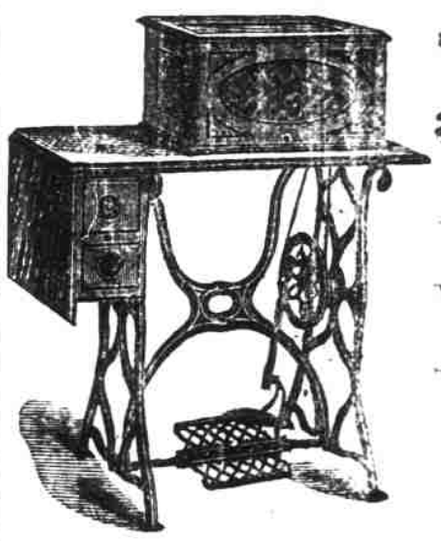

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