



IF WE KNEW.

Could we but draw the curtains... That morning I had a letter from... Know what the doctor has done...

The Bookkeeper's Mistake

HARLIE ANDERSON, the bookkeeper, sat behind his little sitting room... He was leaning rather dejectedly over some work...

The regular scratch, scratch of the shipping clerk's pen was the only sound in the office...

"There is something wrong with Miss Dolly. She hasn't been like herself for a long time...

"Miss Dolly, you may as well go now. You don't look well, and Mr. Sperry will not be back this evening..."

"Yes, she is rather a nice little girl," answered the shipping clerk, a little surprised...

"Falling in love with her?" asked the shipping clerk...

"Oh, no. Nothing like that for me. She didn't look well this afternoon, and I was thinking of her, that's all..."

The shipping clerk had his suspicions, however, and Miss Dolly required a new interview for him...

"He was much distressed and laid his hand gently on her shoulder, but she only shivered under his touch..."

There was a curious echo at his heart, and he began to feel a most unreasonable dislike toward the shipping clerk...

she even appeared to avoid him and he turned to his work with a sigh...

"What a fool I have been!" he cried passionately. Ah, poor, clumsy, great-hearted spider, caught in the web he had so carefully woven for the unsuspecting fly...

But now that he had begun this work he could not go back, not if it brought the keenest torture into his life...

Once he came upon a new trading clerk, sometimes it seemed almost a feverish gaiety, she was so bright and restless...

Then one day came the news of the shipping clerk's promotion to a good position, a snug salary...

"And why are you glad for my sake?" she asked, with a smile, and he must mean so much to you...

"And why should it mean so much for me?" she demanded...

"I thought, you know, you acted as if it seemed like you cared. I—I thought you were in love with him..."

"The impression prevails that no wood has such a long, soft fibre and is so well adapted to the manufacture of paper as spruce...

Alabama reports a fine demand for her soft coal, and that which is not available for coke finding a ready sale...

According to a Buffalo newspaper some American capitalists are considering the propriety of establishing a great gun foundry in this country...

The high price of copper has led to a reduced consumption in Germany and France, but this is not due to the substitution of some other metal...

Minister Loomis, writing from Caracas, says that a leading coffee grower in Venezuela is trying to organize a confederation of coffee producing countries to advance the interests of the growers...

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FARM TOPICS

Good Butter Will Keep Well. At the Kansas Experiment Station last summer during the hottest weather, milk that had been thoroughly cooled and aerated was kept in sweet condition from thirty-six to forty-eight hours...

Something Old Fields. On many farms are "runs," or gullies, varying from a few to very many feet in depth. Many of these could be entirely eliminated by a simple plan...

But it was hard, hard work as the days went by. Miss Dolly has grown gray again, sometimes it seemed almost a feverish gaiety, she was so bright and restless...

One's working of the land, while deeper depressions will require repeated attention of this kind as the land is "taken up" again and again...

Benefits of Decaying Vegetation. The products of the decay of the vegetable matter furnished by green manuring exert a very beneficial effect upon the soil...

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Don't be sorry for your father because he has so much money. You do not remember the reply of Dr. Wayland to the student of Brown University who said it was an easy enough thing to make proverbs such as Solomon wrote...

Inexpensive Farm Fence. I have been experimenting with farm fencing for nearly half a century, and find that post and rail fences, where the timber is at hand, are by far the most satisfactory...

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THE FUTURE OF STRAWBERRY GROWING.

No Crop Makes as Quick Returns or Gives Better Results than the Strawberry. There is no class of horticulture or fruit growing that offers as many inducements to the amateur or the man of business as strawberry growing...

While the industry has during the past few years suffered as a consequence of the general business depression it has as a rule suffered less than most others, and will be the first to feel the effect of the bettered condition of affairs...

The spring of 1899 was not a fair criterion to judge this improvement by. An exceedingly cold winter was followed by a spring of almost unprecedented coldness, and a season of the worst depression working in the same way from both sides...

But the raising of such stock is always a hard and costly little money or muscle to give the culture and wintering necessary to raise good berries. And really good berries rarely or never go begging on any market...

Desires the great Northern markets, open to all with shipping facilities to reach them, there is scarcely a town, village or hamlet in the North, South, East and West ripened more in a lump than the oldest growers had ever before known...

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REMARKABLE YIELD OF WHEAT.

Mr. Fred Oliver and the Charlotte Oil & Fertilizer Co. Lead the Country. Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has no doubt again led the United States in growing wheat. The Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Co. had 145 acres and Mr. Fred Oliver 215 acres, making 360 acres of wheat grown by one man...

This wheat sown from the excessive rains and heavy snows of the winter and the very heavy wheat territory of last winter, and the yield was cut off at least 50 per cent by the damage done. It gave an average yield, however, of 29 bushels per acre. Many acres that were so situated as to be protected by good drainage and by surrounding woods, gave yield of over 40 bushels per acre...

The fertilizer used last season cost \$1.00 per acre and it would not have given double the yield of wheat if the weather had been favorable. Why raise cotton when you can get more money value from wheat, with less labor and expense, and at the same time have a chance to grow on same land, same season, another crop either of peas, millet or corn...

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Powder? It is the best for itching, burning, sweating feet, corns and bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Powder at all Drug Stores, Grocers and Shoe Stores. 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

S. A. L. EAST FREIGHT SERVICE. From Chicago to Charlotte in Four Days Three Shipments of Four Days. The Seaboard Air Line is giving some surprisingly fast freight service recently...

Franklin Park, Pa., shipped from Chicago to Philadelphia, Pa., by Atlantic and Seaboard Air Line, P. R. L. car No. 2530 with provisions consigned to C. E. Crane & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. This car left Atlanta May 16th, train No. 22 and arrived in Charlotte 2 p. m., May 17th, making the trip in 24 hours...

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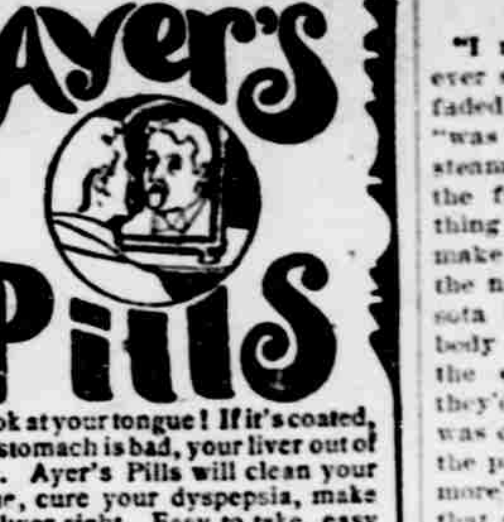
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Look at your tongue! If it's coated, your stomach is bad, your liver out of order. Ayer's Pills will clean your tongue, cure your dyspepsia, make your liver right. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c. All druggists.

For Over 30 Years. Waterbury's Hair Cure has stood at the top of the hair dressing market for over 30 years. It is a reliable remedy for itching and dandruff, and for the cure of all hair troubles...

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THE EXCELLENCE OF SYRUP OF FIGS is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. only...

What Made Him Tired. The other day, toward the close of a long sitting in the Assize Courts, when another case was called on for hearing, counsel rose and huskily requested that the case might be postponed till the next morning...

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"I reckon the most exciting race I ever saw," observed the man with the faded hair, after an interval of silence. "It was between two Mississippi River steamboats. The engineers crammed the furnaces with bacon and every thing else in the cargoes that would make a hot fire. The Prairie Rose was the name of one boat and the Minnesota Belle was the other, but everybody knewed it was a race between the engineers, for the reason that they'd had a fight in St. Louis once. I was on the Rose, and we was chained to the passengers on the Belle. It wasn't more'n a forty feet away, all the boat that got around the Big Bend first we knowed would win the race..."

"Which got there first?" asked one of the listeners, tired of the oratory. "Well, the engineer of the Minnesota Belle got there first," rejoined the man with the faded hair. "One of the parts of the Belle exploded."—Chicago Tribune.

An Ancient Home Destroyed. During a heavy storm, lightning struck the residence of Judge C. W. Carter, of Preston, near Norwich, and it was burned to the ground. The house was built in 1822 and was the oldest dwelling in Preston and one of the oldest in Connecticut. It was built as a home for the herdsmen of several of the early settlers of North-west and finally passed into the possession of the Palmers, from whom it descended to Judge Carter. The house was very substantially built, having oak frame and floors, and had five additional stories to it. The dining room was finished in seven kinds of hard wood. Judge and Mrs. Carter had a very large and valuable collection of old china, much of which was lost. A dinner set made in 1700, the pieces forming a chariot wheel, was saved, but one piece was broken. Hartford Times.

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Charlotte Oil & Fertilizer Co., Charlotte, N. C. Attention is called to the fact that this paper when writing advertisements, No. 25

DYSPEPSIA. For six years I was a victim of dyspepsia. I tried everything, but nothing did me any good. I was so weak and nervous that I could not eat, and at times my stomach would not hold food. I was in a state of despair. I had heard of Cascarella's Candy Cathartic, and I bought a box. I took it as directed, and in a few days I was cured. I feel like a new man now. I can eat and sleep as well as ever. I have never felt so well in my life. DAVID H. MURPHY, Newark, O.

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