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The Popular Disease

An ache in the back and a pain in the head—
That's the gripple!
A choke in the throat and a yearning for bed—
That's the gripple!
A river of heat, then a shiver of cold.
A feeling of being three hundred years old.
A willingness even to do as you're told—
That's the gripple!
An arrow of pain, now in this place, now that—
That's the gripple!
A feeling of doubt as to where you are at—
That's the gripple!
A stupid sensation—of course, wholly new!
A foolish depression—why should you feel blue?
A doubt as to whether this really is you—
That's the gripple!
Strange visions at night, that deprive you of rest—
That's the gripple!
A taste in your mouth, and a weight on your chest—
That's the gripple!
A tired sensation that runs through your veins,
A queer combination of aches and of pains,
A rapid admission of absence of brains—
That's the gripple!
A marvellous weakness, come on in a day—
That's the gripple!
A petulant wonder: "How long will it stay?"—
That's the gripple!
A season of fever, a season of freeze,
A quivering weakness, that's felt at the knees—
It's the gripple!
—From the Somerville Journal.

The Wife's Influence.

Every married woman, no matter how limited her life may seem, no matter how shut up she may be in the nursery or the kitchen, has a means of contact with the great world in the man who goes out into it—has a means of influence on it through him. Seen or unseen, it is there. The man who is happy in his home carries the atmosphere of it with him—he is himself more in touch with others because of it. In this day and age, when so many women are seeking scope for their powers in arts and professions and business careers, there are some who realize that in their marriage there is the very widest scope—women who put the enthusiasm, the brain power, the artistic perception, the clear-sighted effort into their profession as wives and mothers, mistresses of households. These are the women who use their brains and their souls to love with, as well as their hearts, and who wield an extraordinary, far-reaching power, all the greater because that power is the last thing they are thinking of, or seek to attain. That intangible thing that we call the Spirit of the Home walks abroad with every member of it. The "nice" children in school gravitate instantly toward the children of that household as those children gravitate toward the house itself, because there is something there that they need.—Harper's Bazar.

"Grumblers seldom work; workers seldom grumble." The reason is not far to find. Grumbling makes a great demand on strength and energy and impairs the ability to work. Work when rightly done requires so much energy and strength that there is no place for grumbling. Grumbling is like pressure on a nerve. If it is not relieved it causes pain or deadens. Work is like a tonic that revives and refreshes. Learn to leave grumbling out of your life, and let love sanctify your labors.

Look out for the serial story "The Castle Comedy," by Thompson Buchanan, the first installment of which will appear in our issue of Tuesday the 19th.

LETTER FROM MRS. THAW.

Captain Smith, of Greensboro, who is a Cousin of the Elder Mrs. Thaw, receives An Interesting Letter and Gives it to the Press For Publication.

Greensboro Ga., Feb. 9.—Captain R. B. Smith has received a letter from Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, the mother of Harry Thaw, the noted slayer of Stanford White. Mrs. Thaw and Captain Smith are relatives and the former addresses the latter as "My dear cousin."

Captain Smith is a native of Pittsburg, Pa., who came south before the war, married a southern girl, and when the war broke out, took up arms for the south and headed a company as captain. He has been county school commissioner of Greene.

An interview purporting to be with Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, in which he stated that all of Harry's people were against him and his mother, appeared in a New York paper.

MRS. THAW'S LETTER.

In speaking of the interview, Mrs. Thaw, in her letter, among other things says:

"This interview at once changed my point of view as to Alice. Harry and I were all along against her coming, for no one is more intense in her devotion than she to this, her favorite brother. So I cabled her to arrive about the 18th.

"These outside disturbances of the nerves do not affect the deep underlying confidence we have. When there is but one right road to follow, and one is certain they are on that road, a few rocks and thorns now and then are as nothing after the first shock is over.

"I determined that the dear public should know that, so far as his direct brothers and sisters were concerned, they stood exactly with their mother, and so I cabled her, and can well imagine no New Year's message or gift would bring her more satisfaction than to know that Harry and I think she should come. The notoriety we wished to save her from would be less than what would come to her should she be supposed (as some might) to share that unnatural view. Harry is her favorite brother, and she has written him twice a week, and has so wanted to come over and be with him and us all.

"Harry continues wonderfully cheerful and patient. He writes in a note Evelyn brings, that Mr. Brasher made him a visit this morning and brought kindly greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie. There are hosts of kindly friends who come, or send messages to him, and so the time, as he says, is neither dull nor tiresome.

"Let me say that we know that many of the outrageous lies are built with a purpose. Few of these affect us, one way or another.

LUCKY NUMBERS FOR THAW.

"For curiosity, let me mention how many lucky numbers we have clustered about this time and the trial. Since the scriptures recognize 3 and 7 as numbers of perfection, it is, you will see, not all mere heathenish superstition. Mr. Hartridge was the first to wish that we could have January 7, 1907, as 7 had always been his lucky number.

"Well, it is 1907. The numerals of this added together make 17.

"Letters in January, 7.

"Date of trial, 21st—3 times 7.

"Twenty-first comes on the third quarter of moon.

"Alice sailed on the 9th—3 times 3.

"January 1, Edward's age, 34—twice 17.

"January 2, Alice 17.

"January 3, Margaret 30.

"Three lawyers engaged.

LETTERS IN HARTLIDGE, 9—3 TIMES

3. "Letters in Gleason, 7.
"Letters in Delmas, 6—twice 3.
"Mary Copley Thaw, 14—twice 7.

On New Year's eve, when all the pandemonium of whistles and bells were at their height, at midnight, our sitting room bell rang, and Margaret took in a big special delivery envelope, in which were letters for herself, Evelyn and me, from Harry, wishing all a happy New Year, and filled with a pleasant chat on a variety of matters; and again saying how very nice that Alice was coming and that all would be together. If they had been written from some Fifth Avenue mansion, they would have been more an fait in every respect, including the seals on each. They were written that evening on his knee, on a pad.

THAW'S NOBLE QUALITIES.

"I have never known man or woman to show so many and so varied noble qualities of head and heart as he, and to be always so forgetful of self, as this prisoner in his narrow cell.

"Yesterday I went to hear Rev. Hugh Black, of Edinburg. He is preaching here for three Sundays, and the church (Fifth Avenue Baptist) is but one block away. We were shown to a pew about half way down. The services had begun when an elderly gentleman, whom I guessed to be John D. Rockefeller, came into the pew in front of me. His gentle, childlike expression, the utter absence of any sense of importance, struck me, and the gentle way in which he declined a hymn-book a stranger in my pew handed him and one or two other indications of a mind at peace with the world and itself was the most conspicuous. His wig is a success, looking like gray hair cut short."

(Alice, as referred to in the above, is the Countess of Yarmouth. Edward, as referred to, is Harry's brother. Margaret is another sister to Harry, and Evelyn is Harry's wife.—Editor.)

THAW JURY AND THE FIGURES.

Apropos of what Mrs. Thaw says about the lucky figures, 3 and 17, one will find from counting letters in the Thaw jury the following.

Juror No. 1—Deming B. Smith—12 letters in name, 4 times 3.

No. 2—George R. Peafe—12 letters in name, or 4 times 3.

No. 3—George H. Feche—12 letters in name, or 4 times 3.

No. 4—Oscar Pink—9 letters in name, or 3 times 3.

No. 5—Henry C. Harvey—12 letters in name, or 4 times 3.

No. 6—Harry C. Beary—7 letters in name.

No. 7—Malcolm F. Frazier—15 letters in name—3 times 5, or the name has 7 letters.

No. 8—Charles D. Newton—14 letters in name, twice 7.

No. 9—Wilbur F. Steele—13 letters in name—unlucky number for Thaw.

No. 10—John S. Dennee—11 letters in name—weak for Thaw.

No. 11—Joseph Bolton—12 letters in name. 6 letters in Joseph—twice 3; 6 letters in Bolton, twice 3.

No. 12—Bernard Gertsman—15 letters in whole name—5 times 3, and 7 letters in Bernard.

The figures 3 and 7 appear in all names of jurors but two.—Journal, Greensboro, Ga.

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"You seem to like his attention. Why don't you marry him?"
"Because I like his attention."

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED.

Authorizing the Issuing of Bonds for Sewerage, Lighting, and Water Works Improvement—Changing the Graded School Committee From Three to Five Members—Authorizing the Sale of Vacant Lots Owned by the Town.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the town of Lincolnton to issue bonds and levy a special tax.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1.—That the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Lincolnton are hereby empowered and authorized to issue bonds in the name of said town, in such denominations as they may determine, to an amount, not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars, payable at such time, not more than thirty-five years, and at such place as they may prescribe. That said bonds shall bear interest at no greater rate than five per centum per annum payable annually or semi annually as the board of aldermen may prescribe.

Sec. 2.—That said bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the treasurer, and sealed with the corporate seal, of said town; that each of said bonds shall be numbered and shall have attached thereto coupons bearing the same number and declaring the amount of interest they represent, and when and where the same is due and payable. That said bonds shall be exempt from taxation by said town and coupons representing interest due thereon shall be received in payment of all town taxes.

Sec. 3.—That for the purpose of paying said bonds at maturity and the interest thereon as it becomes due, the board of aldermen of said town are hereby empowered and required to levy and collect each year a sufficient special tax upon all subjects of taxation under the charter of said town, now embraced therein or which same shall hereafter be embraced therein, and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected by said town under its charter; the said special tax so levied and collected to be applied to the payment of said bonds and interest thereon and for no other purpose: Provided that the special tax herein authorized shall not exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property and one dollar and fifty cents on each taxable poll.

Sec. 4.—That the sale of such bonds and the proceeds arising from the sale thereof shall be used by the board of aldermen of said town for the following purposes and no other, to wit: Maintaining, extending, enlarging and operating the water-works plant of said town and making necessary changes therein; building, constructing, enlarging and maintaining a sewerage system; providing electric lighting and obtaining all franchises to be granted for the purposes of maintaining and operating such plant for supplying lighting; for grading, macadamizing, curbing, paving and otherwise improving the streets; providing, controlling and caring for a public cemetery. Provided that no franchise granted to any person for the purpose of operating a system of electric lighting shall extend for a period of more than thirty years. That the purchasers of said bonds shall not be required to see to the application of the purchase money.

Sec. 5.—That the town of Lincolnton, through its duly constituted officers and agencies, is hereby empowered to do any and all things necessary and proper for carrying into effect the provisions of this act according to this true intent.

Sec. 6.—That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. All acts and clauses of acts

in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of Town of Lincolnton, N. C. to convey certain lands belong to the Town of Lincolnton.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1.—That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Lincolnton, N. C. are empowered and authorized to sell and convey and make title to certain vacant lots of land belonging to the Town of Lincolnton. The sale shall be made publicly after due advertisement and upon such terms as the Board of Aldermen may decide and the title shall be executed by the Mayor of said town and the proceeds of such sale shall be applied for such purposes as the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall decide to be to the best interests of said Town.

Sec. 2.—This act authorizes the sale of all vacant real estate belonging to the Town of Lincolnton, N. C., viz:—The Washington Place, and The Potter's Field, both situated in the Northeast Ward (No. 1); The Union Place (near the Spring) and the Lot near the Piedmont Cotton Mills, both situated in the Northwest Ward (No. 4) in aforesaid town.

Sec. 3.—This act shall be in force from and after the date of its ratification.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend Chapter 3 of the Private Laws, of 1905, creating The Lincolnton Graded School District. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1.—That section two (2) of Chapter three (3) of the Private Laws of 1905 be, and the same is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"That from and after the first Monday in April one thousand nine hundred and seven, the said Graded School Committee shall consist of five members in stead of three members heretofore. The said two additional members to be elected by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Lincolnton at its first meeting after the ratification of this act and to serve, one until June 1910, and the other until June 1911. From and after the ratification of this act the term of office shall be five (5) years for each member."

Sec. 2.—That all acts and clauses of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. That this act shall be in force from and after the date of its ratification.

Perplexities of the Pope.

The Perplexities of the Pope continue to multiply. The explosion of a bomb in St. Peter's not long ago had been preceded by an order for special prayers for the foes of the Church, in its present "sorrowful condition," "fought and oppressed by many of her own children who have become her enemies." The German Poles have been seeking to disturb the relations between the Kaiser and the Vatican. An open break has occurred between France and the Pope which betokens the warning of the power of Rome. Revenues of the Vatican are reported to be much less than in former years. The Liberal party in Spain is seeking greater freedom and progress that cannot long be denied. The day for recognition of the Pope's claim to be Christ's Vicegerent on earth has passed, and the sober sense of mankind is insisting on entire separation of Church and State.—Christian Observer.

That Memorial Hall.

Mr. Editor:—
If we require Legislative authority to use part of our useless public square for a site, it is time our Representatives were moving in the matter. What a source of improvement and pleasure, during long winter evenings, if we could take visitors and guests to a Public Hall and show them portraits of men and women whose lives and thoughts and deeds were worth while—where we could see and handle and study memoranda that would stir the brain and warm the best blood in our Young People to enterprise and hopeful endeavor to foster a healthy county spirit—and be moved to exercise their own gifts in developing our resources and not wait on strangers to come in and do it for them. Nearly all progress in the world has been made by imperfect human instruments.

A Memorial Hall might not show us that Lincoln County ever produced a Hercules or a Pizarro; but our memorabilia is rich in examples of human effort and failure that is worth preserving and helpful to study. The mistakes made by men of enterprise, and influence and wealth during the forties are a warning to us. Lincoln county and Lincolnton were at the front then when internal improvement struck our State and Rail Roads came to open up this Piedmont country. But the men of that day quarrelled about dividing the county and lost their advantages. Their mistake should warn us now when we are coming to our own, not to quarrel. "There is always trouble about money, or without money." We are wasting time, energy and opportunities. We do need a Public Memorial Hall, not a costly Y. M. C. A. building (our young men have in past years made efforts, in vain, to run a Y. M. C. Association)—not more churches, but a Hall on our public square belonging to the people, where they can meet and enjoy uplifting entertainment and get acquainted with each other, without asking leave from civil or church officials. Much that will enrich such a Hall will soon be lost.

Mr. Editor: Don't let us forget this matter. Keep it before our eyes till a Leader can take it up and show us we can have a Hall if we will.
R. Z. J.
Feb. 15, 1907.

Old Times.

Children are greatly interested in the events of their parent's early lives. "Distance," in such cases, "lends enchantment to the view." The grandmother often renders important service to the children by telling stories of old times. Those early days have romantic fascination to the little ones whose life has but recently begun. If the story be one of pioneer life in the olden time, children appreciate it intensely. They become linked to the past by weaving the chain of memory for them and they gain a sense of solidarity with their ancestors. The family traditions, ideals and sentiment are conveyed to them and perpetuated in their thoughts and actions. It uplifts children to be brought in touch with the line of heroic men and women, who stand out on the distant horizon an ideal and beautiful figure. We can not estimate the effect on the character and standard of children when their ancestors are exalted before them. It is true that such may have been ordinary men and women, but when idealized they become the saints by whose deeds children are impressed and elevated for life's struggle.—The Watchman.