

Humor and Philosophy

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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Sometimes capturing a thing is child's play compared to letting it go.

When some men start the furnace fire cheerfully it is evidence that they are trying to square themselves.

An amateur poultry raiser is as long on figures as he is short on eggs.

You can't help admiring some men who have nerve enough to show how much they are stuck on themselves.

The good die young, and the rich die hard.

While some people are cheering a man on his upward course, there is generally a bunch lying low, waiting their turn to laugh.

Having your own way is easy if you get the right people to endorse it.

There is only one thing easier than telling how a thing ought to be done and that is failing to make good when you try to do it yourself.

Some people lie by instinct, some by force of habit and some by the hour at so much per. The latter is to be recommended when viewed commercially, but either of the former from an artistic standpoint.

The Twin Destroyers. Football will have to get busy, for its chief rival in making the human race look like high grade sausage—the automobile—has been making a showing that will be hard to equal.

That is where football is handicapped. The season is so short for it that it must work overtime unless it wants to come in at the finish very much discouraged and disgraced.

What a tremendous disadvantage our heroic forefathers labored under. When they got a notion that the world was in danger of overpopulation and wanted to do some skillful thinning they were obliged to get out with a club or a battle-axe and hack away.

We have reduced the thing more to a science. With the base football season for short but effective work and the automobile for the long pull we have the problem solved, although Fourth of July does help out some.

A Rival. This year is quite the worst. To nearly every place he goes The trusts have been there first.

A Pleasure to Be Lost. Some time ago it was reported that Mr. Rockefeller was lost. Although the members of his family didn't exhibit any special concern or put a want ad in the papers "Lost—One multimillionaire; slender please return and receive reward," yet several of the special correspondents did not think they were not doing their duty to society unless they threw a couple of conceptions fits.

The average man could think of nothing more delightful than being lost with Mr. Rockefeller's roll, and he wouldn't take any particular pains to report the case to the police until he had made it look thinner than the neighbors had seen it looking for some time.

When the man who is lost can buy the first town that he comes to, so that he may at once feel at home, the average man will not waste much sympathy on him.

Longing. My soul today Is far away. Eat not on the Vesuvian bay. It does not ride Out there in pride. It's looking for A different tide. For it is out Somewhere about The center of The free lunch route. Would I could chase My soul again And at the counter Feed my face. Would I were free This hour to be Down where the redhot Waits for me.

Developed to It. "Do you understand that our first parents were monkeys?" "Adam and Eve? No, but the serpent soon made monkeys of them."

Not Too Sober. "What is your sober judgment about the matter?" "Buy me a drink, and I will give it to you."

Good For Him. "Does your watch keep good time?" "Yes," replied the genial postmaster, "under the present administration."

SHORT STORIES.

The Longfellow centennial will be celebrated on Feb 27 by the Cambridge Historical society W. D. Howells will make the chief address.

Ten per cent of Colorado's population, it has been estimated, is dependent upon wages earned by employees of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

In these days of increasing use of concrete for building purposes it is recalled that the Pantheon, in Rome, about 2,000 years old, is covered by a dome over 142 feet in diameter which is cast in concrete in one solid mass.

The village of Stowe, Vt., has voted to adopt the curfew law to apply to all pupils in the public schools without regard to their age. The curfew will ring every evening in the week at 7:30 except Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Owing to a blunder by a selectman there can be no jury trials on the civil side of the New Haven city court until January next, and then not until special legislation is enacted to remedy the blunder. The blunder was in making up a list of jurors illegally.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

For steady wear there is nothing like a cheviot double breasted suit, semi-fitting, with hip length coat.

Skirts are almost invariably trimmed, while coats and jackets grow more complicated in detail with every new design.

Everywhere in every material one sees striped effects in silks, velvets, tweeds, light voiles and chiffons. Everything runs to stripes or crossbar patterns.

One sees a good many vests with the short coats, made of velvet, braid, embroidery and lace. Some of them are very elaborate, and they certainly add a finish to a plain cloth or plaid costume.

Broadcloth trimming in folds, stitched straps and bands are used a great deal on separate bodices of chiffon cloth. Sometimes the cloth is cut out in disks, circles and other designs and applied upon the blouse material. In colors to harmonize with the skirt these are very beautiful and tasteful.—New York Post.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Vivian Prescott in "A Child of the Regiment" is a new road attraction.

William A. Brady has found in "As Ye Sow" a financial successor to his "Way Down East."

Eugene Presbrey is at work upon a stage version of Gilbert Parker's novel, "The Right of Way."

W. H. Crane and Ellis Jeffreys are to appear this winter in a revival of "She Stoops to Conquer."

Before the end of the season "A Colonial Girl," in which Bertha Creighton starred, will be revived.

Lillian Lamson, sister of Nance O'Neil, has been engaged for the role of Queen Vashti in "Mehpala."

Richard Bennett, now playing in "The Hypocrites," is to be starred later in the season in a new comedy by Augustus Thomas.

La Bella Napoli, a new Italian theater for Providence, R. I., is expected to be finished Dec. 1. It is estimated that the Italian quarter of that city has a population of 30,000.

ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

The yearly number who use the baths at Bath is over 120,000.

The British museum in London has had as many as 954,551 visitors in one year.

The last time that a British jury was fined for rendering a verdict contrary to the will of the court was in 1670.

In the time of Queen Elizabeth a parliamentary rule enacted that a speech on one side should always be followed by a speech on the other.

The largest private picture gallery in the world is that of the Duke of Portland. It is 236 feet long and covers fully a quarter of an acre of ground.

British brewers used last year, besides malt and corn, nearly 1,400,000 bushels of rice and maize and large quantities of glucose; also 37,196 pounds of hop substitutes.

The rental of the manor of Copeland is the holding of the king's head, if needed, as often as he crosses the sea between Dover and Whitland.

The rental of the manor of Aylesbury is three eels in winter and three green geese in summer, besides a litter of straw for the king's bedchamber thrice a year if he come that way so often.

The splendid manor of Farham Royal is held by the service of putting the glove on the king's right hand and by supporting the arm that holds the scepter on coronation day. There is no other payment.

ODD ENGLISH RENTALS.

The manor of Addington's rental is a pair of gilt spurs, a pair of tonals, a snowball on midsummer day and a rose at Christmas.

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FACTS FROM FRANCE.

The French budget of 1906 left a deficit of \$16,200,000 to be met by new taxes.

Parisian life seems to agree with Parisians. The latest figures show in the city 10,509 octogenarians and 620 nonagenarians, of whom eighty-nine are nearly 100. Six are over 102 years of age.

Vessels at present lying in French naval ports that have no longer sufficient fighting value to justify the expense of their upkeep are to be struck from the list of fighting units or classed in a special reserve.

A Guaranteed Cure For Piles.

Itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles Druggist refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case no matter of how long standing in 6 or 14 days. First application gives ease and rest 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c in stamps and it will be forwarded post paid by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

The Savannah crusade against suggestive pictures in low groceries has been beaten in Atlanta. In that city a war has been started against "high art" in bill board advertising, and posters advertising corsets, pills, pink pajamas and the like are to be rigorously censored by the custodians of the public morals.

Sells More of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than of all Others Put Together.

Mr. Thos. George, a merchant at Mt. Elgin, Ontario, says: "I have had the local agency for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since it was introduced into Canada, and I sell as much of it as I do of all other lines I have on my shelves put together. Of the many dozens sold under guarantee, I have not had one bottle returned. I can very truly recommend this medicine as I have used it myself and given it to my children and always with the best results." For sale by J. G. Hall.

The returns from Tuesday's election show that many a candidate made a noise like something hitting the ceiling.

A reliable medicine and one that should always be kept in the house for immediate use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will prevent the attack if given as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the coughy cough appears. For sale by J. G. Hall.

A case came up in New York to prevent the trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company from spending the policyholders' money to secure their own election.

A Year of Blood.

The year 1915 will long be remembered in the history of the world. Dr. King's New Discovery, K.V., as a year of blood, which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackler's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me to the door when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven me remarkably cured. Guarantee for sore Lungs, Coughs and colds at Hamilton's drug store. Price 50c and 1.00 Trial bottle free.

The trestle across the sound between Morehead City and Beaufort is now complete and trains can cross.

Your stomach chafes and digests the food you eat and if it is torpid, or out of order, your whole system suffers from blood poison. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea keeps you well. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. J. G. Hall.

Mr. Vesuvius is still spouting mud. The eruption of mud and slime is also still in progress in New York, although the election is over.

Famous Strike Breakers.

The most famous strike breakers in the land are Dr. King's Life Pills. When liver and bowels go on strike they quickly settle the trouble, and the purifying work goes right on. A sure cure for constipation, headache and dizziness. 25c at Hamilton's drug store.

The voters in New York didn't appear to want to "stick to Roosevelt" so much as they desired to stick it to Hearst.

Has Stood the Test 25 Years.

The old original Groves Tasteless Chill Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure no pay 50c.

At Tampa, Fla., Albert B. Wrenn, assistant Southern Express agent, was stabbed to death by H. W. Day at the Coast Line station.

TYNER'S DYSPEPSIA REMEDY.

Many Have Dyspepsia Don't Know It. Do you belch up wind? Taste your food after eating? See specks before the eyes? Are you pale and haggard? Does your heart flutter? Are you dizzy? Do you have pains in side or back? Rising or pimples on the skin? Are you low spirited? Is there a sour taste? Breath bad? Headache? Weak Kidneys? Biliousness? "Constitutional" indigestion? If you have any of these symptoms, it is a dangerous condition. To cure take Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy. It is made for just such troubles and symptoms. Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy removes acids from the stomach, strengthens weak stomachs and cures the worst Dyspepsia or Indigestion. Druggists or by express 50c a bottle. Money refunded if it fails to cure. J. G. Hall, Oxford, N. C.

December 14th will be Melver Day in the public schools, it having been decided as already stated, to make North Carolina Day Melver Day. There will be a sonnet, a sketch, several articles and extracts from Melver's addresses.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Hall.

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Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The City of Munich.

Munich is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, with broad streets, frequent fountains, many stately squares, numerous open squares, large wooded parks, a swift river flowing directly through the center of the residence section, galleries that contain several of the finest recollections of pictures and sculpture in the world, libraries, academies of design, schools of science, a magnificent opera house, a theater that was erected exclusively for the production of Wagner's operas, and various other attractions which do not disturb the classic atmosphere, but appeal to the artist, the student and whoever seeks for beauty and for rest. No city of equal size has so many noble monuments and public buildings, while probably a larger number of the population of Munich is engaged in study and artistic and scientific pursuits than may be found in any other city. The Royal Library is one of the greatest in existence, probably second only to the British museum.—William E. Curtis in Chicago Record-Herald.

Moving on the Installment Plan.

An expressman who called at a Ninety-second street boarding house for two trunks was asked by the landlady where they were going.

"I don't know," he said. "I will see, I do only half the hauling. You take the things to our office, and somebody else will take them the rest of the way. The boss at the desk will know the address. The moving is done on the installment plan to keep you folks here from finding out where the other people went. They were afraid to trust me with the number for fear you might worry it out of me, so they told it to nobody but the manager. Lots of people who move often make the trip in sections like that. Half the time when I take a trunk away from a boarding house I don't know where it will wind up. That is generally done when there has been a row and the folks who leave don't want to be followed. Been a little trouble here, I imagine," he added tentatively.

"Yes," sighed the landlady, "a little." —New York Sun.

Where Cleero Took the Mud.

Marcus Tullius Cleero bathed in the mud of Lake Agnan 2,000 years ago in order to get rid of the gout. The mud of the standing waters in the district west of Naples was famous from early times for the relief of arthritis. The luxurious high livers of the imperial days knew its efficacy and no doubt did their "cure" there in much the same rough and ready fashion as their modern representative does now. It is no doubt to the sulphur and other deposits that the mud of the little lakes on the promontory of Cumae owes its health giving properties, and as nature works much the same way now in that region as she did in the time of the Caesars, the effect upon twentieth century gout is probably much the same as when the great Tully soaked his inflamed joints in the ooze of the Phlegraean fields.

Making Paint With Skim Milk.

Stir into a gallon of milk about three pounds of Portland cement and add sufficient Venetian red paint powder to impart a good color. Any other colored paint powder may as well be used. The skim milk will hold the paint in suspension, but the cement, being heavy, will sink to the bottom, so that it becomes necessary to keep the mixture well stirred with a paddle. Mix only enough at a time for one day's use. Six hours after painting the paint will be as immovable and unaffected by water as a month old paint. Cases are on record of this sort of paint being in good condition after twenty years, and it has preserved the wood admirably. The addition of carbolic acid or some other disinfectant makes it very suitable for dairy work, as it then has a cleansing effect.—St. Louis Republic.

Scared Both of Them.

When Mr. Justice Maule was on the bench a bullying counsel was one day browbeating an elderly female witness in a case before him. Having badgered her into a state of utter speechlessness, the lawyer appealed to the judge to make her answer his questions. "Why do you not answer, madam?" asked the judge. "Because, my lord, he scares me so," replied the trembling woman. "So does he me ma'am," said the judge.—Law Notes.

DeWITT'S WITCH HAZEL SALVE

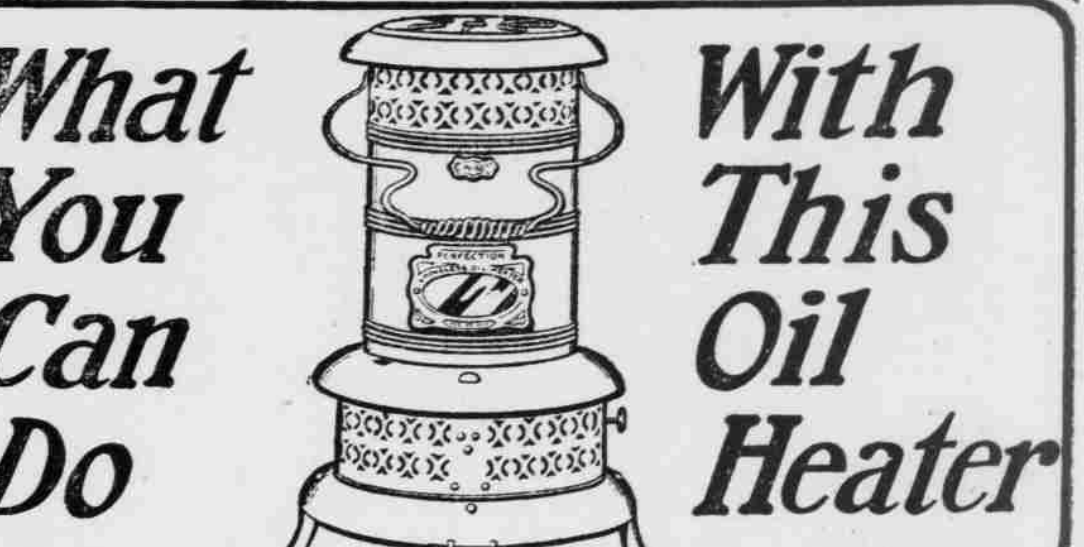
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The Rayo Lamp can be used in any room and is the best all-round house lamp made. Gives a clear, steady light. Is the safest lamp you can buy. Brass throughout and nickel plated. Equipped with the latest improved burner. Handsome—simple—satisfactory. Every lamp warranted. Write to nearest agency if you cannot get it from your dealer.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

A snake, 7 feet long, was killed in Charlotte, Sunday. It was of a copper head color, and is believed to have escaped from John Robinson's Circus, which was there a few days ago.

In Time of Peace. In the first month of the Russian-Japan war we had a striking example of the necessity for preparation and the early adoption of those who, so to speak, "have shingled their roofs in dry weather." The virtue of preparation has made history and given to us our greatest men. The individual as well as the nation should be prepared for any emergency. Are you prepared to successfully combat the first cold you take? A cold can be cured much more quickly when treated as soon as it has been contracted and before it has become settled in the system. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds and it should be kept at hand ready for instant use. For sale by J. G. Hall.

Clarence Black and Stephen Shepard, colored, have been jailed at Kingston, without bail, for criminal assault upon Della Clayton, a 15 year-old colored girl of Vance township, Lenoir county.

The best treatment for indigestion and troubles of the stomach is to rest the stomach. It can be rested by starvation or by the use of a good digestant which will digest the food eaten, thus taking the work off the stomach. At the proper time, temperature a single teaspoonful of Kodol will wholly digest 3,000 grains of food. It cures the present annoyance, puts the stomach in shape to satisfactorily perform its functions. Good for indigestion, sour stomach, flatulence, palpitation of the heart and dyspepsia. Kodol is made in strict conformity with the National Pure Food & Drug Law. Sold by J. G. Hall.

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With Best Wishes, I am Very truly yours, Z. W. LYON.

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