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THE COUNTRY WEEKLY.

There's a little country paper that I love to sit and read— A paper poorly printed and behind the times indeed: With pages small and narrow, and ink inclined to spread, And here and there a letter gravely standing on its head.

Or caps, a bit erratic, being popping into view In unexpected places, and knocking things askew.

A real old fashioned paper from my little native town; Each week I hail its coming, and I never put it down.

Till I read it every column, all the local news you know: About the dear old country folks I lived with long ago.

I note whose barn is painted—whose cattle took the prize. And how Uriah Potts has raised a squash of wondrous size.

How farmer Martin's daughter takes the school another year— At that I praise and smile a bit and feel a little queer.

Remembering how in bygone days when life seemed made for mirth, I thought this school ma'am's mother, was the sweetest girl on earth.

And now and then perchance, I read that one I knew is dead.

Or find, again, some boyhood chum the second time has wed.

And so it goes, and none can know what memories sad and sweet, Come back to me whenever I read this homely little sheet.

—G. E.

Let us Quarrel To-morrow.

My wife is one of the sweetest little women in the whole world, and I am not considered peculiarly cranky, but sometimes differences would arise, beginning with the most trivial things, which, however, being duly nursed, become of momentous proportions and often threatened the peace of a family.

Of course, I was commonly the one to blame; in fact as I look back on it now, I am sure I was always to blame, for I should have had the wisdom to give way on the non-essentials, and by a little restraint and gentle talk win my little wife over to my way of thinking.

But instead of that I feared I should sacrifice my dignity, (?) as head of the family by yielding. So sometimes I went to my business without my good-bye kiss and two people were miserable all day.

But my little wife had an inspiration (most women have when things come to the breaking point), and the next time our argument was drifting near the danger line, she turned aside the collision by this womanly suggestion, "Howard, dear, let's quarrel tomorrow!"

This was a proposal for an armistice. What husband could refuse? "All right," I said, "we will put it off for to-morrow," and we laughed and talked of other things. But to-morrow did not come. Indeed, to-morrow never comes; it's always ahead; and if we only keep our quarrels till then, there will be no more heart-broken little wife at home and fewer "blue" husbands at the store or office. "Let's quarrel to-morrow."

A drowning man would have little use for a method of rescue which would require days. A dyspeptic doesn't want to bother with a remedy that is going to take weeks to show its beneficial effects.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers are offering a product under the name of Shaker Digestive Cordial which yields immediate relief. The very first dose proves beneficial in most cases; and it is owing to their unbounded confidence in it, that they have put 10 cent sample bottles on the market. These can be had through any druggist; and it will repay the afflicted to invest the trifling sum necessary to make a trial.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial relieves by resting the stomach and aiding the digestion of food.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Facts About Mouths.

The teeth of fish, like the teeth of most animals, are not fastened to the bone, but are held in sockets.

The treatise of John Hunter in 1771 is considered the foundation of the science of dentistry in England.

Ovid, Martial, and Horace all refer in their poems to the use of artificial teeth as common in their time.

The mouth of the leech is a powerful sucker, which will sustain many times the weight of the animal.

The tongue of the toad and frog is prehensile. By means of it these animals seize and hold their prey.

The mouth of the lobster is small, and he must tear his food to pieces with his claws before he can devour it.

The largest mouth, proportioned to the size of the animal, is that of the frog. His head is practically all mouth.

Artificial teeth of porcelain were made in France as early as 1776. A full upper and lower set cost a little over \$1,000.

The molar teeth are hard to pull, because their roots are bifurcated, and thus have a much better hold in the jaw.

The trouble with tongue-tied people is that the membrane connecting the tongue with the lower jaw is too short.

The mouth of a heroine in a novel is, in nine cases out of ten, a special object of attention on the part of the writer.

Letter Writing.

If women sometimes convey their feelings too strongly in their letters it must not be forgotten that men are guilty of the same offence, writes Edward W. Bok in the *Ladies Home Journal*.

There is no man living who would not gladly call back some letter which some time in his life, he has written and regretted afterward.

Men are as often swayed by angry passions in their letters as women are by their emotions. The art of letter-writing has not been conquered any more by men than women. In fact, a glance over the literature of the world shows that the truest and best masters of letter-writing have been women.

And I am inclined to believe this is true today as it ever has been. A woman writes a far more natural letter than does a man. She may require space wherein to do it, where a man would employ terseness. But what man ever begrudged a woman an extra sheet, or that inevitable postscript which so often says more than her whole letter?

A woman always ignores all formulas and writes as she feels. True, woman's way may not always be the safest, but it is the most delightful all the same. It's just the difference between spontaneity and study.

Trotting With Loose Shoes.

At a certain horse-race in Baltimore the other day it happened that one of the best horses fell behind, and the discovery was made that the jockey had been racing the horse with loose shoes.

"The jockey was fined \$250, replaced by another, the horse's shoes were fastened on, and after that the horse won the races with ease.

We do not object of getting morals from horse races. That is all they are good for. Many a man runs the race of life handicapped by loose shoes. His morals are loose. His principles are so loose that he can slip all around in them. His plans are so poorly formed that he is at all men's beck and at no man's service.

The wise man, on the contrary, so runs that he may obtain. His feet are lightly shod with the preparation of the gospel, his plans indefinite and unstable.

Tighten your moral uppers, young man. Strengthen your heels. See to the flapping, worn-out heels of your purpose. Become whole souled for life's race.

Sleep Until You Are Not Sleepy.

A person may need nine hours sleep out of the twenty-four. Indeed, he is a wise man if, feeling that he requires them, he is sensible enough to take them. Goeth, when performing his great literary feats, took nine hours sleep.

A full-grown adult, in a healthy condition, will seldom require more than eight. If, however, he discovers that he is not sufficiently refreshed by eight hours, he should take more. It is a pretty safe rule to sleep as long as you are sleepy. "There are people," says a writer, "who are wise enough to eat when they are hungry, but who have never attained that higher reach of wisdom to sleep when they are sleepy."

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How The People are Fooled.

In a large city, last fall, a large clothing house was known to be making arrangements for the occupancy of a large building about the first of the year, and it was privately stated that when this removal took place there would be a big reduction in the price of clothing.

In order to know definitely what reduction would be made, and to ascertain what methods, if any would be resorted to, to fool the people, two gentlemen determined early in the fall to watch the prices of clothes in this store.

They kept a careful account of the prices of the various suits early in the fall, and up to the time of the announcement of a great reduction on account of removal to a larger building and comparisons were with the newly announced prices as follows:

Suits which had been selling for three months at \$8.50, were marked up to \$10, and then reduced one-third, making the new price \$6.66, an actual reduction of \$1.84, instead of \$3.33.

Suits which had sold at \$10, were marked up to \$2, and then reduced one-third, making the net price \$8, an actual saving of \$2, instead of \$4.

Suits which had sold for \$23, were marked up to \$30, and then reduced one-third, making the new price \$20, an actual saving of \$3, instead of \$10.

Other suits were reduced in the same manner. In this way many people were humbugged into buying, believing that the reductions were really being made as advertised.

These great reductions are so frequent and the advertisements so extensive and costly that it is likely that many of them are like the case outlined above.

The people should protect themselves against these forms of deception. Laws should be passed that will force dealers to sell exactly what they represent. The products of the farm are now largely graded and tested; why not make the manufacturer and other traders sell their goods in such a way that the people cannot be cheated! There is no reason why a piece of woolen cloth should not have a ticket on it stating exactly what it is. Nearly everything produced could be described in a simple way so that the purchaser would know what he is buying.

In the large cities it is a common thing to find the old reliable house going out of business. These places where one could send a child and be certain that it would receive full value for the money, when the absolute rule was that all goods must be as represented.

These old houses cannot hold out against the new methods, which have humbuggers for their basis.

B. FRANKLIN.

The Man for the Occasion.

Not long since Sandow was going from Kansas City to Omaha, and the strong man had occasion to go into the day coach. In passing through the car he was accosted by a tall gentleman with long side whiskers a la Taffy.

"Excuse me, sir," he said, "but are you not Mr. Sandow?"

"Yes," said the strong man.

"You can lift three tons in harness?"

"Yes, sir, that is my record," the Hercules returned.

"You can hold 200 weight at arms length?"

"Yes."

"And put up 300 pounds with one arm?"

"Yes."

"And 600 with two?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, would you kindly raise this car window for me?"

Quieted By a Photographer.

A friend of ours took her 4-year-old child to a photographer. The child couldn't be made to sit still. He of the camera vainly worked every device of gentle persuasion to make the little wriggler sit still, and finally said to the despairing mother:

"Madam, if you will leave the little dear alone with me a few minutes I think I can succeed."

BUSTED KNUCKLE.

CROSSING THE ROCKIES.

It Is Not All Rugged Nature That Attracts the Traveler's Attention.

Crossing the Rocky Mountains on the Northern Pacific railroad affords an opportunity for a thoughtful mind to canvass the possibilities of time and wonder what shook the earth on its crazy bone. Covered with Christmas trees, snow and mules, the mountains rise about you like a thirsty crowd when some one says "beer."

To climb these high places big engines coined by the hand of man, so strong that they could pull anything with two ends to it, are put on ahead, and the train jogs up hill as if the grade was the other way. A man smoking a joint of fish pole got on the train at Helena, and when he wasn't setting fire to his fish pole he was telling us that he was the principal man around there and had information to let.

There was a fence so near the track we thought we could read a sign on it. "Go to Fleming & Leweaux for your condition powders," this man told us that that fence was 35 miles away and still going. A mountain that had been dug out to allow the train to pass by without running into the river we found was 75 miles away. The train stopped at a little town called Busted Knuckle. The largest building was a saloon. A sign read, "Beer 5 cents a glass," and we found that about half the people that traveled got left in that town. The saloon, instead of being a half a block, as it looked, was in reality 12 miles in the country.

Near a station house a cow and a horse and a few pigs were surrounded by a fence; the cow was standing bow legged in order to eat grass without interfering with the fence, and the horse seemed crowded for room, while the pigs roamed around down stairs. This information stand led us to believe that the piece of ground contained 169 acres of land, more or less, according to the government survey. He got off at the next stop and took charge of a yoke of oxen.

Signs and Saloons.

It is an interesting occupation while walking the streets of a city to notice the variety and peculiar wording of signs, to say nothing of the spelling, often found there. Nowhere, perhaps, is this more noticeable than in the nomenclature given to saloons and places of that character.

Whether the proprietors feel that their business needs some disguise in order to inveigle the unwary inside their doors or that they think the names applied peculiarly appropriate, is hard to say.

Whatever the cause, the fact remains that "Exchange" seems to be the favorite appellation. "Labor Exchange," which one place of this kind called particularly expresses the transaction. Exactly what is expressed by Baseball Exchange, we do not know; perhaps it is that the knowledge and skill acquired by the practice of the game is bartered over the counter for that which not only adds nothing to one's stock of health, strength, and knowledge, but absolutely detracts from them.

The man who labels his saloon Family Resort, shows a desire to tempt the young as well as the old into his snares, and also by throwing an air of respectability about its character, to deceive the unwary. The Cottage, is another of these misleading signs. To the uninformed, such a name would suggest a quiet place of rest, with perhaps a drink of milk and a sandwich for refreshment. How different the reality.

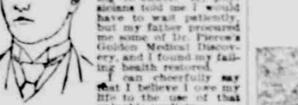
Most misleading of all, however, are the lunch signs, Business Men's Lunch and others of that like. What is more attractive to a cold and hungry man on a winter's day, than the announcement "Hot Soup" and "Red Hot Free?" It is little wonder he spends his last muckle, it may be, for the glass of beer, which accompanies the meal. Though the single glass may do him little harm, it will be an extraordinary case which stops there, and habit once formed is hard to shake off.

Jurisdiction can scarcely be had over the signs a man chooses to place on his establishment, while he is permitted to carry on that line of business, but care should be taken to instruct the young especially, as to the pitfalls which underlie some of the apparently most innocent names.

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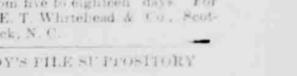
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