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The least exercise, such as walking about, would bring on palpitation and fluttering of the heart so severe that I would have to give up everything and rest. Nerve and Liver Pills cured me of constipation and heart symptoms disappeared under the influence of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure. I am in better health than I have been in twelve years and I thank Dr. Miles' Remedies for it. I think they are the greatest remedies on earth and I am constantly recommending them to my friends.—Mrs. L. J. CANTRELL, Waxahatchie, Tex.

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OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

SOMETIMES when looking for a clipping of poetry for this paper we have been surprised at how little poetry the average newspaper prints. Sometimes we have opened and scanned a dozen exchanges before finding a single selection of poetry. It is a little strange that papers do not print more poetry, for nothing more delights one who is fond of sentiment or of beautiful expression than a well written poem. It gives us the thought in an attractive manner and thus pleases as well as instructs. We have no doubt that if the readers of ordinary newspapers were to cast a vote most of them would say they like a nice little poem in every paper.

THE Greenville Reflector gives the following sensible suggestions by way of Christmas advice to those who make presents:

About Those Gifts. "There is no reason why Christmas presents should not be bought as judiciously as you would spend money for other things. Presents that are useless cost just as much as useful ones. The best present is the one that gives the most pleasure for the longest time. When these two qualities are combined with small cost, you have the ideal Christmas present. Nothing makes such a combination better than books. The latest novel, the artistically illustrated poem, the latest book of travel, in holiday garb, delight the mind and please the fancy of young and old."

ELSEWHERE we print in this issue a selection which directs attention to the practice which some people fall into of living lies rather than telling lies. When we come to think about it, it is possible that more people could and should be counted in the number thus characterized than are willing to admit it. Many people are willing to make impressions by appearances that are not altogether true and which if they had to declare in words they would hesitate to do. This thing of one person or one family trying to keep up with another person or family in appearances has caused many a life to be clouded with disappointments which would not have come had every one been willing to live within his means.

THE Supreme court has decided that the Atlantic Coast Line shall make connection with the trains of the Southern Railway of Selma. The trains over the Coast Line from Rocky Mount going south missed connection with the Southern at Selma about twenty-five minutes. The Corporation Commission made an order that the Coast Line should make the connection, but when the case was heard before Judge Brown, he decided against the Corporation Commission's order, the Coast Line contending that to make connection would be at a loss. The case was carried to the Supreme court and has now been decided that the Coast Line shall make the connection. The company is given until the 10th of February to make the connection.

OH, how it does hurt some folks to work! The tendency to despise work is one of the hindrances in the way of a prosperity that would come to some people who will never see it until they discard such feelings. Some people have altogether a wrong conception of labor. The Creator has made men with different endowments. Some are endowed especially for mental attainments, while some are endowed more particularly for physical excellence. It is therefore as honorable and as praiseworthy to fell the forests, canal the meadows, follow the plow, drive the team and the like, as it is to perform the work of an accountant, to sell goods across the counter, do the work of a professional man in the office or to sign checks of credit as a bank president. All honest labor is honorable and he is foolish and hurtful to the world who would set a-going any influence that places a discount upon human toil.

THE Rich Square Times states a question between the farmers and the country merchants as follows:

How About It, Mr. Merchant? "Farmers blame the country merchants for the demoralized condition of labor on the farms. Almost without exception the farmers we have talked with on the subject say that the country merchants have revolutionized the methods of farming. Asked to explain they will tell you that the merchant will sell any one a horse or a mule on time at a profit of from 100 to 300 per cent., corn, hay and provisions at about 100 per cent. profit, making it easy for anyone to begin farming on his own account, and the temptation to have a horse and buggy (and one can buy a buggy on time) to drive at will is so great that but few resist it. In the fall if the new farmer can pay only one-half of his account the merchant has made a good profit and has a good customer for years to come. This is the farmers' view of the matter. What has the merchant to say on the subject?"

At the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va., there has been serious trouble of late. As we understand it, there are several hundred students at the institution; and there being dissatisfaction amongst the students with Commandant Johnson, they hanged him in effigy. The faculty thought they caught two young men while engaged in the disorder, and dismissed them. This enraged the Junior class and perhaps some of the other classes. The Junior class notified the faculty that they would leave if the two young men in question were not reinstated. This the faculty refused to do. The class which had treated with the faculty kept good their threat, and about one hundred and thirty-five students left for home. The matter has been widely discussed by the press of Virginia; and the general feeling is in favor of the position of the faculty. It seems to be a question whether the faculty or the students shall rule the school and the faculty proposes to do the ruling. Since writing the above it is learned that the students have been allowed to return to the institution.

A PLEASANT PILL. No pill is as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are so pleasant and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best pill sold. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.,

"STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN."

The Highest Price Ever Paid for a Few Words—The Railroad Saved Money.

Philadelphia North American. It has been said on good authority that the highest price ever paid for a writing was given a lawyer in this immediate community. A certain railroad company had lost enormous sums of money through damage suits instituted by those injured in grade crossing accidents. This company had been most particular in the matter of erecting signs at each crossing, but injury after injury decided that these were of small moment, since the warning they conveyed was to "look out for the cars" or "look out for the engine," and in almost every instance it was proved that the damage was done by that part of the train not mentioned. So in desperation the railroad company commissioned a lawyer of wide repute to compose a sign that would "hold" in court. After some days the following sentence, written on a large sheet of paper, came from the man learned in the law:

"Stop, Look and Listen!"

Following this came a bill for \$10,000. So when you hear some long-tongued individual boasting about the dollar a word Mr. Kipling gets, or the surprising sum paid Richard Harding Davis for articles describing the war he didn't see, dismisses the being as a dealer in ant hills, for the lawyer aforementioned got a check for the amount named, and so far as history enlightens us, no one ever before received so much as \$2,500 a word.

Before the end of a year the lawyer was informed by the president of the road that the new sign had saved many times its cost. And the point I am especially desirous of making in regard to this sign is its immense value to men and women generally, not only in the matter of saving life and limb, but in the highest sense of getting out of life all there is in it.

Pneumonia Season.

Richmond Times-Dispatch. The pneumonia season is now upon us, and it will be well for everybody to take precautions against contracting this terrible disease. The Chicago Tribune says that for the week ending the 17th instant the number of deaths in that city from pneumonia was eighty per cent. greater than for the corresponding week a year ago. Medical science has been able to reduce the death rate in many diseases, but the Tribune says that of pneumonia has steadily increased. While in 1860 pneumonia claimed four out of every ten thousand Chicagoans and consumption twenty-five, in 1900 twenty lives were lost to pneumonia for every fifteen to consumption. As precautionary measures, our Chicago contemporary recommends the following, which it claims to have gathered from the bulletin of the Health Department and from other authoritative sources:

"Do not overheat the house. Most people habitually dwell in apartments, the temperature of which is from three to ten degrees too high.

"Wear light underwear and heavy overcoats rather than heavy underwear and light overcoats.

"Avoid mingling with crowds when extremely tired or when food has not been taken for a longer interval than usual. Avoid becoming chilled when overtired.

"Admit into all rooms where you live and work plenty of sunlight and fresh air.

"Keep warm when indoors, even if it is necessary to build fires in seasons when it is unusual to do so. Avoid indoor chill and dampness as much as possible. For this reason be careful to remove the chill before moving into apartments freshly prepared or caissoned.

"Be careful during variable weather. Where there is continual cold or constant warmth the disease is little known.

"If you have an attack of the grippe be unusually careful about your diet and about exposing yourself to the weather. Neglected colds develop into pneumonia with startling rapidity.

BALLAD OF THE WORLD'S FIRST LOVE SONG.

Frank L. Stanton, in Sunny South.

I was the world's first Christmas day, Far away—far away; And a fair Babe—too fair to say— Within a manger-cradle lay: A dream God dreamed, that made the gray.

Lost world leap lovelier in the light— God thought a Star into the Night! It blazed—of all his stars to gem, And led my soul to Bethlehem.

My soul looked in, but to behold Great men lay princelike gifts of gold Before that cradle strange and wild, As though a palace domed the Child! Strange wonder to my Soul that saw The heaven-sweet face there in the straw.

Will not the world such couch condemn For such a Child, at Bethlehem?

I, standing like an outcast thing, Heard yet ten thousand voices sing Above me and around; and ever, Flowing like a celestial river, A chorused cadence of "A King!" And that one Star high-blossoming In the flower-field of heaven, streamed down.

Until its light became a crown! A crown no earth-kings would condemn For that Babe's brow, at Bethlehem!

No gifts had I, from lordly lands: I sought the King with empty hand; But kneeling in His presence sweet I laid my soul's love at His feet. And spake a strange, far voice to me: "When comes the King to Calvary, Thy love His richest gift shall be!"

The golden gifts faded from my sight: And in unutterable light My soul seemed lost!—and still I heard That voice speak yet one other word: "Peace and good will, and Love to reign, And Love to die and love again! Though Stars before the king should fall Who giveth Love, hath given all!"

So sang the heavenly hosts of men, Earth's first Love song at Bethlehem! Opposed to Wilcox's Pardon.

Charlotte Observer. New York, Dec. 14.—Friends of J. E. Wilcox, who is serving a 30 years term in the State prison at Raleigh, N. C., for the murder of Ella Cropsey, are making an effort to procure his pardon from the newly elected Governor of the State and the girl's relatives in this city are aroused. That Wilcox's family has strong political influence causes the Cropseys to fear the young murderer may be freed.

Andrew C. Cropsey, a lawyer of this city, and uncle of the murdered girl, is about to go to North Carolina and do all he can to keep the murderer of his beautiful niece in prison. "The mere thought," said Mr. Cropsey today, "that Jim Wilcox may get out of jail when he has put in only one year of the 30 he was sentenced to serve, is enough to drive me distracted. If ever a man deserved to be hung it was that fellow. That he killed my niece was proved twice. Now Jim Wilcox's friends are working hard to get him pardoned. I will appeal to Mr. Glenn's sense of right and justice and if necessary we will get up a petition containing thousands of names of people living in the vicinity of Elizabeth City protesting against the release of the murderer. If Jim Wilcox serves one day less than 30 years for his crime there is no such thing as justice."

If you haven't time to prepare Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, it is now made in tablet form also. Get a package already to use. Makes you well; keeps you well. 35 cents.

—E. T. Whitehead & Co.

This Topsy Turvy World.

This is a topsy turvy world. One man is struggling for justice and another is fleeing from it. One man is saving to build a house, another is trying to sell his "for less than it cost." One man is spending all the money he can make in taking a girl to an entertainment and sending her flowers in the hope of eventually making her his wife, while his neighbor is spending the gold he has got to get a divorce. One man escapes all the diseases man is heir to and gets killed on the railway. Another goes everywhere without getting hurt and dies of whooping cough. Such is life!

Fight Will be Bitter.

Those who persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

LIVING A LIE.

Those People Who Dream or Live Beyond Their Means.

Success. Dressing or living beyond one's means is nothing less than absolute dishonesty. If you are trying to do what you cannot afford to do, you are living a lie; if you are wearing clothes that you cannot afford, they are perpetual witnesses against you. They are labeled all over with falsehood, if your jewelry, your carriages, your furs and your costly gowns tell me that you are rich when you live in a poverty-stricken home and when your mother is obliged to make all sorts of sacrifices to enable you to make this false display, you lie just as surely as you would if you should try to deceive me by your words.

The consciousness of being well dressed and yet owing for it, of riding in carriages which one cannot afford, or of patronizing expensive hotels and restaurants which one cannot by any stretch of imagination or sophistry afford, is destructive to self respect, to truth and honesty and to manhood and to womanhood. You cannot afford to wear lies or to eat lies any more than you can afford to tell lies.

There is only one possible result upon character of falsehoods whether acted or told, and that is perpetual deterioration and demoralization. No one can live a lie or act a lie without being dishonest. When a man sacrifices his honesty he loses the mainspring of his character, and he cannot be perfectly honest when he is lying by frequenting costly hotels or restaurants, by wearing expensive clothing or by extravagant living when he cannot afford it.

The Giving of Gifts.

Selected. The custom of giving presents at the New Year is older than our modern custom of Christmas gifts. In the middle ages it was the common usage of churches to display boxes for especially liberal alms-giving, in honor of the season. Parents gave their children, masters their servants and employers their apprentices small sums of money to put in the box. By and by the money came to be given in the form of tips. "Boxing day" in England is still the day following Christmas. The boxes very seldom remained in the hands of the recipients. Usually they were passed on to parents or sweethearts.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE.

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c. at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store.

Origin of the Christmas Tree.

Selected. The Christmas tree is supposed to have originated in Germany, but such is not the case. In reality the Christmas tree is from Egypt, and dates from a period long antecedent to the Christmas era. The palm tree is known to put forth a shoot every month, and a spray of this tree with twelve shoots on it was used in Egypt as the time of the winter solstice as a symbol that the year was complete. Egyptian affections of an early date still linger with the Christmas tree. The first Christmas tree was introduced into England and thence into America by some German merchants who lived in Manchester.

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"God save the young men from stylish women," says Vicar General Fox, of Trenton. Might substitute "old bankers" for "young men."—Washington Post.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR CROUP.

When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. M. F. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by all Druggists.

PE-RU-NA NECESSARY TO THE HOME.

A Letter From Congressman White, of North Carolina.



Congressman George Henry White, of Tarboro, N. C., writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman concerning Peruna: "Washington, Feb. 4, 1904. Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O. Gentlemen—'I am more than satisfied with Peruna, and find it to be an excellent remedy for the grip and catarrh. I have used it in my family and they all join me in recommending it as an excellent remedy.' Very respectfully, George H. White." If you have enough faith in Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O. Ask your druggist for free Peruna Almanac for 1905.

Famous Hymns.

A valuable contribution to sacred literature is promised in *The Definitive* in a series of papers on the famous hymns of the world, which begins in the January number with "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"—one of the most perfect heart songs of all ages. The greatest hymns, such as this, have a universal appeal; churches may differ as to creeds and conventions, but these exalted expressions of Christian faith and hope are common to all. The story of how they came to be written cannot fail to be absorbingly interesting; it is especially so in the case of Charles Wesley's noble composition, whose origin, as related in this paper is shrouded in romantic incidents. A feature of the article scarcely less interesting is a number of anecdotes from noted churchmen showing the power for good that the hymn has wielded throughout the world. This article as well as the rest in the series, has been prepared by Allen Sutherland, and is effectively illustrated.

Danger in Cold Weather.

There is danger in cold weather because it produces conditions favorable to the development of those serious diseases known as LaGrippe, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Consumption, etc. These diseases are contracted while the mucous membrane of the throat and lungs is weakened by inflammation resulting from a cold. It is dangerous to neglect even a slight cold. Help nature to ward off disease by using Rydalen's Elixir. This modern scientific remedy can always be relied on in all diseased conditions of the throat and lungs. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

The Mormon practice of divorcing persons after death seems to be as much wasted effort as sending Democrats to the electoral college.—Washington Post.

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly subside the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches and pains under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 25c., and that is returned if it doesn't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

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