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Many unhealthy kidneys are
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therefore, if kidney
trouble is permitted to
continue, serious re-
sults are most likely
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they do most and
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if they were weak or out of order.
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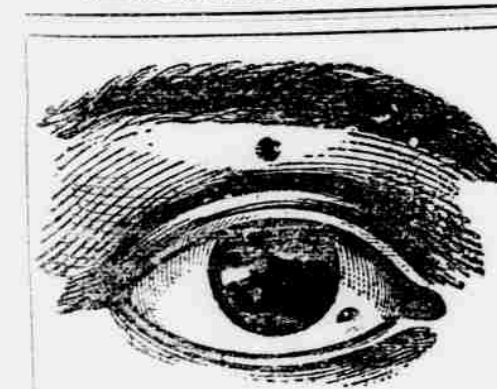
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REWARD OF POLITENESS.

Not Always What is Expected by Those
Who Make Room.

"Sometimes," said Mr. Mac-
Whackleton, "we entertain angels
unawares, and, then again, some-
times we entertain people who turn
out to be far from angels, as witness
what may happen to us when we
try to be civil to somebody in a
street car."

"Here are two persons sitting
comfortably side by side with ample
room, the two occupying the space
of about two persons and a half, and
then in comes another passenger
who stands up in front of the two,
holding on by a strap. Then pres-
ently these two move along a little
way from each other, making a lit-
tle space between, enough to give
the newcomer room to sit down on
the edge of the seat, making not the
most comfortable sitting place in the
world, but one better than none."

"The new comer, he or she, as the
case may be, accepts the seat thus
offered and for a minute or two sits
in it quietly, well forward, without
crowding or incommencing the two
persons who had thus been polite,
and then the stranger begins crowd-
ing back until he has wedged him-
self in between the two persons who
had made room for him and got his
back against the back of the seat,
now making the situation uncomfort-
able for all three. But the new
comer has not yet got through with
what he has set out to do."

"Now he manages to get one shoul-
der in back of the shoulder of the
person sitting at one side of him, so
displacing that person, and then the
newcomer gradually but firmly in-
serts his other shoulder back of the
shoulder of the person on the other
side and dislodges him from his seat
back, with the result that now the
person for whom room had been
made sits with his or her, as the case
may be, shoulders both back against
the back of the seat, thus occupying
now a full seat space, while the two
persons who had politely made way

are now both forced forward and
made to sit uncomfortably on the
edge of the seat.

"It is occurrences like this that
make us slow to entertain people, be-
cause they make us so doubtful as to
what they will turn out to be."—New
York Sun.

The Heart of a Friend.

"Broken friendship," says a writ-
ter in an exchange, "like china, may
be repaired, but the break will al-
ways show." And it is a bit of real
truth and wisdom. Friendship is a
precious thing—too precious a trea-
sure to be carelessly broken or
thrown away. The world handles
the word "friend" lightly; its real
true, deeper meaning is forgotten
and the acquaintance of an hour or
the chance comer is designated by
the term which in itself bears a
wealth of meaning. Your friend is
the one who appreciates you—your
faults as well as your virtues—who
understands and sympathizes with
your defeats and victories, your
aims and ideals, your joys and temp-
tations, your hopes and disappoint-
ments, as no one else does or can.
It is your friend to whom you turn
for counsel, for comfort, for praise;
he may not be as learned as some or
as wise as others, but it suffices that
he understands you, and even his
quiet listening gives strength and re-
newed courage. Blessed is the man
or woman into whose life has come
the beauty and power of such friend-
ship. Prize it well. Do all in your
power to keep such a friendship un-
broken. Avoid the break, for when
it comes it cannot be easily mended,
and the jarring note mingles the har-
mony symphony. It is not alone a
question of forgiveness; that may be
full and complete. It is the hurt in
the heart that will not readily heal
and the confidence that will not fully
come back!—The Pilgrim.

"If wishes were horses—"
"What's the use? There would be
still greater opportunities for losing
money."—Montgomery Advertiser.

The Fiddle in the Choir.

North Carolina can boast of one
editor who has the right sort of mu-
sic in his soul. His name is Archi-
dald Johnson and he presides over
Charity and Children. He is an ad-
mirer—a devotee—of the fiddle,
known in polite society as the violin,
and he wants more of the fiddle in
the choir. He agrees with David
that the Lord should be praised on
stringed instruments, and if he had
his way and could secure them, he
would have a dozen fiddles in the
choir of the church at which he wor-
ships. "Singers," he says, "know
the value of the violin skillfully
played and the wonderful help it
renders. We rejoice to see the king
of instruments coming into its own.
For many years it has been in the
hands of the devil because of the
prejudice of good people against its
use. Why is it not just as consistent
to tear out the floors of our houses
and adopt sawdust because ball-
rooms must have floors? Our col-
leges for women are magnifying the
violin in the music course, and our
girls are learning to master this
delightful instrument. It seems a
pity that a bright girl who has pre-
pared herself to play a violin is
sometimes rudely denied the
pleasure she could and would give
the congregation by some brother
who has no more music in his soul
than a mule has." That is coming
it pretty strong, but our good
brother is moved to qualify it by the
reluctant admission that "if the fiddle
makes some good brother to offend
no fiddle should be played," for
"harmony is necessary outside as
well as within the choir." Here is
a noble soul willing to surrender its
appreciation of the fiddle rather than
give some old rooster cause to rebel
against this appearance of world-
liness in the church. Anyhow, he
has thrown out a hint to other
champions of the fiddle. He has
sowed the seed, as it were, even if
he does glance askant at the coming
of the crop. He has turned up the
fiddle and passed it along to those
who can play it—the sly sinner.—
Charlotte Chronicle.

The Evening Day.

The bright star in the west these
nights is Venus, the brightest of all
the planets. It is the nearest to us
of all the planets. It is the nearest
to us of all the heavenly bodies ex-
cept the moon. It is nearly the size
of the earth, being 7,700 miles in di-
ameter. Its density is about the
same as the earth's, slightly greater.
There are signs of an atmosphere,
but there cannot be much. It is al-
ways presents the same side to the
sun and, it shows to us phases like
that of the moon. It presents a
smooth surface, across which are
irregular and peculiar markings. It
never seems to cross the sky, like
Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, because
it is between the earth and the sun.
It will rise higher in the sky until
Dec. 2, and then sink slowly to the
west, and thereafter rise above the
sun as a morning star.

Venus is the planet of love, and
there is no sight anywhere that
so starts the tender emotions as that
of Venus. But if this should not
happen, gazing at the beautiful orb
for a few moments takes one's thou-
ghts so far from earth that he feels
that there is an upper world, indeed,
and that it is very fair.—Ohio State
Journal.

A Crazy Man's Humor.

Some time ago a man at Ypsilanti,
Mich., became crazed on the subject
of hypnotism and was sent on a
Michigan Central train to an asylum.
When the conductor asked for tick-
ets the crazy man began telling of
his hypnotic powers.

"I'll hypnotize you," he said.
"Fire away," replied the conduc-
tor.

The man made several passes be-
fore the conductor's face.

"Now you are hypnotized," he
said.

The conductor looked the part as
best he could.

"You are a conductor," the hypo-
notist said.

"That's right," replied the victim.

"You're a good conductor," went
on the hypnotist.

"Right again," said the conductor.

"You don't smoke, drink or swear
at passengers. You are honest.

You turn in all tickets and money
you collect from passengers. In fact
you do not steal a cent."

"That's right," asserted the con-
ductor.

The hypnotist eyed him a moment,
then said:

"What an awful fix you'd be in if
I left you in this condition!"—Kan-
sas City Star.

Atlantic Waterway More Important Than Panama.

The Atlantic Deeper Waterways
movement is progressing with an ear-
nestness of purpose and intelligence
of zeal that leaves no room for doubt
of its final success. It means a
great deal both in a commercial and
a military sense, and in our judg-
ment its accomplishment will be
worth very much more to the coun-
try than the quixotical and costly
Panama Canal experiment. Internal
waterways development, conducted
on a grand national scale, will tre-
mendously enhance the wealth, hap-
piness and power of the people of
the United States, and put this na-
tion unapproachably ahead of all
other nations of the earth. Unlike the
Panama experiment, the work is en-
tirely feasible, and the money expen-
ded on it will remain in this coun-
try in ceaseless reproductive poten-
tiality. Public sentiment is behind it,
and Congress should lose no time
in loosening the national purse-
strings in its behalf and support.—
Petersburg Index-Appeal.

Big Trees in Mexico

A cypress tree near Oaxaca, Mex-
ico, is believed to be the largest in
circumference of any in the world.
It measures 104 feet around the
trunk at a height of 130 feet, and 27
people holding hands can just reach
around it.

The tree has stood for many cen-
turies, and part of its trunk has com-
menced to decay from sheer old age.
One person of a statistical turn of
mind has estimated that the tree
and its branches must weigh some-
thing like 1,300 tons.—Wild World
Magazine.

Health depends, as nature shows,
More on the interior than most sup-
pose.

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TAKING CENSUS OF MEXICO.

President Diaz and Other Men of Prom-
inence Will Help in Work.

The central committee on census
work appointed by the local authori-
ties to draw plans for the taking of
the federal district, has completed
arrangements for making an accu-
rate estimate of the inhabitants of
the capital and outlying towns and
has decided to appoint promi-
nent persons in every town to take
down the names of residents person-
ally to preclude the possibility of
any names being left off the lists.

In former years it has been the ex-
perience of census takers that a
large majority of the natives refused
to give the names of all the mem-
bers of their household for fear that
they might be recruited in the army.
The government has decided to
appoint prominent persons as census
takers in order that the actual num-
ber of inhabitants of the republic
may be secured within a close mar-
gin of accuracy.

President Diaz will personally take
the census of the block on the north
side of Calle de Cadena, where he
lives; members of the cabinet will
perform a similar duty in their re-
spective neighborhoods; the arch-
bishop of Mexico will take the cen-
sus of population in his own quarters
and an effort will be made to have
all prominent citizens accept the ap-
pointment for their neighborhoods
generally in order that confidence
may be inspired among the natives
and the figures may be as accurate
as possible.

But in interior Mexico an uphill
task is in store for the authorities,
and the majority is bent upon thwart-
ing the census work, being formed
of illiterate peons and farm laborers
who are still afraid of compulsory
military service.—Mexican Herald

A sprained ankle will usually disable
the injured person for three or four
weeks. This is due to lack of proper
treatment. When Chamberlain's Lin-
iment is applied a cure may be effected
in three or four days. This liniment is
one of the best and most remarkable
preparations in use. Sold by E. T.
Whitehead Co.

"The motto of our party is, 'Turn
the rascals out!'"

"Well, I guess your party has
turned out more rascals than any
other."—Cleveland Leader.

A Young Naturalist.

The little boy was looking at a fly
trap—one of those green, woven-
wire, sugar-loaf-shaped affairs into
which the flies crawl at the bottom,
and from which they never find any
way of escape. It was half full of
the buzzing insects, and others still
were entering.

"I've found out one thing about
flies, anyhow," he said.

"What is that, Benny?" asked his
mother.

"I've found that they don't know
how to talk to each other."

"How do you know that?"

"Don't you suppose those flies on
the inside of that trap know that
they're caught and can't get out?
Of course they do. And if they
could talk to one another, don't you
suppose they'd tell the flies on the
outside to go away and not try to get
in? Of course they would. They
wouldn't be mean enough to want
their friends to be trapped just be-
cause they were. Youth's Companion.

The next time one of the children
catch cold, give it something that will
promptly and freely but gently move
the bowels. In that way the cold will
at once be driven out of the system.
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yet gently, and the same time heads ir-
ritation and stops the cough. It is es-
pecially good for children. Sold by E.
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"Be patient, old man—Remember
Job."

"Job be hanged—he never had to
hear a taunting feminine voice say,
'The line is busy.'"—Montgomery
Advertiser.

Here is Relief for Women.

If you have pains in the back, urina-
ry, bladder or kidney trouble, and
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tralian-Laxative. It is a safe and never-
failing regulator. At druggists or by
mail 50 cts. Sample package free.
Address: The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy,
New York.

Farmer Smallseed Listen to this,
Elviry. This paper says that they
have found in Italian prisons the pet-
rified remains of some of the pris-
oners.

His Wife—Do tell! Them mus-
be them hardened criminals we hear
about.—Harper's Weekly.

Woman's Friend

Nearly all women suffer at times from female
ailments. Some women suffer more acutely and
more constantly than others. But whether you have
little pain or whether you suffer intensely, you
should take Wine of Cardui and get relief.

Cardui is a safe, natural medicine, for women,
prepared scientifically from harmless vegetable in-
gredients. It acts easily on the female organs and
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