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There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure, cerebral apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney poisons will enter the blood stream, causing catarrh of the bladder, rheumatism or sediment in the urine, head aches, back aches, lame backs, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Bladder troubles almost always result from an enlargement of the kidneys and their health in that organ is obtained only by a proper treatment of the kidneys. Swamp-root corrects inability to urinate and soaking pain in passing it, overcomes that unpleasant necessity compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and inmediate effect of Swamp-root, the great kidney remedy, is so rapid that it sends the highest blood of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone. Swamp-root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and two-dollar bottles. You may have a complete booklet and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name Swamp-root, and don't let a dealer sell you something else. Swamp-root—If you get you will be disappointed.

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WHICH WAS THE WISER?

Story of Two Funerals and Lives of the Dead.

"Two years ago," said a clergyman, "I conducted the funeral services of one of my parishioners. He had been a farmer. Forty years ago he commenced work with one hundred acres of land, and he ended with the same hundred. He was a skillful, industrious workman, but he had laid by no money in the bank. I understood the reason as I listened to the comments of his neighbors. 'It was always a hospitable house,' said one. 'The poor man never turned any away. His sons and daughters received the best education his means could command, and all are leading useful and happy lives.'"

"Said another: 'Those children sitting there weeping are the orphans of a friend. He gave them a home. That crippled girl is his wife's niece. She lived with them for years. The young fellow who is weeping so bitterly was a waif that he rescued from the slums of the city.'"

"And so the story went on—not of a miser who had hoarded riches together, but of a servant of God who had helped many lives, and had lifted many of them out of misery and ignorance."

"On my way home from the funeral I stopped at the house of another farmer, who said to me in a shrill, rasping tone:

"So poor Gould is dead! He left a poor account—not a penny more than he got from his father; now I started with nothing and look here," pointing to his broad fields. I own down to the stream."

"And on the thin, hard lips was a wretched attempt to laugh. The house was bare and comfortless; his wife, worn out with work, had long ago gone to her grave. Of his children, one daughter was still drudging in the kitchen; one son had taken to drink and died in prison. The other, a harder miser than his father, had remained at home to fight with the ever-vary penny wrung out of their fertile fields."

"And yesterday I buried this man," continued the clergyman. "Neither neighbor, nor friend, nor son or daughter, shed a tear over him. His children were eager to begin the quarrel for his ground he had sacrificed his life to earn. Of it all he had now only enough to cover his decaying body."

"Economy to a noble purpose is a virtue, but miserliness devours intelligence, hope and life interest."—Selected.

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UNDER THE OCEAN.

Things That Happen at the Bottom of the Sea.

Naturalists dispute as to the quantity of light at the bottom of the sea. Animals from below 700 fathoms either have no eyes or faint indications of them, or else their eyes are very large and protruding.

Another strange thing is that if the creatures in the lower depths have any color it is orange or red or reddish orange. Sea anemones, corals, shrimps and crabs have this brilliant color. Sometimes it is pure red or scarlet, and in many specimens it inclines toward purple. Not a green or blue fish is found.

The orange red is the fish's protection, for the bluish green light in the bottom of the ocean makes the orange or red fish appear of a neutral tint and hides it from its enemies. Many animals are black, others neutral in color. Some fish are provided with boring tails, so that they can burrow in the mud.

The surface of the submarine mountain is covered with shells, like an ordinary seabeach, showing that it is the feasting place of vast shoals of carnivorous animals.

A codfish takes a whole oyster into its mouth, cracks the shell, digests the meat and ejects the shell. Crabs cracks the shell and sucks out the meat. This accounts for great mounds of shells that are often found.

Not a fishbone is ever found that is not honeycombed by the boring shellfish and falls to pieces at the touch of the hand. This shows what destruction is constantly going on in these depths.

If a ship sinks at sea with all on board it will be eaten by fish, with the exception of the metal, and that will corrode and disappear. Not a bone of a human body will remain after a few days.—Philadelphia North American.

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CREATED A SENSATION.

Wilmington Blind Tigers Said to be Strangely Organized.

Wilmington, April 12.—Marion L. Winner, a middle aged white man, was convicted in the Superior Court Saturday night of selling whiskey and sentenced to six months on the road, Judge Cook sustaining the judgment of the Recorder's court, today made a sensational affidavit in which he made a full confession and declared that there were more than 100 holders of government liquor license in Wilmington, that the "blind tigers," have a rough organization known as "association No. 6," that he has paid regular into the coffers of the association \$5 a month to be used for political purpose and otherwise; that the members had been given to understand that if arrested and carried before the recorder the severest punishment would be a fine and costs; that in case public sentiment was such that it would be necessary to give road sentences the members would be warned in ample time.

The affiant then sets out that he was not warned and that he has been made a scapegoat of by his former pretended friends. In conclusion the affiant says that the confession and exposure of these whom he says have deserted him is made for the sole purpose of aiding him in his effort to have his sentence stricken out or reduced.

Winner's attorney will go before Judge Cook tomorrow and ask for a scruple of the matter. It is understood that many prohibitionists will give Winner their moral support in view of his affidavit.

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AN ACT OF HEROISM.

The Operator Redeemed Himself and Saved the Train.

An itinerant telegraph operator here last night redeemed an act of carelessness by one of heroism and prevented what threatened to be a bad wreck. The operator failed to notify a westbound passenger train on the Southern railway to wait here for the passage of an eastbound train. As the westbound train pulled out of the station the operator sprinted after it grasped at the steps of the rear car and was thrown headlong at the side of the track. Grimy and bleeding he rose and sped desperately after the train and once clutched at the rail. This time his grip held and he drew himself up until he could smash the glass in the rear vestibule door, thereby giving notice of the neglected orders. The westbound train was hurriedly backed into the station, reaching there not a moment too soon, just as the headlight of the eastbound flashed into view.

The operator, who was "working extra," did not even pause to leave his name, but "biked" under cover of darkness on his way to a new job somewhere else.—Albion, Ill. Dispatch.

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CHAPEL HILL NOTES.

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 18.—The Carolina baseball team will leave Tuesday of this week on the Northern trip. The colleges to be played are Davidson, Virginia, Washington and Lee, Georgetown and the Navy. At the close of the trip Carolina plays Wake Forest at Raleigh and Chapel Hill. A half a dozen other games will close the baseball season. The defeats by Virginia were unexpected and disappointing. In the second game Carolina was decidedly off color, and, in fact, has not yet regained her fast pace of two weeks back. It is hoped that the team will get over the slump on the Northern trip. A victory over Virginia at Charlottesville will take away much of the sting of the former defeats. The student body is as ever behind the team and expects a good record for the remainder of the season.

The Carolina track team has a meet Saturday