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THE END.
The course of the weariest river
Ends in the great gray sea;
The acorn, forever and ever,
Strives upward to the tree.
The rainbow the sky adorning,
Shines promise through the storm:
The glimmer of the coming morning
Through midnight gloom will form
By time all knots are riven,
Complex although they be,
And peace will at last be given,
Dear, both to you and me.

Then, though the path be dreary,
Look onward to the goal,
Though the heat and the head be weary,
Let faith inspire the soul.
Seek the right, tho' the wrong be tempting,
Speak the truth at any cost;
Vain is all weak exempting
When once the gem is lost.
Let strong hand and keen eye be ready
For plain and ambushed foes;
Though earnest and fancy steady
Bear best unto the close.

The heavy clouds may be raining,
But with evening comes the light,
Tho' the dark, low winds are complaining
Yet the sunshine gilds the height,
And love has his hidden treasure
For the patient and the pure,
And time gives its fullest measure
To the workers who endure;
And the Word, that no law has shaken,
Has the future pledge supplied;
For we know that when we "awaken"
We shall be "satisfied."
—Tinsley's Magazine.

A COUNT'S CANVASS TROUSERS.

In the course of time the tradesmen of England followed D'Orsay up as the tradesman of Paris had, and it is recounted of him that one day, being caught in his private dressing room by a tailor who raged and said he would not leave until he had been paid his bill, Count D'Orsay listened thoughtfully for a time, fixing his eyes upon a package that the irate tailor had deposited upon a chair. This package was enveloped in a coarse sort of canvas.

"Have you much of that stuff in your shop?" asked Count D'Orsay.

"What kind—that ugly canvas? If I wanted it I could tomorrow have enough to wrap up all the merchandise in London docks."

"London docks," said the Count, "don't talk nonsense. Come to me tomorrow at four o'clock and take my measure for a pair of trousers cut from this canvas."

In vain the tailor endeavored to dissuade the Count, stating that the canvas was not suitable for a garment, and in a short time Count D'Orsay was supplied with the canvas trousers.

At five o'clock one afternoon he climbed the vest staircase of Crockford's, then one of the fashionable clubs of London, and the first person whom he met was Lord Chesterfield.

"Upon my word," said the noble Lord, "you have a singular garment there, something rare without doubt. Always the same original and charming D'Orsay!"

The Count received the compliment with some confusion.

"It is perhaps not exactly elegant," he said, "but it is very handy and fresh and especially suited to riding on horseback."

In a few moments a group of dandies had surrounded the clever Frenchman. Lord Chesterfield, in the main parlor, was expatiating on the originality of D'Orsay's taste, and in a few days afterward the tailor found himself overrun with orders for the canvas trousers. Lord Chesterfield himself ordered a dozen pairs. Count D'Orsay had accomplished his purpose, and the delighted tailor came no more with his troublesome bills.—Cosmopolitan.

Sick headache is the bane of many lives; to cure and prevent this annoying complaint use Dr. J. H. McLean's Little Liver and Kidney Pills. They are agreeable to take and gentle in their action.

BY RAIL TO ALASKA.

The great project of building a railway across Siberia, now being pushed to completion by the Russian government, strongly holds out the idea that in the very near future a great iron belt from this side of the world will meet it half way, and travel by land from the new world to the old will have been accomplished. Great railway corporations are now seriously looking into this, as it seems, stupendous project, but in reality not as great an undertaking as Eastern people believe. The country that will have to be crossed necessarily in West British Columbia and central Alaska is far from being the frigid one that many believe it to be. The line would, undoubtedly, in its course North strike the headwaters of the Yukon river, then keep down the mighty stream to within 100 miles of the coast, at or near Nulato, where it leaves the river, and running nearly West would terminate at Cape Prince of Wales, within about fifty statute miles of the Siberian coast. Very little difficulty, except, perhaps, in crossing the ranges at the headwaters of the Yukon, would be apprehended from deep snows in winter. The climate along the Yukon is dry and but very little snow falls there—from eighteen inches to perhaps two feet in depth. Extreme cold, from 70 to 80 degrees below zero, only prevails about two months in midwinter, and this would be the greatest drawback to winter travel. Immense forests skirt the route nearly to the coast, and about midway down the Yukon are probably the greatest coal banks in the world. Branch lines would tap all the coast settlements and the rich mineral sections of the interior. With such a fair country before them, it will be wonderful, indeed, in this enlightened and progressive age, if work is not commenced on such a line within a very short time.—Juneau Free Press.

Ladies who experience a sense of weakness, and sometimes lameness of the back should use Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier, it will supply the much needed strength and overcome all weakening irregularities.

A TEXAS ENOCH ARDEN.

About seven years ago in Lamar county, David Pierce had occasion to go to the Southern part of the State, and, bidding his family, which consisted of his wife and daughter, an affectionate adieu, he took his departure. The weeks lengthened into months, and finally a year had gone by without any tidings from Pierce, until one day a little over five years ago word was received from a friend of the family that Dave had died somewhere in the lower part of the State.

Mrs. Pierce mourned the death of her husband, but after a year she was persuaded to abandon her widow's weeds and wed another. The man she married was worthy, and happiness reigned in the family till the other day, when the man mourned as dead appeared. On being informed of his wife's marriage Pierce first became blindly enraged and threatened vengeance, but finally calmed down and called on his wife. She fainted at the sight of him, but finally rallied and listened to explanations. Pierce, on going South, suddenly became insane and was placed in the lunatic asylum in Austin.

The friend that sent the word to Mrs. Pierce thought he was doing a humane act, and that she would rather know he was dead than to think him insane. After having been cured of his malady Pierce returned home with the result as stated. Finding his wife married to another man, with two or three small children, and realizing the unhappiness he

would cause if he remained and claimed his wife, he silently and tearfully turned his back on all that was dear to him and bid a last farewell to his home.—Chicago Times.

For physical ailments, especially those incident to declining years, there is no remedy which produces such satisfactory results as Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm, its genial and invigorating effect on Liver and Kidneys is remarkable.

CAUGHT BY ELECTRICITY.

A Boston electrician, who has been annoyed by some thief who stole the milk on his doorstep every morning, can and all, made up his mind to set a trap for the rogue. So the other night, having previously conveyed a warning to the milkman, he connected a tempting two-quart vessel, placed outside in the usual place, with a formidable row of Leyden jars, which formed the business portion of a powerful battery in the cellar. About 4:30 o'clock the following morning the family were awakened by a tremendous tintinnabulation, followed by a series of unearthly howls from without. Upon investigation a colored gentleman of advanced years was discovered in a snow drift by the sidewalk yelling with fright and jabbering supplications for mercy addressed to the "debbil in de can." The victim was subsequently given into the charge of a policeman, but his captor was so pleased with the success of the experiment that he refused to prosecute.

Disease lies in ambush for the weak, a feeble constitution is ill adapted to encounter a malarious atmosphere or sudden changes of temperature, and the least robust are usually the easiest victims; Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier will give tone and vitality and strength to your entire body.

A PRISONER'S INVENTION.

Recently an electrician named S. L. Barrett was sentenced to the county jail for a period of twenty days for using a pistol in the county court house. While in jail he invented an instrument that he calls a microdetector. While in working position it will warn a jailer if prisoners are attempting to escape by sawing, filing or using any other adroit means. It was tested by a number of citizens, they posting themselves in a front room in the back part of the prison, with doors closed. A clock was put in motion. Every click could be distinctly heard in the room. A saw was used gently on the bars, and produced a loud sawing noise. The instrument is worked by electricity on a single wire, the various noises of the cells coming over it distinctly. The invention is considered wonderful.—Globe Democrat.

To allay pains subdue inflammation, heal foul sores and ulcers, the most prompt and satisfactory results are obtained by using that old reliable remedy, Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment.

A FORTUNATE QUARTET.

Among the messenger boys in the service of the first telegraph office opened in Pittsburgh, Pa., years ago were four known respectively as Andy, Bob, Billy and Harry. This quartet has won both fame and fortune. "Andy" Carnegie is one of the richest men in the United States, "Bob" Fitzcarrin is general agent and superintendent of the Western division of the Pennsylvania railroad, "Billy" Moreland is city attorney of Pittsburgh and "Harry" Glover has made a fortune in steel and narrowly missed a seat in the United States Senate. Evidently the messenger boys of former times were "hustlers."—New York World.

A PATHETIC WAR STORY.

One day in 1862 Sidney Shivers, of Webster, Ga., then 18 years of age, entered his father's house, and, divesting himself of his hat and clothes, dressed himself in the uniform of a Confederate soldier, in order to enter the Southern army, in the meantime hanging the hat and clothes that he once wore upon a peg in his room. From that day to this the hat and clothes have hung in the same place, not a hand having been allowed to touch them in all that time, for they have been held sacred to the young Confed., to soldier who placed them there. The life of Sidney Shivers went out soon after he entered the army, but these mute memorials of the boy who once wore the gray still hang where they were placed by him twenty-six years ago—untouched in all that time.—Chicago Herald.

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THE GREAT SALT LAKE.

In spring, when the mountain snows are melting the lake sometimes spread over the plains that border its shores. But it is a large lake at any time—about ninety miles in length, I believe, and forty miles wide. An immense sheet of water! And no living thing can exist in it. Not a fish in all that silent sea! It is the heaviest sort of brine, charged with salt and other mineral substances. Leave a stick in it a few hours and when you take it out it will appear covered with crystals. Put a live trout in it and it will turn over on its back and die in about three or four gasps. It is a wonderful lake.—St. Nicholas.

EDUCATE YOUR DAUGHTER.

Give your daughters a thorough education. Teach them to cook and prepare the food of the household. Teach them to wash, to iron, to sew on buttons, to bake bread, and that a good kitchen lessens the doctor's account. Teach them that he only lays up money, whose expenses are less than his income, and that all grow poor who have to spend more than they receive. Teach them that a full, healthy face displays greater luster than fifty concupiscent beauties. Teach them good common sense, self-trust, self-help and industry. Teach them that a honest mechanic in his working clothes, is a better object of esteem than a dozen haughty, finely dressed idlers. Teach them gardening and the pleasures of nature. Teach them, if you can afford it, music, painting, etc.; but consider them as secondary objects only. Teach them that a walk is more salutary than a ride in a carriage. Teach them that happiness of matrimony depends neither on external appearance nor in wealth, but in the man's character.

A SHARPER'S OUTFIT.

Among the effects of Daniel Thomas Dovert, the American who was sentenced to penal servitude for shooting a companion in a dispute over a gambling debt, were found the elaborate apparatus of a professional card sharper. The articles include a bogus roll of notes, a miniature mirror the size of a sixpence to enable the player to see the size of any card he deals, and half a dozen packs of marked cards in a handsome wooden case. This case contains a screw which presses the packs so closely together that any two cards that are slightly roughed with sandpaper will adhere to one another. But the gem of the collection is a piece of mechanism designed to hold a card concealed in the player's sleeve, and to discharge it under cover of his hand on his

pressing a spring, which he does by leaning his elbow on the table. This is supplied with another ingenious appliance for a similar purpose, to be worn concealed in the waistcoat. There is also a metal case, used, I believe, for dealing Faro, which, while apparently rendering it a physical impossibility to deal two cards at once, enables the dealer to accomplish this at pleasure by concealing a secret spring. The thing is beautifully made.—London Truth.

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