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A teakettle can sing when it is merely full of water. But man, proud man, is no teakettle.

It is strange how crowded a thoroughfare looks to a man that's chasing his hat down the street.

Six of ten people who hunt you up want to tell you their troubles, and the remaining four have bills.

The same vexation a man feels in putting up a stove pipe; a woman has in putting her hat on straight.

"Kiss me as I Fall Asleep," is the title of a new song. It might work all right with some men, but it would wake us up all right.

It used to be that in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turned to thoughts of love, but now-a-days it is firmly glued to baseball.

Sprinkle kerosene and lime around your premises, especially about the stables to keep down flies and mosquitoes. Infantile paralysis has been traced to the stable fly in a good many cases.

The country editor is a reliable encyclopedia. A subscriber sent one this query recently: "What ails my hens? Early morning I find one or more of them keeled over to rise no more." His reply was: "The fowls are dead. It is an old complaint, and nothing can be done except to bury them."

There are plenty of fellows who could teach a better school than those who teach, preach a better sermon than those who preach, who could run a better business and publish a better paper. Yes, the woods are full of them, but they neither teach, preach, run a business or publish a better paper. They are like the lilies of the field, they toil not, neither do they spin.

This paper does not feel and tries always to avoid the appearance of petty spite. A candidate in the recent primary was taking offense because his name was inadvertently omitted in the Advance's list of those in the race. It would be hard to persuade this man, we suspect, that the omission was anything but intentional—though we did not remember that he had ever received this paper nor did we know of what orders he was or was not a member.

We are wondering if he blames us for the fact that he was defeated.

The Advance editor left yesterday for Manteo Court before this paper went to press.

FOREIGN OBJECTS IN THE EAR

When a foreign object has been in some way introduced into the ear, do not become panic stricken. Allay the patient's fears at once. The object whatever it may be, is prevented from reaching any vital parts, such as the drum, by the wax, which catches and holds it. If the object happens to be a bug it is best to introduce a little warm oil in order to kill the insect immediately. After this it may be removed with a syringe of warm water. An object may not be so moved if it is a pea or a bean or other object which is likely to swell with the introduction of water. In such a case the patient must be taken at once to a surgeon or doctor, who has the proper instruments with which to extract the object. In no event should the non-professional attempt to probe after the article with improvised instruments. The delicate membranes lining the auditory canal are almost certain to be injured, and there are many cases on record of rupture of the drum through this indiscretion.

HOW THE HALF-INCH HOOKWORM GROWS

There are three kinds of intestinal parasites with which everybody is more or less acquainted—the round-worm, the tapeworm, and the pinworm. The hookworm is still another kind, more common in the Southern States than either of the others, but only lately so well known. The adult life of the hookworm is passed in the small intestine, where the worms attach themselves to the mucus membrane. They suck the blood and inject a poison which sets up a train of symptoms that we know as hookworm disease.

In the stools of a child suffering from hookworms are myriads of eggs. These do not usually hatch until passed out of the intestine, for they require oxygen, as well as warmth and moisture. There have been found newly hatched larvae in freshly voided stools; but these probably were in cases where the patients were addicted to swallowing air. Now when such a sufferer pollutes the soil, the eggs hatch, each one turning out a little worm, so small that it can not be seen with the naked eye. This little worm lives in the soil and grows two or three days and casts its skin, and then grows a day or two longer and gets ready to cast its skin again; that is to say, it wriggles loose from its skin at the head as though it were going to back out, and at the tail as though it were going to crawl out from the front. See under the microscope at this time, it looks as though it were a capsule—somewhat like an earthworm would look if it were in a long, slender, flexible, transparent capsule, rather close fitting except at head and tail, but apparently too long. This is called the encysted stage, or the infecting stage. The worm, while now a little larger than when hatched, is still too small to be seen without the aid of a microscope. It ceases to eat and ceases to grow, and just lives in the moist ground and waits for some barefoot child. It has been kept alive in this stage for eleven months. How much longer it could live is not known. Now when the barefoot child comes along, this encysted embryo burrows into the skin through a pore, and soon finds its way into the blood, and finally reaches the lungs, where it breaks out into air spaces and is coughed up and swallowed.

As the encysted embryo passes through the skin of the host, it leaves its shell behind, which completes the second moult. Then after it reaches the intestine it moults twice more before it reaches the adult full-grown stage.

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