

THE STORY TELLER

Learning a Lesson.

“CAN get along with him, I'm very sure,” said Joceland Darbridge. “Nobody could get along with him!” chorused the three other Miss Darbridges in unison.

Uncle Black was the personage of whom they spoke—a crabbed, ill-tempered, little old man—who lived in a superb old country seat among the hills.

He had money to spare, but his niece and nephews secretly believed that it would be a deal easier to go to California or Colorado, or some of the fabulous places, and dig fortunes out, than to stay at home and earn them by making themselves acceptable to an old gentleman who has as many angles as a rose diamond, and as many prickly spikes of temper as a porcupine.

Naomi Darbridge had tried it first. Naomi was a soft-voiced, slender girl, with a head which reminded one of a drooping lily.

“No one can help loving Naomi,” said Mrs. Darbridge, as she kissed her daughter good-by.

But in three weeks Naomi came back, and frightened out of her wits.

“He scolds so dreadfully,” said Naomi. “And he looked at me as the wolf must have looked at Little Red Riding Hood. Oh, mamma, I could not stay there, not if I was to be made richer than Mrs. Burdett-Coutts herself!”

Margaret Darbridge went next, but Margaret, although tall and thin, with a spirit of her own, was cowed by Uncle Black's savage eyes, less than a week.

“I'd sooner sweep crossings for a living,” she said, “than be Uncle Black's mistress.”

And so she came home without loss of time.

Rhoda Darbridge, in novice abashed by the successive failures of her sisters, was the third one to try Uncle Black and his possibilities. But she who succumbed before the terrible outrage of Uncle Black's savage tongue.

“It's so cold, snarl, snarl, snarl, from morning till night,” said Rhoda, as in three days' time she tearfully related her experience to her parents. “Oh, poor dear, don't know—nobody can know—what a dreadful man Uncle Black is!”

“Oh, hang the old scamp!” said Mrs. Darbridge, who was of a free-and-easy nature, and thought his girls a great deal too sweet and nice to be snubbed at by any rich old miser. “Let him alone. My daughters need not go begging for any man's money.”

But here Joceland, the youngest, tallest and prettiest of the four girls, spoke up.

“I'll go,” she said.

“You don't know what you are undertaking,” said Naomi, with a shudder.

“He'd wear out a stone,” said Margaret.

“He's a ghoul!” shuddered Rhoda. “I can get along with him, I am very sure,” said Joceland, brightly.

And she packed up her little trunk and went to Black Grove.

“To good as to throw these rolls out of the Betty stared.

“Do you hear what I tell you?” said Miss Darbridge, with emphasis.

And Betty, rolling the rolls out among the roses, and with her feet and hands devoured by Cato, the Newfoundland dog, and Rob and Roy, the two setters.

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PHITH AND POINT.

—A Liquid Paradox.—“Any sort drinks.” “Only hard cider,” Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Wanted to Know.—Pastor—“Come out to church to-morrow. I feel sure you will enjoy the sermon.” Friend—“Who is going to preach?”—Harlem Life.

—Coal Operator (Responsibly)—“I wish a way could be found to relieve the glut of the market.” Consumer (confidentially)—“Tell the dealers to give better weight.”—N. Y. Weekly.

—Another Clever Woman.—“My wife can tell me when time is in the middle of the night when it is pitch dark.” “How does she do it?” “She makes me get up and look at the clock.”—Chicago Record.

—Willing to Try.—Rapturous Youth—“Darling, my salary is \$20 a week. Do you think you could live on that?” His Athlete—“Why yes, if you'll let me get along on that. But what'll you live on?”—Chicago Tribune.

—Self-Possession.—Bingham—“Honor is so appreciating self-possessed.” Davlins—“Yes. He could well have checked off suit at a wedding and carry himself as though the groom was a nurse.”—Philadelphia North American.

—More Wonderful.—Mr. Gaswell—“An eastern astronomer says he has discovered two new groups of spots on the sun.” Mr. Gaswell—“I wish he would come to Pittsburgh and make an effort to discover the sun himself.”—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegram.

—Easily Done.—Of course he thought he knew it all. A man always does. “When it comes to the art of managing servants,” he interrupted, “it's very easy to do it,” he asked, “if you don't mind it, do you?” “He like managing children. All that is necessary is to let them have their own way.”—Chicago Evening Post.

THE BRITISH “MIDDY.”

An English Competition Between Him and His American Country.

Admiral Sir Vesey Hamilton published not long ago an interesting communication which he had written to an American admiral, wherein the latter was complimented with the warmest admiration of the manner in which he saved our young republic from hanging by their heels and keeping their men in order, and in doing comparisons between them and his own “fine gentlemen,” most unflattering to the honor of the latter gentleman, he said, knew how it ought to be done, but our knew how to do it.

The difference is great. The British gentleman is brought up in his profession, and when he finds himself suddenly in a tight place he knows what to do instinctively without waiting for the aid of his superior. The American admiral, on the other hand, is a gentleman, he said, knew how it ought to be done, but our knew how to do it.

It is a good deal to be said for a man who can be said on the other side of the question, and thus we would frankly acknowledge that our naval officers are the worst educated in Europe, taking the word “education” in the sense in which it is generally used. It is only quite natural and reasonable that they should be so, for, as regards what we have already sufficiently indicated. For our part we do not think they are by any means such utter ignoramuses as they are sometimes supposed to be, and portrayed as being by some self-confident critics.

For instance, a well-known civilian writer, in a recent article, has sneeringly under the title of “Nauticus,” published lately a violent diatribe on the gross and substantial ignorance of British naval officers. He has indeed stated, and together he ignores the times, as comparing most unfavorably in point of general knowledge with the officers of all European nations, as well as with those of the United States. They were held up to scorn for not being “men of the world,” and for not being able to “shine in society,” in consequence of their faulty education; and it was further stated that they were not sound scientific officers. It is quite possible that all three accusations might be true.

—The third modified—and yet that ours might be the best naval officers of the world. We say the third modified, as it depends a good deal upon what we understand by a sound scientific officer. It is probable, nay, almost certain—that so far as abstract science is concerned, our naval officers are surpassed by those of most other countries, and certainly by those of France and Germany; but when it comes to the practical application of such scientific and other knowledge as the officers of the different nations possess, it has been proved a hundred times over that ours are at least of all. The British and American power which cannot be applied is not so good for propulsive purposes as 3,000-horse power which can be applied. Blackwood's Magazine.

—It was told Out Properly, Anyway. Philadelphia. Yes, as William Penn was a great man. He founded a great city.

—New Yorker.—Fellow, that doesn't make him great. I have a friend named Jones, just plain Jones, a clerk in a broker's office, and he went over to Philadelphia last week and did the same thing.

—Same thing? What thing?—“Why, found and great city.”—L. P. to D. C.

—Could See His Finish. Bride—Counting your Fingering? It is being an expensive trip, hasn't it? George—That's right. It looks as if this honeymoon would soon be on its last gasp.—Puck.

FARM AND GARDEN.

TOLL ROADS MUST GO.

They Are Completely Out of Harmony with the Times.

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PASTURE COW-SHED.

A Plan That Saves Lots of Work and Increases Profits.

On many farms the pasture is a long way from the house and barn. On others it is often desired to pasture cows on another farm a mile or so away, owned, it may be, by the same man. In either event, the cows must be driven a long way twice a day, to the loss of milk and cream. A better plan is to build a cow shed, with yards attached, in the pasture. Here the cows

can be milked, and the milk brought home in cans. In the cow shed may have a box stall built in for a cow that has a calf with it at pasture, and also a couple of stanchions where nervous cows can be confined while milking. The roof and two sides afford protection from rains, either by night or by day when pasturing, and the side to which the cows are carried, carrying the milk in big milkmen's cans, to keep it from slopping. The plan will save work for the farmer and will increase the profit from the cows.

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FEEDING THE CALVES.

Why It Is Better to Teach Them to Drink Cold Milk.

Patience is one of the virtues in teaching little calves to drink, but this is not all. Calves should be allowed to run with their mothers for two or three days. This teaches them to entangle their appetites that will help the mother in her work. About 12 hours after taking them away from their mothers offer them a little milk. If they are not inclined to drink very readily, wait a little longer. By this time they will have an appetite. Never get the calf's neck between your arms and force its head into the pail, but let it drink of its own accord, but stand in front of the calf with pail in hand, and when it lowers its head raise the pail up so as to dip its nose in the milk.

Always teach the calves to drink new milk. This can be gradually diluted with skimmed milk, and before the calves are a week old clear skimmed milk may be given. The same principle holds true in changing from warm milk to cold. Begin by warming about seven-eighths of the milk to be given, and continuing to bring one-eighth less each day until only an eighth is warmed. The change is so gradual that the calves do not notice the difference. When the milk is too hot one day and too cold the next, and seldom just right, which is 99 degrees under such circumstances, calves will do much better if taught to drink cold milk at once.—Agricultural Epitomist.

Dairy Cows Require Salt.

Some cows have a depraved appetite which leads them to eat greedily the soiled straw that has been thrown out from the stalls, and to prefer it to good hay, and also to prefer to drink from a stagnant puddle in the barnyard, instead of from the trough of water. On first inquiry it may be noted that they are not drinking regularly and freely. If they do not, they may arise simply from a desire for salt, but if they do the salt, and still keep up the habit, physic them three times a week with a quart of castor oil. There are some instances of about three calves in a litter, and in some of these has no intervals to indulge in their filthy habit, and give plenty of good food.—American Cultivator.

Effect of Rain on Plants.

Goodly plants comparatively little root in the soil, and where it can be absorbed by their roots. A record of the amount of water in the soil will indicate whether the individual plants are favored or otherwise in certain crops. There is a plan for recording specially constructed electrodes in the soil, and that by measuring the resistance to the passage of a current through the soil the amount of moisture can be ascertained. This method was suggested by the necessity of underground thoroughly telephone and telegraph lines. If the terminals are not continually in a moist soil the lines do not work during the dry seasons.

Well Making in Winter.

The winter is a good time for well-making, says the Farm Journal. It can soon be done through the frozen crust, and the man digging will be worth good money. The men handling the well-drill will be worth good money. The winter is a good time for well-making, says the Farm Journal. It can soon be done through the frozen crust, and the man digging will be worth good money. The men handling the well-drill will be worth good money.

Methods and Cold Frames.

Hotbeds are used in winter, but cold frames are preferred in summer. To prepare a hotbed for growing plants, dig a trench 12 inches wide and 12 inches high at the front, three feet wide and of any preferred length. Fill it half full of clean horse manure, and with six inches of rich dirt, using glass for covering. Cold frames may be made by using a bed of straw or grass. It does not need to be covered, but may be prepared by composting leaves with manure, but what is usually meant by leaf mold it top soil from the woods.

Nothing is more tedious to a man than to dig a hole. It is no wonder that people are so slow in learning to like them. But as the demand has increased most of the roughness of the old-time tomato has been put out. If while the disease remains the same, there is much more profit or flesh inside and less of water and seeds, it can be used as it does not need to cook away as it used to do.

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In Vienna. First Citizen—And is Herr Von Pumper a proper candidate for the rich? Second Citizen (impressively)—My friend, you should see him punch the bag!—Puck.

People whose children can't talk plain don't care so long as their own can do so better.—Washington Democrat.

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ANOTHER BLOW.

The fact that the house of representatives is much nearer the people and in closer touch with them was never better shown than this week when the Teller free silver resolution, which had passed the senate, was defeated in the house by a majority of fifty. This resolution was simply a party measure introduced by Teller for the purpose of shaping the party platforms for '96 and 1900. It provided for a destruction of the party of gold and silver by free coinage at 16 to 1, and concluded with the assertion that the government can lawfully and rightly pay all its creditors in debased silver currency.

The house is not built that way, and fifty majority against this senate attempt to damage and destroy the public credit, shows that the barriers to repudiation cannot be broken down there. But the silver champions, while impotent as to silver legislation, have accomplished something by this movement. They have succeeded in showing the country that they propose to make the issue of the congressional elections this fall "free silver 16 to 1," and they induce they hope that they will carry the house which will assemble in 1899, and then they will bring up the same resolution; pass it in the silver house and senate, and send it to the president, who will veto it. Thus they propose to make free silver the issue again in 1900.

But it is a long time from now until then. The grip of the silver leading senate may be broken at the legislative elections this fall. The widening and deepening of the tide of prosperity will bring larger opportunity for labor, and the vote cast for Bryan in 1896 will shrink proportionately. The silver propaganda only gathered strength because the propagandists profited by the depression following the crisis of 1893, and worked the "calamity" trick to the best of their ability. Since 1896 the folly of the silver prophets has been shown it the great change for the better, and the country is ready to meet the issue again, reaffirm the honesty of the nation as in 1896, and declare to the world that the vast majority of Americans stand for the maintenance of the gold standard and for paying all the obligations of the government in gold or its equivalent.

WELL, yes this is Minnesota after all, and it begins to look as though we might have some winter weather. There is one consolation, however, it can't last long.

The peace of Europe is again suffering from its semi-weekly "threatening." Europe's peace stands a good many threats of late. Times have changed since old Napoleon died.

THE STATE campaign is far enough away to lend enchantment to the view, for if there is a political picture in the world to which distance lends enchantment, it is a state campaign in Minnesota.

The mobilization of Spanish and American gunboats in the vicinity of Cuba may be just for fun, but it is such an uncommon game that many people are beginning to wonder how it will be played.

"The fusion city ticket in Duluth was elected Tuesday. A free silver victory assured in the Sixth Congressional district in '96."

The above will be the headlines in our free silver exchanges in this district this week, next week, and for several weeks thereafter.

If the Minneapolis papers don't stop talking about Van Sant and the gang, the people of the state will feel called upon to nominate and elect him just to show Minnesota is that she isn't the whole thing. It was the so called committee of 100 in '96, to its opposition to Clough, securing his nomination and election. Minneapolis is a big city, a good city and a progressive city. She has good politicians and a lady of them, but there are others.

A SPANISH naval officer says that the United States will find that in event of war she will have more than a month's job on hand when she attempts to whip the Spaniards. He claims that Spain has some boats in her navy which are superior to any of ours, and that the navy will compare favorably with ours. He says that there is no necessity for a conflict between the nations, and that it should be avoided. As to the latter part of his statement there can be no question, but the United States should not neglect to recognize the belligerent rights of the Cubans, or fail to take steps to stop the open violation of every law of war. It may be that Uncle Sam hasn't any better boats than Spain but he has money and credit with which to buy them and that cannot be said of Spain.

If the nations of the world really believe the reports published as to the manner in which Spain is making war on women and children in Cuba, it is a disgrace to the nineteenth century, for them to permit it to continue. There can be no question but it will be necessary for other nations to interfere, and it looks now as though the Spaniards are but waiting a good excuse for picking a quarrel with the United States or some other nation, as the most graceful manner in which to back down and out of the job she has on hand in Cuba.

HERE'S one that is going the rounds of the press. Figure it out yourself. A man owed \$1 and had but 75 cents. He went to the pawnshop and pawned the 75 cents for 50 cents. He met a friend and sold him the pawn ticket calling for 75 cents for 50 cents. He thus had two 50-cent pieces—\$1 in fact—which he paid his debt. Was anybody out, and how much?

MINNEAPOLIS is hardly the city to raise the cry of "gang" in every campaign. A glance at the history of the state for the past few years will show that Minneapolis has a "gang" of her own and it looks very much as though she was simply kicking because some other "gang" is having an inning.

AND now the question arises as to what time of day the proverbial ground hog came out Wednesday. Part of the day his shadow could be seen. One thing is certain a ground hog who had had under ground all winter showed very poor taste in coming out on the coldest day of the season.

IN FORESTRY PRESERVATION

In the early settlements of the West, Indiana and Ohio belonged with the lumber states of the North, but the trees of such are gone. The rough and poor parts of southwestern Wisconsin and southern Minnesota, may yet develop fair sized forest areas. The Southern portion of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, held by private owners, interspersed with cultivated farms cannot, of course, be included in the proposed forest preserves, but naturally be classified with the prairie forests, and improved for paying purposes under the forestry educational forces of the State, and be made of forestry in the country at large. To pave the way a great work must be done. The prairie farmers must be convinced of the desirability of practical forestry for themselves and posterity. Our immediate duty is to set in motion the forces and influences that shall cause to be preserved the remaining primitive forests.

Let—The United States authorities have become greatly aroused to the necessity of national action, and one president has confirmed the action of his predecessor in reserving large forest areas, although strongly opposed by local interests. The general government still has large areas of forests lands in the northern portions of the three forest states, and the united influence of these, and the dozen other states which are interested in the preservation of the forests of these states, should be invoked to induce congress to grant all of its remaining forested non-agricultural lands to the several north forest states for forestry preserve purposes, and this grant should include rangeland, or otherwise denuded non-agricultural lands.

If it were practicable, and while it looks feasible, still I am not fully prepared to assert it to be practicable I would urge a combined action on its part of these states, to urge congress to cease selling pine lands,

but to cede the lands to the states, the government to reserve the pine doted, and that only in accordance with approved forestry principles; the agricultural lands to be disposed of by the proceeds to be used in protecting the government pine and state forests, public and private, from fires.

2nd—Each of these states have, as I assume, without definite knowledge on the subject, still remaining swamp lands, and other grants, large areas of land fit only to grow forests.

If there could be some concerted action of presenting to the several legislatures, a well digested plan for easily and inexpensively turning the poor portions of these lands into a part of the state Reserve forest areas, it would greatly stimulate forestry action; especially if such plan were thoroughly discussed by the press, and met its approval as well as that of the state forest association, and generally of the practical promoters of forestry ideas.

3rd—While I would not advise the state's ever adopting, even for so beneficent an object as the preservation of the forests, a system of confiscating private property through tax titles, for obtaining forest lands, I believe there may be evolved an equitable plan for the state to acquire any worthless lands which have been abandoned by their owners for taxes, for the State forest areas. Lands which have been so abandoned for five years, might be examined carefully and all tract returned by the assessor as containing two-thirds of non-agricultural lands and where the state still owned the lands, as purchaser at the tax sales thereof the same might be withdrawn from the right thereafter of redemption, or assignment to private parties; and thereafter held as state forest lands, but with the provision of law that the owner, his heirs and assigns of record, should for a certain number of years receive a certain percentage of all timber sold therefrom.

4th—There are many men who have accumulated large fortunes in cutting the pine from lands in these forest states, who still own the cut-over lands in large areas, who might be induced to become public benefactors, if once interested in the promotion of forestry renewals, by encouraging and stimulating the regrowth of timber on these lands, where not fit for farming; especially the varieties which would bring quick returns, for wood pulps, as I understand large tracts in Wisconsin are now being acquired for this purpose. In many cases if the element of sport could also be added, such as making them game and fish preserves, there would be an added incentive.

While the timber was growing the reserves could be made remunerative to the owners by licensing their use for fishing hunting and shooting, especially after public hunting and fishing grounds are curtailed, and where good roads, cabins, and other conveniences were provided for city sportsmen.

It is possible that in time it might become fashionable for wealthy owners to emulate Austin Corbin, in creating large forest parks for, breeding and rearing wild game even if for nothing more than to conduce to the pleasure of sportsmen, and for the revenue to be derived from the same. It was my pleasure to spend an hour or two with Austin Corbin when he first began his wild game preserves in New Hampshire, and aside from the pleasure he anticipated from it, and the great scientific interests he hoped to serve, he also expected to stimulate wild game and fish forest preserves all over the country.

As one little tot repeated the Lord's prayer recently, she was interrupted when she reached the sentence, "give us our daily bread," by her little brother, who said, "hit him for pie, Daisy, hit him for pie."

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON JAN. 31st, 1896. Speaker Reid and the other republican leaders of the house were of the opinion that the best answer to the Teller resolution would be its defeat by a vote of the house; consequently it was referred to the ways and means committee, unfavorably reported and defeated. It would have been an easy matter to kill the resolution without allowing it to be voted upon, but that method of disposing of it would have allowed the silver men to claim that the republicans were afraid to give the house a chance to vote upon it. President McKinley also thought that the house would better defeat the resolution by a direct vote than by any indirect vote than by any indirect method.

It has always been the policy of the republican party to make every dollar of our money as good as any other dollar, and to pay all government obligations in the best money. The party stood firmly by that policy when the greenback craze was sweeping over the country; President McKinley's last republican predecessor, Hon. Benjamin Harrison, reiterated that idea upon several occasions during his term, and the St. Louis platform, upon which President McKinley was elected, spoke in no uncertain language on the same subject. Therefore no one was surprised, although some of the silver men pretended to be, when McKinley said: "Whatever may be the language of the contract, the United States will discharge all its obligations in the currency recognized as the best throughout the civilized world at the times of payment." It would have been surprising had he said anything else. No living man is a stronger advocate of the unlimited use of both silver and gold as money metals, provided that it can be brought about by the consent of a sufficient number of the nations which control the world's commerce to prevent the silver becoming a depreciated currency than President McKinley, but he has the same horror of a nation trying to pay its just obligations in a depreciated currency that every honest man would have of a solvent business concern which sought to scale its indebtedness.

No distinguished visitors who ever came to Washington made a better impression in a short time than has President Dole, of Hawaii at present the Honored guest of the U. S. A week and vain man in President Dole's position would have had his head turned by the proffered official lionizing, which he has had the good sense to decline. Before arriving at Washington, Mr. Dole made it clearly understood that such things as military salutes and escorts were unbecomingly to him, and that all he desired was to be treated with the same courtesy that would be extended to any other gentleman visiting our country. The President, and ex-President Harrison and many Senators and Representative who have called on him with quite dignity that at once won for him their respect, which has been enhanced by the general knowledge he has displayed in conversing with them. This week President McKinley will give a state dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dole, and the two Presidents and their wives will hold a joint reception at the White House. Present indications are that it will be sometime before the annexation treaty is voted on by the Senate.

An attempt will be made to pass a financial measure in the house at this congress, framed on the lines of the President's message, but this will be opposed by many party leaders in the sound money camp. The coinage question will be the chief issue in the congressional elections this fall, and it will be much better to go before the people on the general issue as in '96 than to be called upon to defend a theory which is untrue. The republicans had this to do in '90 with the McKinley bill, and it would be wise to meet the general issue on the broadest grounds possible, rather than to meet and defend against attacks on the details of the proposed plan. '96 at least is but a theory. It would be much better to leave the details to be decided on later, and meet the flat party on the same issue as they have proposed in resolution number

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PINE COUNTY PIONEER

PINE CITY MINN. FEB. 4, 1898.

CHIPS AND SHAVINGS.

Local Chips Picked up Around Town and Shavings Clipped From Various Publishers.

—Lime and cement at Rybak's Cash Store.

—Try whole wheat flour, for sale merchants.

—WANTED—Cordwood on subscription at the Pioneer office.

One fresh milk cow for sale. Apply to Paul Liebau. 2t.

—For Sale—A complete set of Chambers' Encyclopedia, cheap.

—Don't forget your Fire Insurance. Call on J. Y. Breckenridge.

—New goods of every description just arrived, at P. J. Rybak's Cash Store.

—MONEY TO LOAN. In small sums on improved farm lands. Apply at this office.

—Jas. H. Wandel, our popular Register of Deeds, was a St. Paul visitor on Monday.

—Fresh roasted peanuts, all kinds of fruits in their season, nuts and candies, at Jos. Veverka's.

—The Cross Lake Orchestra are making arrangements to give a grand masque ball, Feb. 21st.

—Mrs. M. R. Webster took the noon train on Tuesday for Minneapolis to spend a couple of days with friends.

—When you go to St. Paul you'll find the Windsor hotel the best place to stop. See advertisement in another column.

—Mrs. M. A. Nasan received word from her son Manly, at Rutledge, on Tuesday, that several of his children were very sick.

—Obstinate constipation and indigestion quickly and permanently cured by Rocky Mountain tea, for sale by J. Y. Breckenridge, the druggist.

—Herman Fische has been drawing stone for J. J. Murray's new brick block, which will be erected as soon as the weather will permit in the spring.

—Girls, if you want red lips, rosy cheeks, laughing eyes, sweet breath, and a feller, take Rocky Mountain tea. For sale by J. Y. Breckenridge, the druggist.

—Druggists will tell you that Rocky Mountain tea is the best-seller and the most successful medicine of the day. For sale by J. Y. Breckenridge, the druggist.

—Rev. Taylor went to Duluth on Wednesday's early train, to attend a meeting of a conference of the members of the Duluth district, of which he is a member.

—Andrew Burger went to St. Paul Saturday, to purchase a new arbor to replace the one they broke in the mill one day last week.

—Henry Rath's new sawmill is fast nearing completion. On Wednesday they commenced setting the boiler and building the arch.

—John Stechl, the cigar manufacturer of this place spent the last of last week, and the first of this in cities below interviewing his many customers and supplying them with cigars.

—E. S. Gibbs, of St. Paul, spent the latter part of last week in this village, on business. Mr. Gibbs is thinking some of locating here and investing some of his money in Pine City industries.

—The basest social given by the ladies of St. Mary's church yesterday evening was well attended. All those present report having had fine times. The ladies cleared about seventeen dollars.

—Mr. Smiley, an old time resident of Pine City, but now of Rush City, spent the latter part of last week in this place on business. Mr. Smiley says that has still a warm spot in his heart for Pine City.

—Services as usual in the M. E. church next Sunday. Morning at 11:30—subject, "David's Decision." Evening, at 7:45—subject, "The Hardening Tendency of Sin." Young People's meeting at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

—Dr. White arrived home the latter part of last week from St. Paul, where he had been attending the bonspiel. He reports on Tuesday a very good time, visiting with his Scotch friends, and enjoying their national game.

—Miss Ella Gianville, who went to Kerriek last week with her sister Agnes, who is teaching school near with a very bad cold, which has settled on her lungs, and she came home to be doctored.

—Remember the Lawson library and musical entertainment at the M. E. church, Friday evening, Feb. 4th. Admission 25 cents; children under 12 years of age, 10 cents. See program in another column.

—Peter Stroinsky moved his family down to his new house on the St. Croix road, near his saw mill on Tuesday. Peter says that his mill is doing good work since he got it fixed up after the accident, last week.

—A. M. Matson, of Rock Creek, came up on Wednesday evening, to take in the sights and see the elephant. For some unaccountable reason he got left as he intended to take the 4:30 train, and had to lay over until 12:37 Thursday noon. We think it was a scheme of A. M.'s, so as to have a lay-off and spend a half-day in the county seat.

—We understand that the teachers of our schools, assisted by some of the other talent of this place, are practicing for a drama to be given in the near future.

—Barney H. Harris the clothier at Rush City invites you to call and look over his stock before buying elsewhere.

—Every one going by N. A. Crittenden's store this week have wondered at the way he has had his windows fixing, is very easily explained if they will go inside and price the goods he has for sale, as it represents a crash in prices.

—Mrs. N. A. Crittenden returned on Monday from a short visit in St. Paul.

—Don't forget to attend the entertainment in the M. E. church this as it promises to be one of the best ever given here.

—See Barney H. Harris' new ad in this issue, call on him when in need of anything in his line.

—John Heyda, the tailor is kept busy having to work day and night on the orders he has, and his work gives the best of satisfaction. There is no use going to St. Paul or Minneapolis for your tailoring when you have just as good a tailor, and one that his prices are as low as the lowest.

—Mr. Curtis, a brother of Mrs. M. E. Babcock arrived in this place the latter part of last week and will no doubt locate here. Mr. Curtis hails from the southern part of the state.

—A large sleighload of our citizens went up to Thos Quinn's at Jarvis Bay on Tuesday, the occasion being a social for the benefit of the M. E. church, a good time was had by all those who attended report having had a fine time. Tom has a comfortable place, and both he and his wife are royal entertainers.

—Mr. Anderson, the owner of the creamery at this place, was here last Saturday, trying to make some definite arrangements for the disposal of the property, having settled with the farmers. He says that if our farmers and residents do not want the creamery he will dispose of it to Rock Creek parties who are anxious to get a creamery at that place. We do not know know what the outcome of his visit here was, but hope that the matter was so arranged as to leave the creamery here, as it would be a great benefit to our town.

—On Tuesday afternoon it looked as though we were to have sleighing, but alas! it did not snow more than an inch, and on Wednesday the streets were nearly as bare as before, the wind having blown it away and laid it in piles along the roadside.

—Gardner & O'Neal's Vaudeville company showed on this place Wednesday evening; it was not very well attended, but the gentlemen showed just the same, and gave perfect satisfaction to those who did attend. Mr. O'Neal was an Irish, Dutch and low-downest Yank, who was very fine, as was Gardner as the foolish boy and black-face comedian. One of the special features of the evening's entertainment was the baton juggling by O'Neal. Taking the show from start to finish, it was much better than shows that charge twice as much an admission fee. If Messrs. Gardner & O'Neal ever come back to play in this place, they can be sure of those that saw them on Wednesday evening, and a great many more, as every one who saw the show speak in the highest terms of it.

—We were informed on Wednesday morning by Ed Madden that the ice on the lake was about 23 to 29 inches thick. He said that if we had much more cold weather they would have to have pieces spliced onto their cross-cut saws so as to reach through the ice.

—How often do we hear people say, "Where in the world do all the flies come from? It is simple enough. The toper makes the whiskey fly; the cyclist makes the house fly; the carpenter makes the saw fly; the border makes the butterfly; the blacksmith makes the shoody; the jokey makes the horse fly; the butcher makes the cow fly; and the housewife makes the old man fly." —Exchange.

—The teams are beginning to come out of the woods. Alex Johnson had four horses go through here last Wednesday bound for Stillwater; he has many teams in the woods that he can use. He reports having had a good winters work, and the balance of his hauling is only for a short distance, so that he could let some of the teams go home, as he can keep them easier at Stillwater than he can in camp.

—The farmers in this vicinity are all busy drawing in cord wood which they have piled up around the depot and in the fair grounds, until there is no more room anywhere near the railroad track, and now they have commenced to fill up the vacant space in the western part of town, known as the sawlud road. There has been more wood brought into town during the past year than ever before in any one season.

A very pleasant party was held at Pokegama creek, at the residence of Mr. Bersatt, on Saturday evening, Jan. 29, the occasion being the 21st birthday of their son Benny. Dancing was indulged in until the "twelve" hours. Among the guests were thirty-two gentlemen and nine ladies from Brook Park. Mr. Bersatt came from Centerville, Anoka county about the first of last October, and settled on the banks of Pokegama creek, where has quite a farm started.

—Dr. Robert White has received a letter from the Dog Show association, calling him to St. Paul to act as one of the judges, and also to be employed as veterinary surgeon for the association. This is quite an honor for the doctor when one takes into consideration the fact that all the best dogs in the country will be at the show, and that out of all the veterinarians in this country and Canada he should have been chosen. We, therefore, an acknowledgment of the doctor's skill as a veterinarian.

The Masque Ball to be given by the Cross Lake orchestra on Monday evening, Feb. 21st, promises to be one of the best parties of the season. Prizes will be given for the best costumes of both lady and gent, and also for the most comical. The management of the ball will spare no pains to make it one of the best balls ever given in this place. Breckenridge, the druggist, will have a large assortment of masks on hand to choose from. Commence to get your costume ready, and see if you can't secure one of the prizes. The best of music will be attendance, and a royal good time is promised to all who attend. Further particulars next week.

—On Tuesday evening the local Tent of the K. O. T. M. gave a progressive-cinch party at K. O. P. hall. Each member of the Tent had the privilege of inviting two non-members. The playing commenced at 8:30, with eight tables running. S. T. McDowell captured the first prize for the gentlemen, and Mrs. A. E. Webber the first prize for the ladies, each receiving a large coffee cup and saucer. C. H. Griffith was awarded the gent's foot prize, which consisted of a laughing mirror. Miss Theresa Erickson received the foot prize for the ladies, which was a fine tooth comb. A luncheon was served at 12 o'clock, and the party broke up at about 1, when all departed for their homes, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Logs continue to stream into the two saw mills at a lively rate, and are bringing a good price, ranging from eight to twelve dollars, which is a great advance over the price of the past three or four years. And yet the hard times croakers say that times are getting worse instead of better. If you want to find out, ask the farmer who gets 90 cents and over per bushel for his wheat, from thirty to forty cents a bushel for his potatoes; or the lumberman; and they can tell you whether times are better this year than they were last. Since the Dingley bill went into effect everything that the farmer has to sell has advanced in price, and yet we will hear some people say that high tariff is the ruination of the country.

—On Tuesday morning the old Globe hotel at Rush City, which is run by Col. Grant, took fire, the cupola and greater portion of the roof being destroyed before the flames were subdued. The fire is thought to have originated from the smoking stack of the boiler. The house being insured by steam. This will be a serious loss to Col. Grant, as well as to the owner of the building, Jimmie Flynn. The hotel never was in better condition than at the present time, having been remodeled and refurnished throughout only last fall. The fire department did excellent work in stopping the fire before it had a chance to spread.

—J. Adam Bede has added a new Prouty press to his office, and now the Budget and Polar will both be printed in this place. The press is what is known as the improved book Prouty, and is said to be one of the best of its class manufactured.

—Quite a number of the fair young ladies of this place took the local on Tuesday evening for Beroun, where a dance was held in the new Beroun opera house. They came home on the 4:30 train on Wednesday morning, and report having had a fine time.

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Order for Hearing Petition for Conveyance.

state of Minnesota, ss
County of Pine,
In presence of the filing of Myrtle A. Hunt, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of John P. Matson, claiming to be entitled to a conveyance of certain real estate from the administrator of said estate, setting forth that contract in writing between said parties and the said John P. Matson, as the assignee of John Matson, and the facts upon which said contract is based, with a description of the land to be conveyed and the facts upon which said conveyance is predicated, and paying thereon the requisite tax, a decree is hereby made directing the said administrator to convey such real estate to said petitioner or the person entitled thereto.

And it is further ordered, that all persons interested in said estate may appear before this court, at a special term to be held on Monday, the 21st day of February, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the probate office, in the court house, in the village of Pine City, in said County, and oppose said petition.

And it is further ordered, that this order shall be published once in each week, for six consecutive weeks prior to said day of hearing, in the Pine County Pioneer, a weekly paper, as a special term to be held on Monday, the 21st day of February, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the probate office, in the court house, in the village of Pine City, in said County, and oppose said petition.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1898.
J. VEENHOVEN,
Probate Judge.

KIDNEYS—RHEUMATISM
A Great Sufferer—Could do no Work—Other Kidney Medicines Failed.



Mr. HARRY WINTERS,
HAMILTON, N. Y., July 9, 1893.
Dear Sir—I had been sick about 8 months with a complication of ailments, chief among which was kidney complaint. Had lame back, pain and soreness across my kidneys. Had been confined to my bed much of the time and had been able to do no work. I had taken 4 bottles of another kidney cure, highly recommended, but it did no good. Finally I received a bottle of your Kidney and Backache Cure, and commenced taking it. I immediately began to improve. A second bottle completed the cure and now I am as well as ever.

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W. F. GOSNEY, Publisher.
PINE CITY, MINN.

The Swedish telephone industry is a government monopoly and a most successful one at that. The network includes at present 7,000 instruments distributed over about 600 stations. The population is about 5,000,000, and, as nearly every telephone exchange has a connection, the service is practically perfect and complete.

According to recent statistics railroad travel is nearly as great a means of occupation as French dueling. In the past year the railroads of the United States carried 311,772,723 passengers. Of these but 187 were fatigued. Injured, which is about one to every 3,000,000. The figures are a great tribute to the safety of American railroads.

The English war department is experimenting with compressed flour. The flour is placed in a compress and reduced by pressure to one-third. The size of bulk flour. The reduction of size is said to be the least of many good qualities compressed flour has over the bulk, for it is claimed that the compression excludes insects and prevents mold.

A STATISTICAL FIGURE that New York City has nearly 1,000 hotels of different grades, of which about 100 are of the first-class, about 250 are second-class, while the remaining 600 are minor establishments. The money invested in these hotels is about \$100,000,000, and the sudden arrival of 100,000 visitors in the city would not overtax the accommodations.

QUEEN LOTISE, of Denmark, is the oldest occupant of a throne, with the single exception of the grand duchess of Luxembourg, who has reigned for some 56 weeks. These are the only two oceanic monarchs. Next in line after Queen Lotise comes her husband, who has seven months more to go, and then the grand duke of Saxe-Weimar and Queen Victoria.

It is a secret which has been carefully kept by government officials, and especially by the heads of the war department, that New York, Boston and San Francisco are to be made to a degree sufficient to keep off almost any foreign fleet. This statement was made positively by an official who knows the facts and said that the danger to those three ports in case of war had finally been adequately provided for.

The new oceanic, now being built in England by Messrs. Harland & Wolff for the White Star line, will no doubt be one of the new ideas. It is for sailing close will be remarkable for her exceptional speed. Her speed will be several thousand tons larger than any other steamer either built or building. She will make a round trip to the extreme length (13 feet longer than the Grand Eastern) and her tonnage will exceed 17,000 tons.

MR. RIDER HAGARD is devoted to farming. He spends the early part of every day in wandering around his farm at Dickinson, and does not settle down to writing until 11:30 o'clock. He dictates his novels to a woman secretary, who types from his dictation, taking them down on the typewriter at lightning speed, instead of merely in shorthand first. The content of Mr. Hagard's new story is Holland, many centuries ago.

GEORGE GOULD lives in the pines of New Jersey with his \$300,000, while Howard, Miss Helen and Frank live in Tarrytown with their \$400,000. Mrs. Elliott F. Sherman and her millions are palatially quartered at Scarborough. H. Walter Webb with his \$500,000 is also there. Anna Litch Barber and her \$35,000,000 are at Dobbs Ferry and her \$1,000,000,000 at Arden. William Rockefeller and his \$90,000,000 are out of hearing of brother John and his \$200,000,000 at Tarrytown.

MRS. COWDEN-CLARKE, now in her 80th year, is still hale and hearty, living a beautiful old age in peace and tranquility. With a mind unclouded and a body wonderfully active for her years, she finds much pleasure in recalling to a few select friends reminiscences of her early days—days when she was the constant associate of Mary Lamb, and mingled frequently in the literary company of Shelley, Coleridge, Charles Lamb, Keats, Leigh Hunt, Hazlitt, Douglas Jerard and the glorious Charles Dickens.

"It is a remarkable fact," said a distinguished confidante of a Gen. Lee never wore a sword during the war, or any weapon, and he never included in a sword, or any other form of surrender, and then as an act of courtesy to Gen. Grant, and as proper for the occasion. Gen. Lee did not expect to surrender, but he was obliged by the terms of surrender all officers were to detach their side arms; but he did expect that Grant would go through the form of touching the hilt of his sword according to the custom of war, but Grant did not even do that.

The designs for the Trans-Mississippi exposition postage stamps have been approved. They are as follows: One-cent, the discovery of the Mississippi river by Marquette; two-cent, an Indian chief; four-cent, a buffalo hunting scene; five-cent, the Jefferson expedition; six-cent, a view of the Rocky Mountains; eight-cent, a train of immigrants crossing the plains; ten-cent, a view of the scene; fifty-cent, a cowboy and cattle scene; \$1.00, a harvesting scene or a great bonfire; \$1.25, the battle of Little Bighorn; showing part of the city of Omaha.

"Let us realize by our laws and by our administration of them to maintain the rights of all classes, to equal the standards of American citizenship, and to secure the freedom of life, industry and economy and the honest virtues which have made our country a model and a blessing to the world, and to the benefit of our government, and through the true message and the true spirit of our laws, and while the nation will stand, that is founded upon a rock."

A FINEISH CHIME.

A Widow and Her Daughter Suffered in Burlington, Jan. 31.—The dead and frozen bodies of Mrs. Fanny Rathburn and her 13-year-old daughter Mary were found Saturday afternoon in pools of blood in their lonely home west of the city. The woman was struck in the head with an axe which head was split open. The body of the child was found in a bedroom of the kind ever given in this city.

The widow's husband, who was introduced by President McKinley was killed by the 1,000 guests present. President McKinley said in part: "National education, industry and commerce, but it remains for the people to make it a reality. If these policies stimulate industrial development and energy, the people can be trained to do so. The government, through its various departments, should improve its harbors and develop its great natural waterways, but people must create the demand for them."

HEAVY FAILURE.
Elgin, Ill., Feb. 1.—The failure of Outman Bros., dry-goods, with headquarters at Dundee, seems very complete. About midnight Saturday executives were taken to the First national bank of Elgin and the Elgin Butter Tub company for \$35,000. The Outmans conducted their business in Chicago, and had a large branch in Wisconsin, and were among the largest operators on the Elgin board of directors. They also conducted a carmel business in Chicago and owned fruit ranches in California. The patrons at all the factories had received no pay for milk for two months. Assets are estimated at \$175,000, with liabilities exceeding this amount.

HAS A NEW GOVERNOR.
President Voorhees, of the Senate, is New Jersey's Executive.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 1.—Gov. Griggs on Monday night sent to both houses of the legislature a communication giving notice that he had resigned the position of secretary of state, to take effect at midnight. The two houses then passed a resolution providing that President Voorhees, of the senate, should take the office of acting governor in the presence of the senate and house at 10 o'clock this morning, and Chief Justice McKie be requested to administer the oath. A concurrent resolution congratulating Gov. Griggs was adopted by both the senate and assembly.

ANSON IS OUT.
New York, Feb. 1.—With the return of A. J. Anson, the former president of the Chicago baseball club, to the city Friday from the west the announcement that the Chicago club would not renew its contract with Adrian C. Anson and that Tom Burns, formerly a member of the Chicago team, would be the new manager of the club was confirmed.

WISCONSIN MAYOR DEAD.
Chippewa Falls, Wis., Feb. 1.—Edward Pozanski, mayor of this city, died Monday morning in a hospital in Chicago. He went last week to undergo an operation. He was proprietor of one of the largest dry goods stores in Chippewa Falls, and had been 60 years of age and had been a resident of Chippewa Falls for 30 years.

PRESIDENT DOLE WELCOMED.
Washington, Jan. 27.—President Dole of Hawaii arrived yesterday and in behalf of the government was welcomed to the national capital by Secretary Sherman. During the afternoon President McKinley stated that after Mr. Dole called upon President McKinley at the white house.

NEW GABLE OPENED.
Kingston, Jamaica, via Bermuda, Feb. 1.—The opening of the new cable, via Turks Island and Bermuda, was celebrated Monday. It gives the United States and Canada a competitive route for telegrams to the West Indies, connecting, as it does, with the service of the Commercial Cable and Postal Telegraph companies.

WANTS CUBA TO SUCCEED.
New York, Feb. 1.—Dr. Sanchez Agonarte, surgeon general in the Cuban insurgent army, has just arrived from Havana, bringing \$50,000 in gold in Paris for the Cuban cause. Dr. Agonarte says that popular sentiment in Havana is strong in favor of success for the Cubans.

VETERAN RETURNS.
Washington, Jan. 29.—Brig. Gen. William H. Bell, U. S. A., who reached his 70th birthday on the 24th, retired Friday by operation of the age limit. He will take up his residence on his big farm near Ayer, Va., Col.

DROPPED DEAD.
Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 29.—Hon. Edward Evans, the oldest practicing lawyer in this state, dropped dead from a heart attack on the street at noon Friday. He was 70 years of age.

WILL MEET IN DETROIT.
New York, Jan. 29.—The executive committee of the National Association of Labor Organizations has fixed Wednesday, in Detroit, as the date of their next meeting.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the week ending Feb. 1. Your Garman sailors were murdered by the Chinese in Shanghai. The first annual convention of the United States left Spain for America. In the 24-hour bicycle race in Pittsburgh, Pa., Kloss won, going 1,325 miles and Michigan.

The first national bank of Lawrence, N. D., closed its doors with liabilities of \$71,755.

Judge C. W. Dustin of Dayton has declared the Ohio anti-slavery law unconstitutional.

Heavy snowstorms with high winds prevailed in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Dr. F. H. Nason, the Arctic explorer, sailed from New York on the Campanella for Liverpool.

Judge Horton sentenced Christopher Merry to be hanged February 15 in Chicago for the murder of his wife.

Sally Foster, believed to have been the oldest white woman in Kentucky, died near Millon, aged 103 years.

President and Mrs. McKinley celebrated the twenty-seventh anniversary of their wedding in a quiet manner.

Harriet M. Dillmore, a veteran general of the civil war and ex-governor of Maine, died in Bangor, aged 70 years.

Charles Webb has been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for the murder of his sweetheart at St. Louis in 1856.

A conspiracy was discovered at Tennessee which the sheriff is said to install a younger brother in the palace.

The Hartsville (Ind.) college, an institution connected with the United Brethren (Real) church, was burned by an incendiary.

Daniel Lawrence Braine, rear admiral of the United States navy, retired, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 69 years.

Chief Justice Shepard Barclay, of the Missouri supreme court, resigned, and was succeeded by William W. Williams to fill the vacancy.

The 5,000 operatives at the Atlantic and Pacific cotton mills in Lawrence, Mass., decided to accept the ten per cent. reduction in wages.

A force of frontier troops ambushed part of an English brigade in a gorge near Shinkamur, India, and 10 officers and eight men were killed.

James J. Corbett announced at Peoria, Ill., that he had renounced pugilism forever, and an executive order was issued to discharge him from the military service.

The opera house, several business buildings and the Mason county library building, full of rare books and pictures, were burned at Mayville, Ky.

VALUES OF CROPS.
Government Statistics issued for the year 1907.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The final estimates of acreage, production and value of the crops of the United States for 1907 are as follows: Wheat, 3,100,000 acres, 1,100,000,000 bushels; corn, 40,000,000 acres, 1,200,000,000 bushels; cotton, 10,000,000 acres, 10,000,000 bales; rice, 1,000,000 acres, 1,000,000,000 bushels; sugar, 1,000,000 acres, 1,000,000,000 bushels; tobacco, 1,000,000 acres, 1,000,000,000 bushels.

ALASKA STEAMER LOST.
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—A special telegram from Victoria, says that a steamer Corona which left Seattle with 225 passengers January 20 for the south coast Alaska ports, had been wrecked near Lewis Island at the mouth of the Kenna river. Her passengers were all safely landed on Kenna Island. Every pound of freight was recovered.

HORRIBLE MOUTH OF SILENCE.
Eau Claire, Wis., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Reuben C. Bartlett, an elderly woman who lived near the western city limits, simply fell in a chair Monday afternoon, standing there partially paralyzed, she poured kerosene over her head and set fire to it. She died in hospital and her body had been returned to her home.

DROPPED DEAD.
Quincy, Ill., Feb. 1.—James Fisher, the oldest merchant in Quincy, dropped dead of apoplexy Monday. He was 85 years old. He came here in 1833 and started a dry goods store in a building made of logs, and had been in active business for 52 years.

SAYS RELATIONS ARE GOOD.
Madrid, Feb. 1.—At the cabinet council Monday Senor Gullen, the foreign minister, announced that the relations of Spain with the United States were good, and he expressed a hope that a commercial understanding would soon be arranged.

COMPETITION IN MANUFACTURE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASED COSTS OF ALL KINDS OF PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN EUROPE—WARRANTS FOR GRAIN ON THE INCREASE—WARRANTS FOR WHEAT AND CORN.

First Month of the New Year Shows a Decided Increase in Business Transactions.

PRICES, HOWEVER, DO NOT ADVANCE.

Competition in Manufacture is Responsible for the Increased Costs of All Kinds of Products Produced in Europe—Warrants for Grain on the Increase—Warrants for Wheat and Corn.

The first month of the new year has brought rather more increase in business than was expected. The increase in the value of business is shown by the fact that the total value of business done in the first month of the year is \$1,000,000,000, or \$100,000,000 more than in the first month of the last year.

The increase in business is due to the fact that the price of goods has advanced, and the demand for goods has increased. The price of goods has advanced because of the increased cost of raw materials, and the demand for goods has increased because of the increased population and the increased wealth of the people.

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Why the negro is Called "Coon."
Many years ago, when superstition and greater sway than now and the "wisdom" of the occult and weird is most potent, a cunning negro had acquired the reputation of being a familiar spirit and of being able to perform many uncanny stunts. His fellow slaves held him in great awe, and even his master grew to a belief in his power. This finally led to a wager, in which the greater part of the master's fortune was staked on the negro's digging ability. A barrel was placed on the lawn and a live coon placed under the barrel. Then the negro's whistler was sent for and told to dig for the barrel. He tried in various ways to escape the exposure, but without success. Realizing that he was cornered, he leaned on the barrel dejectedly and remarked, "Well, you've got this old coon at last," whereupon a great shout applauded what was considered Sambo's remarkable astuteness, and his reputation was forever firmly established.—Mary Spears in Baltimore Sun.

Had Attained Its Majesty.
"That piece," said the young man who plays the piano by ear, "is a minor."
"Is it possible?" exclaimed his acquaintance.
"Couldn't you recognize it?"
"Oh, yes, I recognized it! My impression was that it was of age long ago."—Washington Star.

A Harroscop.
Blubbering Tommy (who has just been whipped by his mother, to his little sister)—I pity your future husband. What a mother-in-law he will have!—Elegende Blatter.

Tennyson's Love For Flowers.
An elaborately illustrated article, "Tennyson and His Friends at Freshwater," by V. C. Scott-O'Connor, appears in the December Century. The author says of the poet: "Willingly, he took no part in the destruction of life. His sympathy with nature led him to mourn over the cutting down of trees, as if they were, like the grove in Dante's 'Inferno,' the abode of his personal friends, and he never would consent to his flowers at Farringford being plucked. 'I can very well remember the look on his face,' Miss Weld, his niece, tells me, 'when he met me one day, returning from his meadows with a wheelbarrow full of fading daffodils plucked by me with the lavish hand of a child. He gazed at them very sorrowfully and in gentle words expressed his regret that so much beautiful life had been needlessly sacrificed.'"

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MISS SADIE CARR
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Dear Sir:—When I was eleven years old I had a weakness in my kidneys and back which became so distressing that serious consequences were feared. I was treated by two eminent physicians but neither seemed able to reach my case, and I continued on in this distressing condition without hope. Finally a friend gave me as a birthday present a bottle of your Kidney and Backache Cure. I realized its benefit as soon as I began its use. Improvement was steady and by the time two bottles had been taken I was well. Six years have now elapsed and I have not had any return of the disease.



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