

"Osgatagassett." A clerk in a retail drug store pointed to the above-mentioned word, written on a small piece of paper that was pasted into a scrap book. The clerk said that he had contained more than a hundred puzzling orders that had been received at the store and saved as literary curiosities.

"There it is. Now tell me what it means," said the clerk defiantly, addressing a newspaper writer.

When the reporter had confessed his inability to translate "osgatagassett" into English, the clerk explained:

"The person who wrote that wanted osalic acid. We were some time, however, in understanding the order. The Latin prescriptions of physicians are not as hard to decipher as the written applications for drugs we frequently get from unlearned people. By experience we learn to read the latter, but must be constantly on the study some of them a long time. For instance take this one: 'Avis chatarr pills.' You would not suppose that this means 'Ayer's cathartic pills.' Here's another: 'Secanum.' I had to ask several questions of the person who presented this before I discovered that sena and maca were wanted. There on that page you see 'Box yelapericilla,' which was somebody's way of asking for a box of yellow sassafras. This 'Tinker man' stands of course for tinkers of myth; and this one, 'Gross of sulphiments,' for corrosive sublimate. Many of these other ones you will understand at once."

The clerk continued to turn the leaves and point to his curiosities, among which were these:

- Send me one斤 of jin.
- 2 ounces of hickory pickery (hiera picra); also called for as hick pick.
- Sulfer is ink (sulphate of zinc).
- 10 cents worth of white sugar; also spelled galicorric, prigorric, parigorric.
- Pummy stone.
- Dose rubur magniste (magnesia).
- Gleserun; also spelled gleserine.
- Antidonium wine (antimonic wine).
- Recesshell salts; also spelled Recheel salts.
- 5 cents Shoemakerz ginger (Jamaica ginger).
- Goble salts (Glauber's salt).
- Sprum city (spermaceti).
- Gumamacha (gum arabic).
- Oil of ganea (origanum).
- Billers pills.
- And acid corgel (anis seed corial).
- Lickwith of canan (liquid quinine).
- Krakibion wine (Kraichm wine).
- Eryroot for children (erythrina).
- Kreem at tatter; also spelled cream tater and cream tatter.

"In almost every drug store," said the clerk, "a book of this kind is kept. Ours is a heavy sort of book, and contains more orders than in every little while as an antidote for our many dismal experiences."

Story of a Silver Mine.

An old Colorado miner says: "While I was out at Leadville a man came up there from Denver named Dexter. Jim Dexter they called him. He was full of life and hope and had some money. Dexter looked about him for a while and finally bought a claim on Carbonate Hill, which had at that time not been prospected very well. He paid, I think about \$15,000 for it and set to work putting in machinery and sinking the shaft, which was already down some hundred feet or more. He worked away on the mine, people laughing at him a good deal, but he never once lost heart. The mine had shown up a single thing in the way of mineral, and the shaft had been sunk by that time several hundred feet. Dexter did not know what to do. He had now spent nearly all the money he had and nothing was coming in. One day in the early part of the work he was sitting on the bench and asked him what he would take for his mine. Dexter told him, and a bargain was made between them. The price paid was, I think \$30,000, some \$5,000 more than Dexter had spent on it altogether. He was mighty glad they got the \$30,000, and thought him well off on a bad bargain. He rushed out on to Carbonate Hill and ordered the miners to drop their tools and quit work. This was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. "He said, 'Dexter, I will pay you for it in another minute for me. I will pay you right now, and you can quit.' Well, the miners had just finished a drill and were going to place a blast and uncover some rock, and they asked to be allowed to finish it before they quit work. 'No,' said Dexter, 'come out; I don't want you to work anymore; there's nothing in the 4-0 old hole.' The men reluctantly quit work and departed. Dexter got his money and was happy. Well, the mine was not a success. He had a stock company, and in a short time they began work on it. Now, young man, what I am going to tell you is the solemn truth," said the miner. 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To Make a Good Quality of Court-Plaster.

Soak in glass in a little warm water for seventy-four hours, then evaporate nearly all the water by gentle heat, add to the residue a little pure spirits of wine, and strain the whole through a piece of open linen. The strained mass should be put in a glass when cold. Now stretch a piece of silk or sarcenet on a wooden frame, and fix it tight with tacks or packthread. Melt the jelly, and apply it to the silk, thinly and evenly, with a badger hair-brush. A second coating may be applied when the first has dried. When both are dry, apply over the whole surface two or three coatings of balsam of Peru. Plaster thus made is said to be very pliable and never breaks.

He was Married.

A Wisconsin bride received from an old acquaintance a pair of trousers, with the message, "Loaned for the part you are to play." The bridegroom, quite naturally, regarded this as intended to throw doubt upon his ability to be the best husband to her, and was consulting with friends as to how he should resent the insult, when the bride's old acquaintance came upon the scene in great perturbation, and exclaimed that the package delivered there should have been sent to a young man who was to appear in an amateur dramatic entertainment. The young amateur had received a piece of silverware, accompanied by congratulations and best wishes.

A New Notice of Engaged Sister.

Engaged to a thing with cheery—that is to say, checks—that is to say, with both—"Oh, how nice!" The Provident Lovers' Mutual Assurance association (limited), guarding against all accidents—and see if he dies, or gets broke, or gets into a piece, or anything, besides she will smell his breath. What will she do? She will knock him down with the fish and go after her ma.—Detroit Chief.

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Scylla and Charibdis.

It was the ranchman to himself regretfully that he took his penance way to lodgings and to bed. "Alas! never, to me severe necessity follows to linger here, but makes me punch for Colorado's cows."

The Legend of Gorie Grange.

My screams resounded through the old house, scream upon scream, awaking my aunts and the servants from sound sleep. They huddled together in groups of peculiar, if not picturesque, costumes, and still my unearthly screams fell upon their ears. They armed themselves with pokers and other fire-irons, the butler manfully taking the front with a lantern.

Natural History.

Professor, what is a Dodo? "There are several species of the Dodo, my son, and there used to be several more before the book-killer cut the country up into regular districts."

Rats on Ships.

Rats greatly infest ships, and are by them conveyed to every part of the world. So industriously do they make their homes for themselves in the numerous crannies and holes of a vessel, that it is almost impossible to get rid of them. Ships take out rats as well as passengers and cargo every voyage; whether the former remain in the ship or port is best known to themselves.

Death During Tooth Extraction.

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Conway, of the London Haymarket, is said to be the handsomest actor on the English speaking stage. Margaret Mather, the new tragic star, of whom so much is expected, will make her debut in Chicago Aug. 25.

The Wynndham Co., from the London Criterion will commence their American season at the N. Y. Union Square.

Gounod, the composer, will conduct the first performance, at Birmingham, of his new opera "La Redemption." Geo. C. Milne, pastor of Unity Church, Chicago, has determined to become an actor. His line is the tragic business.

Julia Gaylord, the young prima donna, is the daughter of a Universalist minister.

Kate Claxton, also a minister's daughter, is the daughter of the bright little leading lady J. A. Stevens' "Unknown" combination will not appear with that company next season. Minnie Madden's success seems to be assured; and her time is rapidly being filled for next season. The actress by all accounts is better than her play.

It is said that Mr. Newman will, in 1883, visit America with a German opera company to perform the Ring of the Nibelung and other Wagnerian operas.

Gertrude Granville, the popular soubrette of the Theatre Comique, lies dangerously ill with spinal meningitis, the result of a sudden move on the part of a street-car driver. Henry Irving, accompanied by Miss Ellen Terry and the whole of his company, will make a six months' visit to this side of the Atlantic. His first appearance will be at New York, Oct. 29.

A benefit performance for the wife and children of Gen. A. Conly, of the Kellogg Co., will take place Saturday, almost all the theatrical and operatic stars of any note having professed either their professional services, or contributions.

Miss Lillian Olcott, whose first appearance on the stage has been favorably received, will commence her first starring season in September. Her line of business is the genuine legitimate; and she is said to possess considerable ability. The first grand opera by an American composer ever published in complete form, by the Wynndham Co., of Chicago, will have its first performance in that city on the 15th inst. Miss Cary, Miss Litta, and a number of other well known stars will take part in it. The work is spoken of very highly.

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A benefit performance for the wife and children of Gen. A. Conly, of the Kellogg Co., will take place Saturday, almost all the theatrical and operatic stars of any note having professed either their professional services, or contributions.

Miss Lillian Olcott, whose first appearance on the stage has been favorably received, will commence her first starring season in September. Her line of business is the genuine legitimate; and she is said to possess considerable ability. The first grand opera by an American composer ever published in complete form, by the Wynndham Co., of Chicago, will have its first performance in that city on the 15th inst. Miss Cary, Miss Litta, and a number of other well known stars will take part in it. The work is spoken of very highly.

Death During Tooth Extraction.

An accident is reported in the daily paper which is very liable to occur during the operation of tooth extraction, if care is not taken to remove each drawn tooth from the mouth; and it is well that the notion should not get abroad amongst the public that this accident is more common when "gas" is given than when it is not.

The Home of Michelot.

Last summer we spent some time in the neighborhood of Vasconcel, and often wandered in its direction. Our way led through a woodland path, at whose base the Crevon flows, sparkling and swift, across flat meadows, when came a magnificent stream, a curious water-mill, through which the stream comes pouring in great cascades, and through an ancient farm-yard and magnificent avenue into the high road, whence we caught sight of the tower and roofs of Vasconcel, with its sylvan background stretching across the whole mouth of the valley.

A Queen Kind of Cake.

A fashionable young lady visited a cooking school the other afternoon where her attention was equally divided between a new dress worn by an acquaintance and the directions for making a cake. Upon returning home she undertook to write down the recipe for making the cake for her mother, but she was so paralyzed when she read—"Take two pounds of flour, three rows of plating down the front, the whites of two eggs cut bias, a pint of milk ruffled with a whisk, and a quart of lemon juice."

He Went Fishing.

See the man coming down the street. What has he got in his hand? It is a white fish. What is that on his shoulder? It is a fish pole. Where has he been all day? In the best pool round the corner. What will he do when he gets home? He will tell his wife that he has been out to the lake fishing and caught the fish after a terrific struggle. Will his wife believe him? No, darlings, she will not, for she knows of his fish and she never caught on a hook, besides she will smell his breath. What will she do? She will knock him down with the fish and go after her ma.—Detroit Chief.

Edwin Booth sails for Europe on the 14th.

Charlotte Thompson will visit Australia next week. Bret Harte has written a play founded on "Thankful Blossom." Henry Peakes, bass, may possibly go to England next season.

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