

**Taking Chances.**

THE WIDOW'S PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT COMING.

On a branch of the Niobrara River, almost on the state line between Kansas and Nebraska, I came to a place where a man was building a stable of cotton-wood poles and limbs. After we had passed the time of day he pulled out an old brier root pipe, scratched a match on his leg and lighted it, and then looked up at me between the puffs and said:

"Stranger, yer a little off about my bein' a man. I've got on the old man's clothes, boots and all, but I'm the Widder Webster when I'm in the house."

"And where is Mr. Webster?" I asked.

"Dead, of course, or I couldn't be his widder. Yes, he gin up the turmoils of this life six months ago, jest as we took up this claim. He lies on that knoll over thar and I'm runnin' the bizness alone."

"You've done a good bit of work for a woman."

"Yes, purty fair, but I can't put the spirit into it I used to."

"Health giving out?"

"Oh, no. Health is all right. A woman who kin lift that yaller mule out thar can't complain about health."

"It is only natural that you should feel lonely, so far from neighbors."

"It isn't nayburs, altogether," she said as she yanked open my horse's jaws to look at his teeth and judge his age.

"Stranger, might you be lookin' for anything in pertickler out this way?"

"Well, yes, I am."

"Suthin' purty pertickler?"

"Yes, quite particular."

"Stranger, is that purty pertickler thing ye ar' lookin' fur out in this kentry a healthy, hefty widder not a day over 40—a widder with the best claim on this river and an ambishun to make the grass fly?"

"Well, you see—you know, I—"

"Spit it right out, stranger!" she exclaimed as she removed the old straw hat to reveal her face.

"Well, the fact is I'm already linked."

"I thought you might be, but decided to take the chances. Anybody else comin' this way that you know of?"

"Yes, I met a man in Greenwood yesterday who said he would take this trail to go over into Myer County."

"Married or single?"

"I think he's single, and he's a good looking man, too."

"I don't keer for looks, as everything goes out in this kentry. That's all, stranger. Cross the creek to the right of the tree to avoid the quicksands, and I'll wash my hands, grease my sun-burned nose and git ready to make a good impression on the next critter that heaves in sight."

M. QUAD.

**Astronomy.**

Little Rastus was entirely too fond of asking questions, so his father said, and in order to shift the burdens which he found too great for his uneducated shoulders to bear, old Rastus sent the boy to school, where the following colloquy is said to have taken place:

Little Rastus—W'y am de sun bright-er'n de moon, 'Fessali?

Professor Johnson—We dun'no' fo' shush dat he am, honey. You see, de moon's got de night ter light up, an' de sun has ony got de day. Dat's a power-ful sight of diff' rance, I tells ye. Mebbe, if de sun dun tackle de big job dat de moon's got on his hands, he couldn't do ez well.—*Harper's Magazine.*

**Light Wanted.**

The professor of the chair of political economy had talked to the class an hour and a half.

"I have tried to make this whole question of the tariff perfectly plain to you," he said, wiping the perspiration from his glowing face, "and I trust I have succeeded. Still, if there should be some among you who desire further light on this matter, I am ready to answer any question you may ask."

"I think I understand the most of your lecture, professor," spoke up a deeply interested young man in the front seat, "but I'd like to know whether this Ad Valorem you've been talking about was a man or a woman."

—*Chicago Tribune.*

**What She Said.**

He was a small boy, and he was very much interested in the telephone. The pretty telephone girl at the Fifth Avenue Hotel put him upon a tall chair, and calling up a chum on the long distance wire placed the receiver to his ear. He was so delighted that the first thing he told his mamma was that he had talked with a lady in Boston.

"And what did you tell her, dear?"

"I told her 'hello,' and then I told her my name."

"What did she say?"

"She said 'sput, sput, sput, sput!'"

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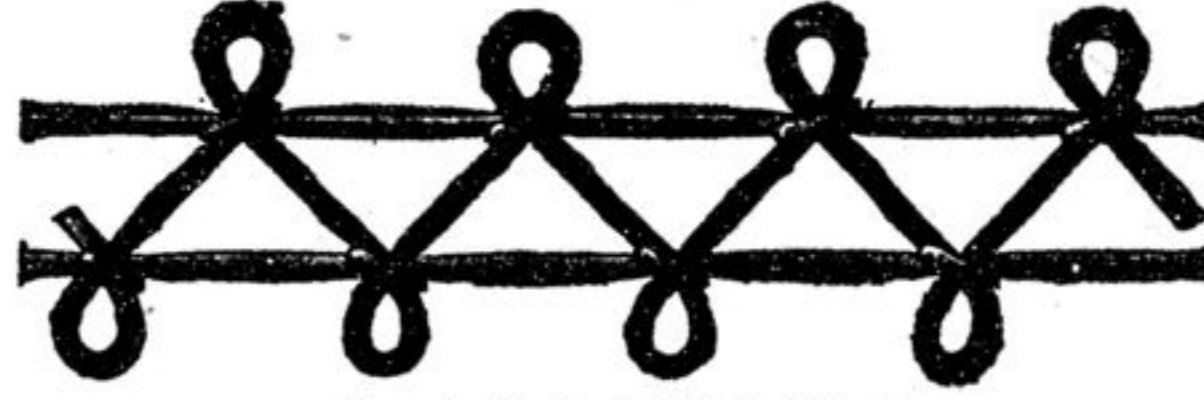
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By order of the Board of Health. A. WILSON, M. D., Medical Health Officer Fenelon Falls, Feb'y 22nd, 1903. 1-t. f.

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**The Rabbit Pest.**

THIRST IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPON TO USE AGAINST THEM.

Those who had begun to fear that the rabbit pest might become in California as dire a scourge as in Queensland will be reassured by the accounts of the progress that is being made in rabbit destruction in that country.

It is well known there the great armies of bunnies have come to number millions and tens of millions. They moved over the settlements in such masses as to devastate the farms, deplete the fields and lay waste whole districts. The grass on the plains was eaten up and the pasturage destroyed; the track of the devastating hosts was left as barren as a desert, no sprig of grass nor blade of herbage remaining. The cattle were driven away into other provinces or starved on the naked plains, and the flocks died unless they were promptly removed from the pathway of the devouring plague. The history of the various methods by which the despairing colonists sought to rid themselves of this dire visitation is still fresh in memory, and within seven years—1883 to 1889—\$5,000,000 was spent in pushing the crusade. One hundred million acres of territory were overrun by the animals, and although the raiders killed 2,528,000 rabbits each year and received a bounty from the Government for each of the scalps, the rabbits remained in full force.

But the great drouth of 1888 proved in one respect a blessing in disguise, as it was virtually the turning point in the solution of this vexed problem. The lakes and watercourses were fenced in by wire screens, and the animals died by millions from thirst. Shutting out the water from rabbits has been found the most successful weapon in all the arsenal of destruction. Wire fences were the final resort of the colonists, who now regard the rabbit problem as solved. Fences are being constructed for this purpose all over the country, and one, shortly to be completed, will be 900 miles long. When the main fences are run subdivisions will be made, the rabbits will be surrounded, and their extermination reduced to a system well within the ability of the colonists to carry out.—*Chicago Tribune.*

**Reducing Vibration in Railway Cars.**

A new invention embodies a principle which will commend itself to all railway travellers. It is sought to lessen the discomfort and annoyance of excessive vibration by the construction of a pneumatic car "which embraces the application of an elastic fluid as an absorbent for vibration and oscillation." An air cushion is arranged on the cellular principal between the car body and the truck frame, and as there is an equal distribution of air under varying pressures all oscillation is prevented. This elastic medium is said to completely absorb all vibration resulting from rough tracks, jointing of rails, excessive speed or any other cause, and the car is carried smoothly and steadily along. This pneumatic system can be equally well applied to street cars, and instances are not hard to find in which it unquestionably should be.—*Exchange.*

**To Keep One's Youth.**

A distinguished English scientist, Mr. Wm. Kinnear, in a magazine article insists that the secret of perennial youth is to be found in the use of distilled water and phosphoric acid. He says that death, or disease that produces death, is caused by the deposit in the human system of calcareous or earthy matter, and that the drinking of distilled water, which is itself a great solvent, and the use also of from ten to fifteen drops of diluted phosphoric acid in each tumblerful will remove such deposits and prolong human life to the very latest limit. In several of the great hotels in New York, distilled water is provided at the table and for the use of the guests in their rooms, and the advertisement of the fact attracts many patrons.

**Why Rats Gnaw Continually.**

Have you any idea why it is that rats, mice and squirrels are continually gnawing at something? They do not do this for "pure devilment," as people generally imagine, but because they are forced to. Animals of that class, especially the rats, have teeth which continue to grow as long as their owners live. In the human species the teeth are developed from pulps, which are absorbed and disappear as soon as the second set are full grown, but in the case of the much maligned rat the pulp supply is perpetual and is continually secreting materials by which the incisors gain in length. This being the case, the poor creature is obliged to keep up his regular gnawing operations in order to keep his teeth ground off to a proper length.

So far this month an average of fifteen new cases of smallpox each day have been reported in Chicago.