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What One Man Said. At the City Federation meeting in the Waldorf there were many amusing incidents. Husbands of the broadminded women tarried in the anteroom waiting for their spouses to go home. One of these patient escorts was Leroy Sunderland Smith. He gazed through the glass doors once, sighed and returned to his chair. Men would come, inquire for their wives. and then retreat to the cafe below. One man heard a few minutes of a certain paper. He said: "If these women's clubs did not struggle with the problem of how to raise other women's children they would have no excuse for being." He flung out the last words savagely and then disappeared to the place where highballs are concocted.-New York Press.

An Enterprising Woman.

Miss Jessie McCubben of Alamo, Oregon, is the owner of a valuable mining claim in the Granite district, which she "jumped" precisely as the II will give you the best imported & year 1903 came in. Learning that the main spring for American watches claim would be vacant the 1st day of and guarantee it one year for \$1.25 January, she drove through a blind- I will clean any American watch ing snewstorm on the night of Dec. 31, and guarantee it to be clean for the mercury 14 degrees below zero, and, waiting the advent of the new year, staked her claim. Another prospector had done likewise earlier in the evening, but Miss McCubben was legally in the right, and the court sustained her. She is a Portland girl, 19 years old.

A Paper May Criticise.

A trial jury in England gave the manager of a fifth-rate show a verdict of \$3,750 against a newspaper which published an adverse criticism. The Appeal Court reversed this, and held that the jury had no right to substitute its own opinion of the merits of the play for the critic's opinion. The court said it was of the highest importance to the public that the critic should not be exposed to the risk of having a jury pass upon his taste, and held that the trial judge misdirected the jury.

Reminder of Old Times.

A rich man who has joined the multitude in New York since his gutck fortune came to him was entertaining friends at dinner the other night. The service was magnificent and so was the dinner. The wife, gorgeously clad, reigned over the table. During a lull in conversation the rich man watched a servant who was dexterously remov-JOHN H. SHURTE, Manager ing crumbs from the table. Then he looked down the glittering table at his jeweled wife and remarked: "Sadie, remember when you used to shake the tablecloth out of the back door to the bens?" - Wayner and a total

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ly Enjoyed It. The other day a colored porter from one of the hotels was sent to buy some tin cups. After making the purchase he started back to the hotel and met one of the hostlery's best patrons-a commercial traveler-and the latter asked the negro to carry his sample case to a Washington street store.

A few minutes later the negro, sample case, and tin cups, were in front of the store. The traveling man was in the store. While waiting for him, the negro sat down on the sample case, and in less than a jiffy fell asleep. One of the tin cups was in his hand, and it fell forward, as does the cup held by a blind man.

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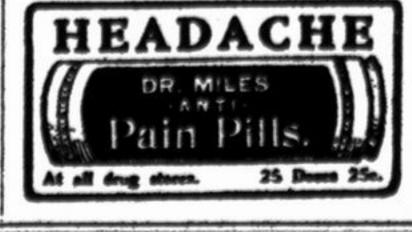


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