

A Suggestion.

Air—"Something That Nobody Knows." For the topical questions one hears every day, an answer there must be found...

MUST LAUGH HIS LIFE AWAY.

Story of a Georgia Man's Singular Paralytic Affliction.

Joseph Oscar Johnson was sent to Roff home a few days ago, and his case is probably one of the most remarkable that ever went to that or any other hospital...

WHAT IT MEANS.

Some Startling Figures Concerning the Publishing Business.

The cloud of paper flying daily from the humming presses is amazing to contemplate. Many of the Sunday editions of from twelve to forty pages would carpet the cities where they are printed...

A TIME LOCK SAFE.

A Wonderful Invention that was not Fully Understood by Burglars.

When I entered the employ of Aytine & Caret, the jewellers, I was shown their wonderful strong room. It was a wonderful piece of mechanism...

TO SERVE FORTY BOILERS.

The Tallest Smokestack in America and Its Erection.

The tallest smokestack in the United States, and, in fact, the tallest in the world, designed solely for the purpose of providing a draught for boilers...

The International Band.

Mamma's got a headache pain, And had to go to bed again; And Mary's gone after doctor's stuff...

Now, Ted, you take the big tin pan, And bang it hard as ever you can; And Jack will take the shovel and tongs...

How Women Should Walk.

Have you noticed how few women walk gracefully nowadays? It is unusual to see a woman carry her head and shoulders well and step out freely...

You have doubtless watched a panther pacing backward and forward in his cage. How like velvet is his step! How regular, how easy, yet full of repressed strength!

Drinking a Matter of Habit.

I will show, I think, by a single illustration, that drinking is a mere matter of habit. Without the slightest fear of contradiction, I assert that there are at least 200,000 men in this city who drink every day...

Nearly Escaped.

"I hear you were rescued from the clutches of a grizzly last summer. Narrow escape, that?" "Yes; it was a pretty tight squeeze."

DRESSES TO DANCE IN.

Extremes Low Necks on Young Ladies Are Not Approved.

The dancing dress of to-day is a thing of gauze and other sheer materials. Glimmer of satin and sheen of silk are for the time veiled by materials like the filmy gauzes of Indian weave...

The severe style of this dress, with its high sash of soft sash is considered especially suitable for a debutante, though in such a case the square neck is veiled with lace. There is a decided objection among mothers to the adoption of the extreme decolette styles worn by the older women of society...

A Bridge Over the Behring Straits.

In an age which has seen a Forth bridge an accomplished fact, and a bridge from England to France discussed and designed, there is nothing novel or extraordinary in the project which is receiving serious attention in Russia of bridging over the Behring Straits...

Sisterly Sweetness.

Minnie—Mr. Binx actually proposed to me last night. I never was so surprised in all my life.

A Frigid Reply.

Landlady—Was your room cold last night? Boarder—Cold? I should say it was! Why, I saw the paper freezes on the wall!

—The great question now is, "Should clergymen use tobacco?" We think not. The clergy is absolutely overworked testing and testimonializing patent medicines. We shouldn't expect too much, even of the clergy.

The Utterly Correct Young Woman.

The young woman utterly correct in winter garb is a strikingly picturesque object these days. From crown to toe she wears only what is chic and what at first sight carries the evidence of fashion's latest whim...

A Large Bed.

Down in one of the rooms of the Tremont House is a bedstead which strikes terror to the heart of every man who is assigned to that room. The strange feature about it is its immense proportions. It is a bed fit for, or a bed that would fit, a giant, and it is a bed with a history...

Major Pond says Richard A. Proctor, the astronomer, cleared \$31,000 in one lecture season in Australia, and John B. Gough, Thomas Nast and others have made as high or higher amounts in this country. The Major thinks that Bill Nye is increasing his bank account by about \$1,000 week from his writings and entertainments.

AN ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

My informant told me of an attempt made on the safe: "Our old housekeeper went away on Christmas and on December 31 (a Friday) the firm received a letter (forged) from a well-known customer begging them to take charge of a safe containing some jewelry and a quantity of papers...

HOW THE PLAN WORKED.

"On Saturday morning Mr. Caret and Schwarz went into the strong room to alter the calendar-barrel of the clock, according to annual custom. They locked themselves in—their usual practice—but did not suspect that the old woman in the box was eagerly peeping from her concealment to see how the clock was opened...

WITH A FEELING OF TRIUMPH.

but as she looked up to see what made it move so stiffly she uttered a yell of fear and dismay. With a noise which sounded on the guilty couple's ears like a clap of thunder, a second heavy door of solid iron, an armor plate four inches thick, descended in the groove in the lintel of the door...

ON MONDAY MORNING I WAS THE FIRST TO ARRIVE.

"On Monday morning I was the first to arrive, and found a policeman standing sentry before the shop. He said the patrol had reported suspicious characters loitering around several times during the night, and the inspector had posted him there to look out. I thanked him and he entered with me. What was our horror at seeing the legs of a man protruding from under the door of the safe, on which appeared for the first time in large letters the words: 'Stop thief!'"

THE INVENTOR'S TRAP.

"We sent hastily for Mr. Caret, but he could do nothing. Schwarz alone could explain the mystery and release the hapless wretch, who was just dead. The touch of a secret button caused the ponderous shield to raise again, and in the room we found the old woman staring and shivering and laughing to herself in a corner; she was quite idiotic with the horror of those awful hours alone with her crushed husband, and died of the shock a week afterward."

It is related of a Traverse City girl that she has made her best fellow promise to come around at noon for an answer to his proposal of marriage.

The girl says she has seen him several times, but always in the evening, and she will marry no man unless she knows how he looks by daylight.

Twins, Triplets and Quadruplets.

Twins do not happen more than 300 times a year in a population of 1,000,000, and seldom hit the same family twice. Triplets are rare enough to be curiosities. It is estimated that not one woman in 100,000 has given birth to three children at one time, and although there is on record in the old medical works the case of a German peasant woman who had twelve children at four births—three each time—and a Michigan woman who is given the credit of having produced a dozen children at five births inside of seven years—quadruplets once, triplets once, twins twice and a lone youngster on the last occasion...

"Like sunshine in a shady place."

The poet called a woman's face That gilded all who saw its beauty. A face, no doubt, that beamed with health, That blessing which is more than wealth. And lights every daily duty. O how can woman, whose hard life With many a wearing pain is rife, Escape the grasp of such affliction, And be a power to bless and cheer? The answer comes both swift and clear— Take Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the only medicine for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, of satisfaction being given in every case, or money refunded. See guarantee printed on bottle-wrapper.

A Strong Man.

Young Hopeful—Say, pa, you must be a pretty strong man. Father—Tolerably so, my son; tolerably so. What makes you think so? Young Hopeful—Cause Uncle John said he went out with you the other night and you could carry the biggest load of any man he ever saw without showing it.

An English Medical Authority

affirms that the best regimen for preserving health may be summed up in the maxim, "keep the head cool, the feet warm, and the bowels active." There is a world of wisdom in the observation. Obstinate constipation, or costiveness, is an exciting cause of other diseases; and, with many persons of sedentary habit, or occupations, this inaction of the bowels is a source of constant annoyance, producing piles, prolapse of the rectum, fistula, and various dyspeptic symptoms. All these are warded off, and health is maintained by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets.

Wanted to Tell Out.

"You are the manager of the British syndicate?" "Yes, sir." "Well, I represent the Associated Tramps of New Jersey. What'll you give us for our cordwood sawing industry?"—New York Sun.

Don't Disgust everybody by hawking, blowing and spitting, but use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy and be cured.

How He Got Rid of the Bore.

A very pious clerical friend, who had consumed half an hour of his valuable time in small talk, said to James Harper, the publisher, "Brother Harper, I am curious to know how you four men distribute the duties of the establishment between you?" "John," said Mr. Harper, good humoredly, "attends to the finances, Wesley to the correspondence, Fletcher to the general bargaining with authors and others, and—don't you tell anybody," he said, drawing his chair still closer and lowering the tone of his voice—"I entertain the bores."—Exchange.

The End of It.

Brightfellow—Make any calls New Year's Day, old boy? Stupid—Yes, called on Miss Goldberg. "Did she say it was a go?" "No, but her father said I might."

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