

TELEPHONE MESSAGE
Hello, February!
I hope you'll be in time.
With a brainless stack of valentines
Filled out in time.
The children all are waiting
For their annual supply
Of birthday valentines.
So hurry up! Good-bye!
—Anna M. Pratt.

TEMPERANCE IN DENIA
Miss A. Isabel Hamilton, M. D., formerly active in the Royal Temperance Council in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and now engaged in missionary work in China, writes:
The latest graduating class and their classmates who failed to graduate of the Shanghai Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, seventeen have all pledged themselves against liquor, opium, or tobacco. At the graduation ceremony, which was held in the hall of the association, there were fifteen pledges, no two lived near the teacher, could not sign till more pledges were sent for. The value of being pledged is shown by one of these. One afternoon he had asked his teacher if the pledge cards had come, and he said he wanted to sign now, as he was going to a banquet in the evening, where they would have wine. On a previous occasion he had attended a banquet where he was the only person who would not drink wine, and the others made fun of him. This young fellow is only seventeen years old. His mother, though not a Christian, does not drink wine, nor smoke any kind of drug, nor gamble, nor partake of any other vice.

PERMANENT RUIN AND THE EVIL WHY
The Shah of Persia has passed a law forbidding his subjects to wear capes according to European custom. Violation of the enactment is a criminal offence, and the imperative attitude taken will have a greater tendency than ever to raise the Persian carpet or rug in esteem.
Once a Persian carpet will remain in the family for generations, such careful treatment does it receive. When the wear of a valuable carpet does in very old give instructions that it shall be cut up in places as treasured in his possession, and should a man die, he will leave a portion to his wife and a very great legacy. The design of Persian carpets have been handed down from remote ages. Each family keeps its own design, so that carpets being alike for fear of the evil eye.

WARNING TO A MARRIAGE
At the recent Church Congress in the Old Country, a speaker complained of the lack of information respecting the Eucharist. He said he had read of a poor woman who was shown a hanging at the Zoo and told that it was a native Australian, replied, "Good gracious, and my daughter is married to one of them."
This recalls us of the story of the Irish emigrants who went to the West Indies. They got so well that a year or two later they sent and induced more Irish folks to emigrate. When the second batch arrived they were greeted by a crowd of blacks who greeted them with such loudly words as "Bogwarts," and so on. "What black already," was the amazed comment of the newcomers.

WORTH MORE THAN DIAMONDS
Diamonds are not by any means the most expensive of precious stones. Pearls are the cheapest of all and next to them pigeon-blood rubies.
Rubies are not very fashionable but the best are so rare their price remains exorbitantly high. After rubies come emeralds and then diamonds and sapphires.
The true blue sapphire is one of the most popular stones this year. The fashion now is for jewellers to give pearls to one large, single stone, and in the single stone ring or brooch the great elegance and taste are being exercised in the settings.

PROHIBITION IN TEXAS
The new statute dealing with liquor traffic went into effect last November. One of the laws prohibits State shipments of liquor into dry territory, and dealers are forbidden to sell, transport, or deliver liquor, or in any other manner in dry territory. The other law adds restrictions to the \$500 closing law, compelling the closing of any other business run in the same or adjacent rooms with a saloon. The liquor dealers in Texas need to give good heed to the law in the going into effect of these laws, as they do, that it is nearly another warning to them that the saloon must go.

CHILDREN ORY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA
A well-known surgeon was imparting some clinical instructions in half a dozen students. Pointing at the halo of a doubtful case, he said: "Now, gentlemen, do you think this is or is not a case for operation?"
"One by one each student made his diagnosis, and all of them answered in the negative."
"Well, gentlemen, you all are wrong," said the wicker of the scalpel, "and I shall operate to-morrow."
"Oh, you won't," said the patient, rising, "it's too late in a good majority; I'm in my clothes."
PAVING THE PARISON
A young couple went to a minister's house to get married. After the ceremony the bridegroom then the clergyman asked and said in a whisper: "I'm sorry I have no money to pay your fee, but if you will take me down into the cellar I'll show you how to fix your gas meter so it won't register."
A READY ANSWER
Tommy was under examination by the visiting inspector, who was questioning him concerning his schooling.
"Have you read any of Dickens' works?" he asked, and was somewhat surprised when Tommy said, "Yes." He asked how much was increased when he read over a list of standard works, and successively received the same kind of an answer. Finally he asked: "Well, what have you read?"
"I have read 'Red,' Tommy responded, eagerly.

THE CHAMPION LIAR
Several farmers were sitting around the stove in the store and telling how the potato bugs had got their crops. Bald man:
"The bugs ate my whole crop in two weeks."
Then another spoke up: "They ate my crop in two days and then sat around on trees and waited for me to plant more."
Here the stockholder broke in: "Well, boys," he said, "that may be so, but I'll tell you what I saw in this very store. I saw four or five potato bugs examining the books about booklets before planting time to see who had bought the good seed."

TWO WOMEN SAVED FROM OPERATIONS
By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Their Own Stories Here Told.
Edmonton, Alberta, Can.—"I think it is no more than right for me to thank you for what your kind advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound have done for me.
"When I wrote to you some time ago I was a very sick woman suffering from female troubles. I had organic inflammation and could not stand or walk any distance. At last I was confined to my bed, and the doctor said I would have to go through an operation, but this I refused to do. A friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and now, after using three bottles of it, I feel like a new woman. I most heartily recommend your medicine to all women who suffer with female troubles. I have also taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Liver Pills, and think they are fine. I will write you again when I receive the medicine in the house."
—Mrs. FRANK KEMMAY, 502 Columbia Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta.
The Other Case.
Hastings, N.H.—"Just after my marriage my left side began to pain me and the pain got so severe at times that I suffered terribly with it. I visited several doctors and each one wanted to operate on me but I would not consent to an operation. I had of the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and was doing for others and I used several bottles of it with the result that I haven't been bothered with my side since then. I am in good health and I have two little girls."
—Mrs. H. H. CHILD, Hastings, N.H.

MADE HIM SORRY
"Why is he so bitter at the girl he was recently engaged to?"
"Because when she sent the ring back she labeled the box 'Glass'—with care."

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Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills are 25c. a visit, 5c. for \$1.00, at all druggists, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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Salt disease are invariably due to bad or impure food, and are not usually attended with fatal results, but are nevertheless very distressing to the average person.
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Mrs. Ellwood Nesbitt, Appleton, Ont., writes:—"I had Salt Rheum so bad I could scarcely do my work. I took two bottles of doctor's medicine, but they did me no good. A friend told me the Burdock Blood Bitters had cured her, so I got a bottle, and before I had it I took my hair out with a razor."
Burdock Blood Bitters is manufactured only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrup. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substances. It is pure and safe. It cures Colic, Wind Colic, It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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TROUBLE WITH THE ELEPHANT
It was the first night of the holiday season, and the stage manager was rushing around excitedly. "The 'Grand Stupendous Boon of a Billion in India' was getting ready, but where was the elephant?"
"Hurry, up there!" yelled the stage manager to the property master. "Hurry up with that elephant! What's keeping it?"
"Well, sir," was the aggrieved answer, "it's the kind legs, sir. It's found out as how the front legs get thrupence a night because 'it does an' 's refusal to go on till 'is given the sense'!"

NERVES WERE UNSTRUNG.
Would Almost Go Out of Her Mind.
Many women become run down and worn out by household cares and duties. Nervousness, headache, and other ailments are the result. A good remedy is needed to restore health and vitality.

HELPS THE SICK TO GET WELL
A Good Friend To GIN PILLS
This little bottle is only one of many that show how GIN PILLS are regarded by those who have used them.

CHILDREN ORY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA
Accidents will happen—except when you've bought a policy.
It is in Demand.—So great is the demand for Dr. Thomas' Eucalyptic Oil that a large factory is kept continually busy making and bottling it. To be in demand shows popular approval of this preparation, which stands at the head of proprietary compounds as the leading Oil in the market, and it is generally admitted that it is deserving of the lead.
CAUTION
"Ain't you rather young to be left in charge of a drug store?"
"Well, yes, but I can't do for you!"
"The young man knows it's dangerous to leave a new boy like you in charge of such a place!"
"I'm accustomed to serve you, ma'am, if you will state your wants."
"Don't they know you might poison some one?"
"There is no danger of that unless, what can I do for you?"
"I think I better go to the store down the street."
"If you serve you just as well as they can and as cheaply."
"Well, you may give me a 2-cent stamp, but I don't look like it."

WANTED SOME OF THE GOOD
Good-hearted old Farmer Oles, in accordance with old-time custom, had decided to give his farm hand a Christmas feast. He had, however, been imposed lately by some unscrupulous up-to-date con man, so he ordered the feast to start with soup, to be followed by goose, roast beef, and plum-pudding, and wine.
The farm hand duly assembled, and having feasted for 24 hours in view of the occasion, there was a keen edge on their appetite.
When the first course was placed before one sturdy son of the soil, he eyed it in dismay. Then he became rightly indignant.
"Hi, woe this yer!" he called out, "give Ol a lit' o' goose! This be all gravy!"
It's amazing how much deeper a hole is after you get into it.
People suffering from the liver should speak honest words—but they don't!
Complete in itself, Mother's Friend Women's Remedy does not require the assistance of any other medicine to make it effective. It does not fail to do its work.
An eczema is an "it" specialist.
Even the union dentist believes in an open shop.
It's so much easier to be entertained than it is to be entertaining.
Wages will render the hands ungrateful. Offer the unnecessary award by using Holloway's Corn Cure, which acts thoroughly and painlessly.

THE BLESSING OF A HARD EARNING

There is a story of a tender-hearted woman who, being within the cocoon the struggle that the industry was making to free itself, thought to help by loosening the cocoon and letting the silken-winged creature loose; but the butterfly, thus released, was too weak to lift itself, and she was obliged to carry it, and died before it resumed its life.

Beginners ought to be hard on the people whose beginnings are made easy for them. It is not only the virtuous essential to success that are to be associated with hard beginning. Family affection, familiarity, and beginning should not be. Failure and determination thoroughness come hard to those who have never known hard beginning. This is the right pupil who turns his head toward the sun and is not surprised when no sunbeams are visible. To be successful always. There is a peculiar atmosphere about the love that grows under adversity.

Many rich men are perplexed by the problem how to keep their children from growing up inefficient through being accustomed to easy conditions of life.
Many wives of rich men are saddened because they find no necessary to their children, and they are not satisfied with those who, as these mothers who, in the eyes of the world, are less fortunately placed.—Youth's Companion.

A Medical Man's Story.—When a medicine is found that not only acts upon the stomach, but is so composed that certain ingredients of it pass unaltered through the stomach to find action in the blood, it is a valuable discovery. It is a pleasure to be available a purgative and a cleanser of the system. It is a pleasure to be available a purgative and a cleanser of the system. It is a pleasure to be available a purgative and a cleanser of the system.

WHY SHE WENT
Some time ago a London man was awakened in the night to find his wife weeping unaccountably.
"My dear," he exclaimed, "what is the matter?"
"A dream," she gasped, "I have had such a horrible dream!"
Her husband begged her to tell it to him, in order that he might comfort her. After a long persuasion she was induced to say this:
"I thought I was walking down the street and I came to a large warehouse where there were large glass cases. Hundreds of people were looking at beautiful goods for £1,500, or even £1,000, and very nice-looking ones as low as a hundred."
The husband asked innocently: "Did you see any that looked like me?"
"Indeed I became strangely."
"Dear me," he gasped, the wife, "done up in beautiful lace and sequins, and sold for 10 shillings a bush."

A COLD
Developed into
BRONCHITIS.
However slight a cold you have, you should never neglect it. If all possibility, if you do not treat it in time, it will develop into bronchitis, pneumonia, or some other serious throat or lung trouble.
Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is particularly adapted for all colds, coughs, croup, whooping cough, and all troubles of the throat and lungs. Three points in favour of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup are: 1. Its action is prompt. 2. It invigorates and soothes the throat and lungs. 3. It is pleasant and agreeable in taste.
Mrs. Albert Vail, Brockville, Ont., writes:—"Just a line to let you know about Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. My oldest little girl is now six years old, and we tried everything we could think of, and had two doctors attending her, but it was no good. One day I read of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and before she had finished one bottle of it, she was as healthy as a horse. There is nothing equal to it, and we are never without it in the house."
For your own sake, get Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, as there are numerous imitations on the market. The genuine is manufactured by Dr. J. C. Wood, Toronto, Ont. Price, 25c.; family size, 50c.

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