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### FAIR BUILDERS

Build thy house with higher, nobler; houses are plenty, mud is cheap. And, although thy toll be weary, Tull for sake of love's sweet; Then, when the other buildings stand beneath thy wings, They will find their home a shelter From all harm and blight.

Build thy home with higher, nobler; houses all with care; Adding here a touch of munition. And a starlight there; Then a starlight there, with temptation Break their child's repose, etc. He will find his home a shelter, "Mid a world of woes."

—John Philip Trowbridge.

### FOODLESS MEALS

Holmes, which does so much for our well-being and comfort, delights now and then by way of compensation, to play a role. The author of "The Old Man of the Dig Clock" has had the pleasure of hearing from Mr. Ford's mechanical cow, announcing the coming of synthetic milk, when Prof. Richard Gairne, in the Forum, invited him to speak at a social gathering. In the aesthetic sense it is, indeed, more than a meal, for it is served in surroundings that would baffle any reporter in describing it as "delicious" and it is delicious to many of the connoisseurs that it might well be called a "banquet." In fact the sense of taste is almost the only one that does not satisfy.

"The dinner of the future," as Professor Gairne pictures it, is both compact and ethereal. It shows how much man has reduced the bulk of his food products to a minimum of materialism in it. The science that has given us soup-tablets and dehydrated vegetables and "iron rations," and that is all the time finding new ways to make our food more compact, will, he thinks, do far more for us in the future. Not only will it rob our dinner table of the gaudiness of meat served in such wise as to indicate the quality and quantity of the takes; it will put the chef in the place of the farmer, and the world in the place of the cook. "The host of that day will be the cook, and about a table adorned with exotic flowers from which will be exhaled invisible fumes of ambrosia protides, with exquisite odors that will fill the atmosphere with fragrance, and the oil factory and pastel service to the verge of intoxication, and by some yet-to-be-discovered means absorb the necessary food."

In spite of its refinement, the picture leaves us cold. The maddening desire to homely but more substantial food—to Sam Weller's "very good weak pie" and Bob and Johnson's "Christian dinner." It goes back to Thackery's bouillabaisse, and the old memories that hang round it. We are still so proud that we prefer margarita to sweet corn, and kidney beans to lettuces.

The "automata" and the "caterpillars" have already claimed their freedom, and are now a dismal sight. They have reduced it of its shining linen and delicate chintz and replaced them with the marble slabs of the food manufacturers. They have lost the art of laught and sparkling conversation and all those attractive accessories that separated it from mere feeding. Nothing remains but the food. If, now, the caterpillars call for return to the heavens we shall think of pumpkin pie, and so long as the setting sun casts the snow-capped mountain peaks with ray light we shall order pie too.

Goodness, how could you give a dinner or make a restaurant pay if everyone could get a square meal by hitting at the crack of the door?

### GOOD ONES

"We had the minister for dinner last Sunday," said little Harry. "Itful! That's nothing," rejoined small Fred. "We had a turkey."

Uncle Harry: "Have you noticed that the New York Whirls steal a lot of our human paragraphs, sir, without credits?"

Editor: "Yes, it certainly knows how to take a joke."

Darwin acknowledged himself null when his little mice asked him curiously what was a cat has which no other animal has. He gave it up after mature deliberation, and then the silly little mice answered, "Kittens."

Uncle John: "So next Tuesday will be your birthday, I suppose you're coming to some nice presents?"

Willie: "No, sir, I don't expect a thing."

Uncle John: "No? Then seems very strange."

Willie: "Well, you see, ma, it's the less I expect the more I like it."

A young lady from London was visiting the farm of her old master. Seeing a cow looking very savage, she said to an old farmer: "Oh, how savage that cow looks!"

"Yes, ma, it's the red parson you are talking about that looks so savage," she said. "I knew it was a trifle out of fashion, but I never thought a country cow would notice it."

An Irishman some years ago entered Mr. Mann's office, took off his hat politely and said:

"The top of the morning, to ye, Mr. Mann. I've been told you're in want of help."

"I have very little to do," Mr. Mann replied, with a quiet smile of humor.

"Then," said the Irishman, "I'm the boy for ye. It's like this: you're about done—sure it's the money I'm after."

Dr. Swallow, telling a story over George Alfred Townsend, who writes over the pen de plume of Gath,

"What does that name mean?" Dr. Swallow was asked by a young lady of his party.

"The letters are the author's initials," answered the clungyman—"G. A. Townsend."

"But what is the H. stand for?" the other asked.

"That's where he is going when he dies," came the Doctor.

The questioner was visibly impressed.

"He is such a very bad man," she paled, almost in a whisper.

"Certainly not," replied Dr. Swallow. "The H. stands for heaven."

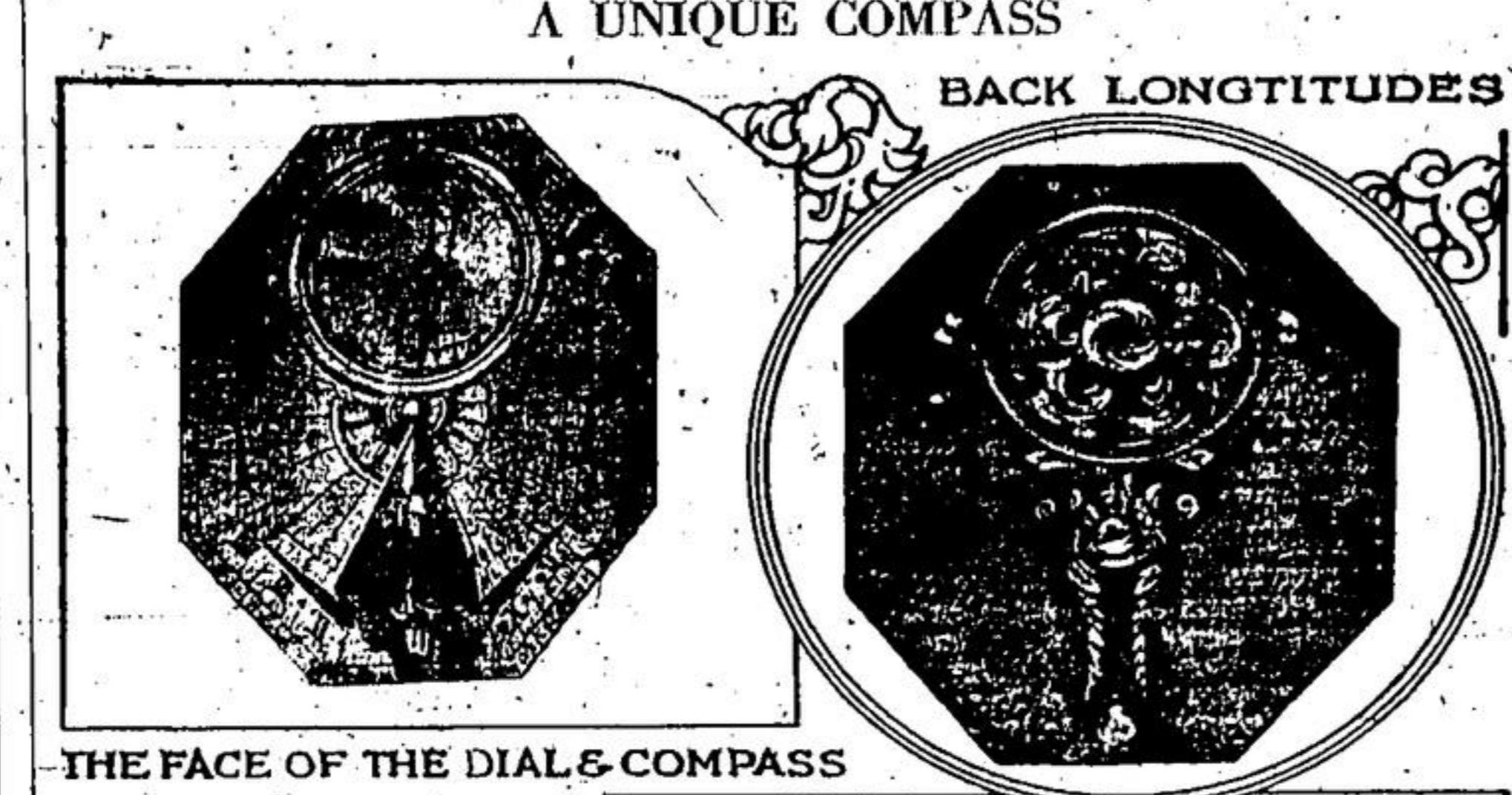
### A SIGHTLY MISTAKE

An elderly Hooligan was tried for a slight offence and was sent to prison. The warden hunted him a bath of water next morning with the remark, "There's a sightly man you are."

He was his punishment on returning to find Hooligan, who had divested himself of his clothing, having a bath.

"Good gracious!" exclaimed the warden. "What are you doing, Bandy?"

Bandy (turning round quite innocently): " Didn't say it was to clean myself!"



THE FACE OF THE DIAL & COMPASS



CONUNDRUM

What will turn without moving?

What will eat two mates and no mate?

Why are tears like potatoes?

What was the longest day of Adam's?

When there was no love?

Why is it that when it rains it is light?

In what month do men talk the least?

What is that which is so easily broken that the mere mention of it breaks RT Silence?

When is money wet?

When it rains in the morning and misses in the evening?

Why are fossils the most economical creatures that a farmer keeps?

Because every grain they eat they grow.

If the alphabet were invited to dinner?

Whoever which of the letters would get there late?

All those letters which come after "C."

What is the most inconsistent of persons?

Because when you catch soft water when it is raining hard.

If a pig wanted to build himself a pigsty, what would he do?

If a knot in his tail and call it a pig?

Who is James Stynson?

James Stynson is a daughter.

What is Archibald McInnes?

Archibald McInnes became the next and last tenant.

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