

No Terrors for Him.
"Mortal," said the guide, in a sepulchral voice, to the blindfolded candidate whom he was conducting in a slow and solemn march around the darkened hall, "you are now approaching an ordeal that will test your fortitude to the utmost."
"Go ahead," answered Mr. Meeker, apathetically. "I think I can stand it. It isn't anything to what I'll catch when I go home."—Chicago Tribune.

Boy vs. Bee.
A little boy sat on a bumble bee—
Oh, my! Oh, my! Oh, my! Oh, my!
He laughed in innocent, childish glee
Before he sat down, but oh, my, and oh, my!
He arose with a yell like a wild Cherokee—
Oh, my! Oh, my! Oh, my!
—N. Y. Journal.

FEMINE LOGIC.



Caller—Your maid is a very pretty girl.
Hostess—My husband asserts the opposite.
Caller—Do you know that looks suspicious; if I were in your place I would discharge her at once.—Lustige Welt.

Shifting Opinion.
"This life is ever merry,
Uncertain is, very."
A gay politician once said.
"One day I'm a sinner,
The next I'm a winner,
With halos all over my head."
—Washington Star.

Evils of Racing.
Employer (warningly)—I am informed, sir, that you attend horse races and bet on them.
Clerk (coolly)—I won \$1,000 last week.
Employer (excitedly)—Where d'ye get y'r tips?—N. Y. Weekly.

So Young, Too.
"See this picture, papa. I drew the horse," said four-year-old Willie.
"Ah! And who drew the wagon?" asked papa.
"The horse, papa."—Harlem Life.

Explained.
Mrs. Goode—Why is it that you tramps would sooner sleep than do anything else?
Tramp—Dat's because ur our retirin' disposition.—Up-to-Date.

Weight.
Though much against the watered stock
The honest farmer rails,
He gives the thirsty steer a drink
A mile this side the scales.
—Chicago Journal.

MORE THAN LIKELY.



Messenger—Hurry over to the museum, doctor, the glass-eater is ill.
Doctor—What seems to be the matter with him?
Messenger—They say he has a pane in his stomach.—Detroit Free Press.

Can't Help It.
Though time leaves traces on her face
The dear girl can defy it.
No matter what her age may be,
Her lips will still belie it.
—Judge.

Not Particular.
Madge—Mamma is very anxious that I should marry into an old family.
Grace—Which one?
Madge—Oh! any old family.—Town Topics.

Don't Be Queer.
From ways of queerness let us shrink—
We see from year to year
Those are the queerest folk who think
That other folks are queer.
—Chicago Record.

Economical.
Claud—They say old Gotrox spends a great deal of time in your company.
Maud—That's about all he does spend.
—N. Y. Journal.

She Couldn't.
Penelope—Cholly fell through the ice yesterday.
Marie—Indeed! Then the ice can't bear him, either.—N. Y. World.

Quite Right.
"I see there is a woman motorman now."
"Well, why not?"
"Why not?"
"Certainly. If a woman doesn't know how to make things hum, who does?"
It was generally conceded by all who claimed to know the sex that the point was well taken.—Chicago Post.

This Cruel World.
"Rube, ain't you thankful you're livin' in?"
"No; got to pay rent."
"Well, you've got a good family."
"They're down with the measles."
"Well, you orter be thankful for the air you breathe."
"It's chuck full of malaria, an' I can't buy quinine!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Short-Sighted.
He—It is strange how frequently inventors fail to realize the importance of their own work.
She—What is the particular instance?
He—Why, here is a statement that the inventor of the hairpin intended it to be used simply in dressing the hair!—Puck.

Good Reason.
She—Here's an account of a woman who regained the use of her tongue after 20 years' silence.
He—Humph! I suppose some other woman got in front of her at a bargain counter.—N. Y. Truth.

His Solution.
Mrs. Vansook (at the children's party)—I declare, little girls and boys of 12 stky up half the night, nowadays!
Mr. Newlyblessed (absently)—I suppose they acquire the habit while they are babies.—Puck.

Winter Moods.
Of the beautiful snow as it falls from the skies
The poet is oft heard to sing,
But when on the sidewalk the shovel he piles
His words have a different ring.
—Chicago Record.

WOMAN'S MISSION DISCOVERED.



He—Why was woman created, anyway?
She—So man could have some one to blame for his misfortunes.—N. Y. Ledger.

The Office Holder.
Slight is the change that has been wrought
By laurels on his brow,
They called him "Dick" or "Harry" then,
They call him "Mister" now.
—Washington Star.

Cautious.
Bertha—Do you believe in love at first sight?
Edith—I believe there are persons one is more likely to love before she has had time to get acquainted with them than afterward.—Boston Transcript.

Nothing Strange.
"A man in Birmingham has got himself into trouble by marrying two wives."
"That is nothing. Many a man in this town has got into sufficient trouble through marrying only one."—Tit-Bits.

Getting Better.
Patrice—I don't think you will find another husband like mine in the whole world!
Patience—The world must be getting better, then.—Yonkers Statesman.

Natural History.
The chicken hasn't got no song
Like birds dat carol sweet,
He doesn' frog no sweetness roum'
But saves it foh de meat.
—Washington Star.

DID NOT INCLUDE HIM.



Kind Lady—Don't you know it's bad for little boys to smoke?
Patsy Bolivar—Dat's what I tells me kid brudder.—Philadelphia Press.

A Pressing Invitation.
She said he was a great big bear,
And, be it to his credit,
He hugged her awfully then and there,
And she was glad she said it.
—Chicago Daily News.

A PERFECT HOME SECURED AT A-T-T-L-E COST.



Joan and Theodore Strivski, formerly residents of Michigan, but now living in Alameda, Western Canada, before taking up their home there visited the country as delegates. They reported to the Government of the Dominion of Canada the result of their observations, and from this report extracts have been taken, which are published below:

"We have visited a number of most desirable locations, and are highly pleased with the country as a whole, being beyond our highest expectations. We find here a prosperous and well-contented lot of people. They have comfortable homes, and their vast fields of wheat and other crops indicate prosperity in the full sense of the word. In conversation with the farmers throughout our trip we learned that the majority of them came here with very limited means, and some with no more than enough to bring them here, and they are now well-to-do. They all claim that this is the only country for a poor man, or one with little means, to get a start and make a home for himself and family. As you are aware, we were a little shaky and undecided before leaving Detroit, but have determined since that we, with our friends, will make this country our future home. It is far from being the wilderness we had pictured it to be; it is, instead, a land having all the facilities required by modern civilization, such as railroads, markets, stores, churches, schools, etc., in fact, an ideal home for those having the future welfare of themselves and families at heart."

The Messrs. Strivski selected the Alameda district, but what they say of it applies in a general way to most other districts in that vast country. They speak of the fuel, which is to be had in great quantities, of the water that can be had by digging from 10 to 20 feet, and of the good grazing land to be had almost everywhere. There is plenty of wood for building timber and for fuel, while coal is convenient, and sells at low prices at the mines. In driving through the country they passed many fine patches of wild raspberries, and say they can speak highly of the flavor, as they could not resist the temptation to stop and eat.
Having already transgressed on your valuable space, I shall defer further reference to Western Canada for another issue. An illustrated pamphlet recently issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, giving a complete description of the country, will be forwarded, free to all who write for it.
Yours,
WESTERN CANADA.

High Lights.
Thirteen oysters in one plate of soup means bad luck for the other guests at the table.
The man whose wife belongs to five clubs always goes home entertaining serious apprehensions about dinner.
Amiability rules in large families when the girls are so many different sizes that they can't wear one another's clothes.
When a woman is sure she is alone in the house she eats an orange after digging a little hole in one end of it with her scissors.—Chicago Record.

Chronic Rheumatism.
From the Industrial News, Jackson, Mich.
The subject of this sketch is fifty-six years of age, and actively engaged in farming. When seventeen years old he hurt his shoulder and a few years after commenced to have rheumatic pains in it. On taking a slight cold or the least strain, sometimes without any apparent cause whatever, the trouble would start and he would suffer the most excruciating pains.
He suffered for over thirty years, and the last decade has suffered so much that he was unable to do any work. To this the frequent occurrences of dizzy spells were added, making him almost a helpless invalid.



IN ALL SORTS OF WEATHER.
He tried the best physicians but without being benefited and had used several specific rheumatic cures but was not helped. About one year and six months ago he read in this paper of a case somewhat similar to his which was cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and concluded to try this remedy.
After taking the first box he felt somewhat better, and after using three boxes, the pains entirely disappeared, the dizziness left him, and he has now for over a year been entirely free from all his former trouble and enjoys better health than he has had since his boyhood.
He is loud in his praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and will gladly corroborate the above statements. His post office address is Lorenzo Neely, Horton, Jackson County, Michigan.
All the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves are contained in a condensed form, in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. All druggists sell them.

She Must Excuse Him.
The young woman tried to be aristocratic and did not look at the money she gave to the conductor of the car; but he meekly gave her back the lozenge on which was stamped: "I'll never cease to love thee, and said he was now for over a year been entirely free from all his former trouble and enjoys better health than he has had since his boyhood."
Roxbury Gazette.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.
Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles, 50 cents and \$1.00. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

A Sweet One.
Sam Johnson—Yes, sah, my gal's a high-bohn leddy foh shuah! She is de cream ob sassity, she is!
Ben Tomkins—She is, heh? Sort ob a chocolate cream, I guess.—Puck.

Fits stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free \$2 trial bottle & treatise. Dr. Kline, 933 Arch st., Phila., Pa.
Just So.
Quite frequently a man's views on religion depend to a considerable extent on what kind of a job he has.—Puck.

THE MAN WHO LIVED.
He should have been dead.

But he wasn't, because—

"There's nothing succeeds like success." There is no withstanding the living argument of the man who should be dead, but who isn't dead, but who would be dead, but for a preserving medicine. That's about the way it seemed to strike Editor Lawrence, of the Ohio Farmer, Cleveland, Ohio. He was afflicted with one of those colds that have thousands of times over, culminated in consumption, when not promptly cured. In this condition he met a friend, a consumptive, whom he had not expected to see alive. The consumptive friend recommended Dr. J. C. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for the editor's cold, on the ground that it had "helped him wonderfully." It helped the editor just as wonderfully, giving "almost instant relief." But read his letter:
"About two months ago, I was afflicted with a bad cold, and, meeting a friend, he advised the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral which, he claimed, had helped him wonderfully. As he was a consumptive, whom I had not expected to see alive for several years, I concluded there must be merit in this preparation. I accordingly bought a couple of bottles, one of which I kept on my desk all the time. This is certainly the best remedy for a cold I ever used. It gives almost instant relief, and the J. C. Ayer Co. are to be congratulated on possessing the formula for such a very valuable remedy."—W. H. LAWRENCE, Editor, The Ohio Farmer, Cleveland, Ohio.
Keep a bottle of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral handy, on the desk or on the office, on the shelf or in the closet at home, and you will have at hand a remedy that is capable at any time of saving you suffering, money, and even life. There is no milder so prolific of evil results as a neglected cold. There is no medicine so promptly effective in curing a cold and absolutely eradicating its effects, as Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Every traveler should carry it. Every household should keep it. It cures every variety of cough, and all forms of lung and throat trouble. Asthma, bronchitis, croup, and whooping cough, are promptly cured by it, and it has in many cases overcome pulmonary diseases in aggravated forms, when all other remedies failed to help and physicians gave no hope of cure. Those who for convenience have wanted a smaller sized bottle of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, can now obtain it of their dealer in half size bottles, at half price—50 cents each. Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and read more of the cures effected by this remedy. The book contains 100 pages, and is sent free, on request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

PAINT YOUR OWN WALLS & CEILINGS.
Calcimo Fresco Tints
FOR DECORATING WALLS AND CEILINGS
Purchase a package of CALCIMO from your grocer or paint dealer and do your own wall-painting. This material is made on scientific principles by machinery and milled in twenty-four tints and is superior to any concoction of Glue and Whiting that can possibly be made by hand. TO BE MIXED WITH COLD WATER.
SEND FOR SAMPLE COLOR CARDS and if you cannot purchase this material from your local dealers let us know and we will put you in the way of obtaining it.
THE MURALO CO., NEW BRIGHTON, S. I., NEW YORK.

"THRIFT IS A GOOD REVENUE."
GREAT SAVING RESULTS FROM
CLEANLINESS AND
SAPOLIO

EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES.
Fruits in a Few Months From Seed.
Some berries will be white, some black and others red, and some of the plants runnerless. Perfectly hardy in any garden and bear continually from May to Nov. Greatly superior in flavor to other sorts. Fruits well in pots summer or winter. Plants from seed sown now will fruit freely all the coming summer and fall. One plant has yielded a pint of berries at one picking as late as November.
For 10c we will mail a packet of this Strawberry seed and our great Catalogue of New Seeds, Bulbs, Plants and Fruits, 160 pages, 12 large Colored Plates. Or for only 25c, we will mail Catalogue, Strawberry Seed, and our Eastern Plant, Shrub & Tree, Jubilee Plant, Prize Verbena and THE MAYFLOWER Monthly Magazine for a year. Illustrations, colored plates, each month devoted to Flowers and Gardening. Order now; this offer may not appear again.
John Lewis Childs, Floral Park, N. Y.

DO YOU COUGH
DON'T DELAY
TAKE
KEMP'S BALSAM
THE BEST COUGH CURE
It Cures Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Croup, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. A certain cure for Consumption in first stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Sold by druggists everywhere. Price 25 and 50 cents per bottle.
Rock Island Tourist Car
Excursions to CALIFORNIA.
Leave CHICAGO, via Scenic Route, THURSDAYS
Via Southern Route, TUESDAYS
PERSONALLY CONDUCTED.
For information and folders, write
Jno. Sebastian, C. P. A., CHICAGO.

IRRIGATED LANDS
IN
COLORADO
Best Route to Klondike
Only Personally Conducted Tourist Excursions to PORTLAND, ORE., run
Via GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE
Leave CHICAGO Thursdays
Good connections for TACOMA and SEATTLE
Write for Rates and Klondike Folder.
Jno. Sebastian, C. P. A., CHICAGO.
WELL MACHINERY—Drills 100 to 2,000 feet. LOOMIS & NYMAN, TIFFIN, OHIO.
A. N. K.—A 1895

ALLEN'S ULCERINE SALVE
For the sound and permanent cure of Chronic Ulcers, Bone Ulcers and Old Sores of every kind and description, no matter how many years standing, or how long known. And for the prevention and cure of Gangrene, Lock-Jaw and Blood Poisoning. It never fails. Price 25 and 50 cents per bottle.
J. P. ALLEN MEDICINE CO., ST. PAUL, MINN.
For sale by Druggists.
PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.
Best Cough Syrup, Tastes Good. Cures in time. Sold by Druggists.