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ACCEPT THE TRUTH WHEREVER FOUND. DO RIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHT

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SUNDAY PAPERS, Different Philadelphia papers delivered to those wishing to purchase in Collegeville.

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PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE, Conveyed to and from Collegeville Station.

J. VINCENT POLEY, ARCHITECT, ROYERSFORD, PA.

With Hood's Sarsaparilla, 'Sales Talk' and show that this medicine has enjoyed public confidence.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, Almost the exclusion of all others. Try it.

LITERARY, EDITED BY FRANCES G. MOSER.

THOUGHT-KEYS, Thought is a pass-word fitting any lock.

Charles A. Dana, the celebrated veteran editor of the New York Sun who died on the 17th, was a thoroughly self-made man.

Rudyard Kipling's first jungle story was written for St. Nicholas, and he has now furnished for the November number of that magazine the first of a new series of fantastic animal tales to be called the "Just-So Stories."

The "Love Affairs of Some Famous Men" (Stokes) are reviewed in a gossiping manner by Mr. Hardy, the author of "How to Be Happy Through Marriage."

"One thing, to be sure, is necessary, if a genius is to be happy, though married, and that is that his wife should not be a genius."

It was winter and it was midnight. Maurice had a cold, and so had the baby. The "little cherub," in fact, had a "touch of bronchitis," and his hard breathing as he slumbered restlessly in his little cot plainly testified the fact through the darkness.

"I wonder," murmured Mrs. Green, as she lay listening to the troubled breathing of the child on the one hand and the influenza snore of her husband on the other—"I wonder if the little pet is warm enough. I'm anxious about

zetti, Luther, and others; not only prosers and poets, but also preachers, soldiers, actors, painters, lawyers, doctors, sailors, scientists and politicians are shown sighing in and out of that harness, of which Chaucer once wrote.

A double interest now attaches to the late Charles A. Dana's "Reminiscences of Men and Events of the War" which are to appear in McClure's. These papers contain his matured judgment on those three great actors in the struggle—Lincoln, Stanton and Grant.

Vernal Choice was a pretty and commodious villa and Dovecottam a select and salubrious suburb. To the happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Green—lately made almost complete by the arrival of the veriest cherub that ever came down from heaven—there were but two drawbacks. The 1st was Maurice's making. He believed them to be in a chronic state of leakiness.

Slippers she could not find. Nil desperandum! She knew to a foot where the wrap was, or at least she thought she did, and she would know it the moment she laid a finger on it.

One could find to find the wardrobe, as it was the first article of furniture encountered on entering the room. When its door stood open, it was possible to view oneself from the bedroom door, for it consisted of a three quarter length mirror in which Mrs. Green was wont to inspect the "hang" of her latest costume.

"I was sort of crowded out of politics," declared the man whose friends at one time quoted his stock as good for the Presidency of the United States.

"I believed, and still believe, that the successful politician must be able to do all things to all men. For this reason I professed the most profound interest in golf, statesmanship, yachting, diplomacy, base ball, music, bicycling, science, business, church matters, social functions, foot ball, good horses, belles, beaux, bores and everything else that any portion of the people might favor by adoption.

"The plain truth is that I knew something less than nothing about many of these subjects. I couldn't clearly define the difference between a home run and a catboat, or tell whether allegro was a term used in music or happened to be the name of some new sewing machine attachment. By looking wise and saying little I managed to gain favor as a good fellow and the patron of everything worth patronizing. While I was at this high tide of popularity there was a match game of ball arranged between two of the schools, and just to add to the eclat of the occasion, I was chosen umpire. Instead of pleading illness or an imperative engagement, I was fool enough to accept. I wore a mask, danced around like a harlequin and proved about as amusing as on to everybody but the boys. They became dangerously mad at my meaningless mixing of links, courts, loves, wickets, wades, hard sports, time allowances and handicaps. I was ignominiously fired at the end of the first inning, and when the boys make their kick you have no place in politics."

Whatever woman's status and separate needs may have been when our constitution was framed, the conditions are altogether different now, and, under the changed conditions, new needs have been developed.

The theory that it was the wise intention of those who shaped the destiny of our nation in the beginning to have woman protected by being represented by husbands, fathers, brothers, or next of kin, is

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Just then a rectangle of light appeared and increased until, pale and trembling, stood the little maid in the doorway, a farthing dip in her hand, amazed to see the following tableau vivant: A wardrobe door swinging upon its hinges, with its long mirror smashed to fragments; a chair, with a broken leg, lying close by; a horrified man in a night-shirt and dressing jacket, kneeling at the feet of a prostrate woman in a dead faint, a dressing gown and plait, who was no other than the horrified man's wife.

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Vaccination laws are not enforced in England. At Norwich, with a population of over 100,000, the vaccination officer's fees this year amounted to about \$40; he receives 50 cents for each case.

That certain beetles are by no means frightened by lead foil has long been recognized, but it is rather discouraging to add one more to the number of these culprits. Edward Stich, of Naunheim, reports that a box somewhat worm eaten was lined with lead. After awhile holes one-eighth of an inch in diameter, and distinctly spiral, were noticed, and traced to the beetle Tropetium luridum, Linn., which was not yet on the list of lead eaters, or rather lead destroyers. A cousin of this insect has been known to be destructive to lead chambers. There are, unfortunately, many insects and animals devoid of that sense for the sacred rights of property which we expect of everybody but ourselves.

The bones of a prehistoric monster have been discovered on a large farm about a mile south of Batavia. While Philip and George Baker, dairymen, were digging a grave for a dead horse, at a depth of about three feet the shovel struck an obstruction which, on being pried up with a rail, was broken. It turned out to be an ivory tusk in a splendid state of preservation. A portion of the tusk is of the consistency of chalk. One end of it, however, was not injured, and was of solid ivory. It is 5 feet in length, about five inches in diameter at the widest end, and at the point about two and a half inches. A portion of a rib, about thirty-six inches long, was found. Dr. E. E. Snow, who has traveled extensively in Africa, pronounced the tusk that of a mastodon.

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hence the great difference produced by the slightest internal inductance. But the effect of an external resistance may be compensated by inserting a capacity in the circuit. In one case quoted a capacity of 0.0045 microfarad re-established the physiological effect which had been canceled by the insertion of a resistance of 600 ohms.—Dubois, C. R., No. 2, July, 1897.

AN ANECDOTE OF LINCOLN. HE MEASURED HEIGHT WITH A MINER IN A PENNSYLVANIA TOWN.

In the course of an article in St. Nicholas, Mary Lillian Herr relates the following characteristic anecdote of Lincoln:

Once, while on his way to Washington as President, the train stopped a little time in the town of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Around the station a great crowd gathered, eager to see the new President. They shouted and cheered until Lincoln had to appear on the rear platform of his car. He bowed and smiled; but the crowd was so noisy that he did not try to speak to them.

Very near the platform stood a miner, wearing a red shirt and blue overalls, and carrying a dinner-pail. Like the rest, he had stopped, hoping to see Mr. Lincoln. The workman was almost a giant in size, and towered head and shoulders above the crowd.

No doubt he had heard that Lincoln also was very tall; and encouraged by the friendly face, the workman suddenly waved his bare arm above his head, and called out:

"Hi, there, Abe Lincoln—I'm taller than you—yes, a sight taller?"

This loud speech silenced the crowd by its boldness, and a laugh arose. But Mr. Lincoln, leaning forward with a good-humored smile, said quietly:

"My man, I doubt it; in fact, I'm sure I am the taller. However, come up, and let's measure."

The crowd made way, the workman climbed to the platform, and stood back to back with the President-elect. Each put up a hand to see whose head overtopped. Evidently Mr. Lincoln was victor; for with a smile of satisfaction, he turned and offered his hand to his beaten rival, saying cordially:

"I thought you were mistaken and I was right; but I wished to be sure and to have you satisfied. However, we are friends anyway, aren't we?"

Grasping the outstretched hand in a vigorous grip, the workman replied:

"Yes, Abe Lincoln; as long as I live!"

A PRODIGAL'S RETURN. THIS ONE BROUGHT BACK WEALTH AND SAVED HIS OLD FATHER.

"Oh, every one knows Bob Russler," answered the old postmaster of the village when I inquired after my former college chum. "Bob's about the smartest young man this town ever turned out, though some of them are Judges and others are in Congress. Of course you've heard about how Bob made his start?"

But I never had, a fact that astonished and delighted the old gentleman, for it gave him a chance to tell the story.

"Mr. Russler himself is well named. Even now he is a hard worker and he was pushing things day and night when Bob came home from college. The old man had a good many irons in the fire, reaching out all the while, getting more coal lands, putting up furnaces, building railroads and giving notes and mortgages to keep everything moving. He expected Bob to jump right in and hustle, too, just as though the only way to enjoy life was to be everlastingly working and worrying. But Bob didn't show any disposition to get into the harness along with his father and the old man gave it out that his boy was a flat failure. All he was good for was to wear fine clothes, read, write and go into society. When Bob decided that he wanted to marry the pretty daughter of one of the foremen, Mr. Russler was beside himself with anger. Bob didn't weaken a bit when told he would be disinherited, and when they were having some words, the old man told his son to go to—Alaska. I guess he started in to recommend some warmer section, but he never was a hand to swear. Bob simply said: 'I'll go,' and he did.

When the hard times came Mr. Russler found things too thick for

him. Somebody bought up all his notes and mortgages and only gave him thirty day's leeway. That meant he would be wiped clean out. When he gave it all up and wished the world had come to an end the year before, Bob walked in, laid down every obligation, satisfied in full, and it took three doctors to keep Mr. Russler from going crazy with joy. Now he lives up in the big house with Bob and his wife; she that was the cause of his being sent to Alaska. He owns a whole farm of gold land up there."—Detroit Free Press.

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"They had not been seated in the carriage more than twenty minutes when the peer, who had, up to that moment, maintained a most perfect silence, observed in a low but distinctly audible tone of voice: 'I'm very sorry I accepted his offer. I don't know the man. It was civil, certainly; but the worst is I suppose I must ask him to dinner.' He then relapsed into his former state of taciturnity, when after a few minutes the gentleman, pretending to be afflicted with the same failing, and imitating his lordship's tone, observed: 'Perhaps he'll think I did it to make his acquaintance. Why, I would have done the same to any farmer on his estate. I hope he won't think it necessary to ask me to dinner, for I shan't accept his invitation.' Lord Dudley listened to him with earnest interest, immediately comprehended the joke which he himself had provoked, offered his hand with much hearty good will to his companion, making every proper apology for his involuntary rudeness, and from that night the travelers became inseparable friends.

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"Yes," sighed the old man sadly, "I'm rich and plenty of people envy me, but I would give at least half my worldly possessions to get rid of one haunting memory. I ran away from home and shipped as a cabin boy when I was ten. I was on my way home from the grocery with a can of molasses when this glorious vista of a life on the ocean wave was opened to my enraptured imagination. I hid the molasses and two hours later was started on my voyage.

"Years passed by as they have a way of doing, and I was given up for dead. But during most of those years I was in India, where the chances favored a shrewd man in acquiring wealth, and I amassed an immense fortune. Then came the inevitable longing to revisit the scenes of my childhood. I wanted to be in the old village and the old home; to make every one happy who had been associated with my early life.

"On landing I found the molasses just where I had hidden it, went to the house just as I should have done forty years before, and simply said to the aged couple who looked at me as at a stranger: 'Here it is.' While they started I hoped in vain for recognition and wondered if I were changed as greatly as they. When I told them who I was their greeting was a warm one, and they called me 'son' in a way to delight the wanderer's heart. I suppose they had a legal right to do so, but in time came the surprise."

"What was that?"

"Well, shortly after I left mother died, and father married again. Later he paid the final debt of nature and my new mother married again. Never before had I seen either of the aged couple, yet they were what was left of the old family in the old house, and I was 'son.' I did all that money could do for them, but it was very disappointing."—Detroit Free Press.

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The holding of even a subsidiary office is calculated to inflate some men; they swell so easily.

If the scribe was in quest of a plump political plum he'd like as not try to use a Wanger stepladder.

It doesn't seem to have been necessary for Senator Saylor to repent of the Senatorial sins charged against him to secure a consular appointment.

And now who will be the next Republican candidate for State Senator from Montgomery? When the fire starts in the woods just watch 'em jump into the clearing.

The fierce storms on the Atlantic coast Wednesday of last week and Monday of this week, wrought considerable damage.

The two offices to be filled at the coming election in this State are those of Auditor General and State Treasurer.

The Commissioners have adopted the plan submitted by Henry Ives Cobb, of Chicago, and selected him as the architect to supervise the construction of the Legislative Building at Harrisburg.

Electoral Day next Tuesday: November 2, 1897.

Vote, what are you going to do? Vote your party's ticket straight? Take into account ere you deposit your ballot that the elective franchise which you enjoy is one that carries with it grave responsibilities.

Political parties are a necessity, but it is no sense follows that official extravagance and corruption should exist as a consequence of that necessity.

If there is anything that will chase dull care out of the Independent's sanctum it is a bit of good-natured railery from Brother Roberts of the Messenger.

And it has come to pass in the autumn of '97 that President McKinley has promised to appoint Senator Henry D. Saylor Consul at Matanzas, Cuba; salary, \$3,500 a year and some perquisites.

by Senators and Representatives are not likely to be made. The Republican people of the State choose their Senators and Representatives to speak and act for them.

The contest for Mayor of Greater New York is being waged with desperate earnestness, involving considerable personal defamation.

The three commissioners headed by Senator Walcott, whom President McKinley sent to Europe to measure bimetallic sentiment and to open the way for another bimetallic conference, have had personally a nice, pleasant time at the expense of the government.

WASHINGTON LETTER

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 22, 1897.—While the guesses are being made concerning the nature of the financial recommendations that will be made in the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury to Congress and endorsed by the President's message may all be wrong, it is a certainty that financial recommendations will be made and that financial legislation will be asked of Congress.

American women will be interested in a portion of an official report received by the Department of State from the acting United States Consul at Marseilles, France.

It was made plain at the last Cabinet meeting that President McKinley regarded his Civil Service order, that no employee in the classified service should be removed except upon written charges and after having been given an opportunity to refute the charges.

Men may prate about the tariff as the fountain of the quickened industries and growing prosperity in our midst, but the true fountain of our improved condition is in the fact the agricultural products of the nation will bring to the farmers hundreds of millions of money in excess of what they have received for several years past.

CHESTER, October 23, 1897.—Miss Victoria Wright, of 519 West Front street, came near being torn to pieces at Trainer Mill to-day.

Twenty-Eight Killed and Many Others Badly Injured in an Extraordinary Wreck on the New York Central.

GARRISONS, New York, October 24.—From the sleep that means refreshment and rest to the eternal sleep that knows no waking, plunged, in the twinkling of an eye, this morning, twenty-eight souls, men, women and children.

The New York Central train left Buffalo last night, and had progressed for nearly nine miles of the distance towards its destination. The engineer and his fireman had just noted the gray dawn breaking in the east and the light streak of red betokening the sun's appearance, when, with the great engine, plunged into the depths of the river.

Probably the Longest Trolley Line in the World.

The network of trolleys with which New England is now covered makes it possible for any one to ride for 124 miles on trolley roads. This is probably the longest trolley line in the world.

Fewer Potatoes in the Market Than For Years.

Returns from all the leading potato growing States show that not since 1893 has the potato crop of the United States been so small. The yield this year is 174,000,000 bushels, against 245,000,000 in 1896.

Fraudulent Warrants.

WASHINGTON, October 25.—Over \$90,000 of alleged fraudulent warrants on the United States Treasury on the account of the Creek Indian nation, in Indian Territory, have been discovered by government authorities.

Young Woman Nearly Torn to Pieces.

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After serious illness, like typhoid fever, pneumonia, or the grip, Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful strength-giving power.

Beautiful Sea Shells.

Every one admires them. Since coming south I have received numerous inquiries from northern people for sea shells, and now I am prepared to answer yes, I can send you shells.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways.

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WATERING BY WINDMILL.
 A BOSTON MAN'S SYSTEM OF IRRIGATION LAND.
 When the droughts can be overcome then the problem of growing large crops will be solved. In the far West, where rain does not fall frequently, recourse to water supplies and canals is the rule, but in the East the farmer desires only to be assisted over certain periods when the ground is dry and the supply of rain has not been distributed at proper intervals. The subject is a very important one, and any experiments made involving the effects of drought are eagerly watched by all classes of agriculturists. Securing a supply of water just at a time when it may be most needed is a gain of millions of dollars to the farmer of an entire section of country, and an abundant supply of water will enable farmers to use fertilizers more liberally, as more plant food can be dissolved in the soil and prepared for plants. One of the most valuable experiments made is that of Mr. A. L. Murdock of Boston, given at length in the *American Cultivator*, which is interesting, as he gives a practical method of irrigating crops by spraying the water on plants. He claims that water in the form of spray is beneficial for several reasons, among them that the spray absorbs plant food in the air, washes the leaves of plants and it can be applied daily if preferred, if only for one hour. There is no drought which does not affect vegetation at some portion of the season, regardless of previous rain-falls, and with a spraying arrangement the farmer has drought under his control. Ten acres of land, which would not support one cow, were made to produce four mowings of hay, the total being over four and a half tons per acre for the season with the use of manure.
METHOD OF IRRIGATION.
 The usual method of irrigation in the East is either by allowing a flow of water over the surface or by sub-irrigation, but the system used in the spraying of plants is based on a 16-foot windmill for every three acres of land and feeding surface pipes, with 18 fountains to the acre, the fountains being divided into three sections, using only one section at a time. Each acre can be watered two days weekly with 6000 gallons of water, equal to 0.11 of an inch, each irrigation being equal to the product of a windmill every 24 hours. Much depends on the wind, however. A 16-foot mill is estimated as being capable of raising sufficient water to irrigate an acre one inch in eight hours if the water is raised 25 feet, or it should raise 64 gallons of water per minute 25 feet, the wind velocity being 16 miles an hour (brisk blow). A tank 12 feet in diameter and 10 feet deep will hold 8460 gallons. Size of tanks for storage of water may be estimated for capacity by allowing 5.87 gallons for one foot cube. The fountains are S-shaped, half inch pipe, having an "acorn" on the end of each three-quarters of an inch in diameter, with a hole in each acorn three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. Each fountain should stand three-and-a-half feet above ground, and even at that height one-half of the water will be lost by evaporation. If the fountains were five feet high three-fourths of the water would be lost by evaporation. The results were obtained on the poorest and lightest sandy lands of Massachusetts, and the work was excellent. The fountains (an acre being about 208 feet square) will be (allow 18 fountains per acre) about 50 feet apart. If necessary more fountains can be used, but of course the cost of construction will also be increased.
COST AND RESULTS.
 The cost of an irrigating arrangement by which the spray system is used is estimated at from \$100 to \$150 per acre, which does not include interest, repairs, etc. For one acre a 16-foot windmill may be used. The plan mentioned was simply an experiment, which may be improved upon, but when it is considered that a nice piece of poor sandy land, which had little or no value, was transformed into a fertile field, producing over four tons of hay and permitting of four mowings in one year with the aid of water and manure, the result was remarkable and demonstrates that the cost is very little considering the great change effected in the capacity of the soil. It is well known that even when there has been an abundance of rain and the season but partially dry there are days when a light shower, just at a certain period during the growth of plants, may make a difference in favor of the crop of over 200 per cent. A crop of strawberries at time of ripening or at certain stages may be a failure or exceed the average through the influence of a light shower. An acre of ground that is irrigated in a manner by which the supply of moisture can be controlled is capable of producing certain crops that will return \$1000 per annum, as land under such circumstances will receive any amount of fertilizer and provide plant food in abundance for any kind of crop.

WORMS IN SHEEP.
 It often appears ludicrous to many old and experienced breeders to read the various ideas that have been expressed as a means of ridding sheep and lambs of worms or intestinal parasites, when a little preconcerted action, causing but small expense and trouble, will effectually remove all danger, and otherwise strengthen the sheep, and enable them to resist those parasites, which cause so much trouble in the intestines, as well as those which effect other portions and organs of the animals.
 A great mistake, common among breeders whose flocks are troubled in this way, is that they are quite likely to pick out those members of the flock which appear to be the only ones diseased, and spend their time and medical practice upon those, when the probability is that a larger portion, and perhaps the entire flock, may be thus troubled, to a greater or less degree.
 While turpentine and the many other combinations that are manufactured including worm powders, which generally prove of little or no value, can be used after the sheep become afflicted, the more proper and safe course to pursue is to prepare a preventive which will effectually remedy all evils of this nature and remove the danger of worms. As all breeders must feed some salt during the year, and the more they feed the better, i. e., the sheep should always have it within reach, by mixing a number of drugs with the salt there will be no difficulty in giving a sufficient quantity to the animals to answer the purpose; and an ounce of preventive is worth as much in this as in other cases.
 Owing to the condition of lambs when turned out to grass in the spring, they are generally more susceptible to the attacks of worms than at other seasons, and the preparation should therefore begin when they are first turned out, and should continue through the spring and summer. The following formula will prove an effective preventive; One bushel of salt, 1 pound sulphate of iron, 1 pound gentian, one pint of spirits of turpentine. Mix thoroughly and keep before the sheep.
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