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'Have you got any crazy-work for sale ?'

Miss Crabtree could hardly credit her senses ; her head, as she expressed herself afterwards, 'just whirled around like a human'-top.' A customer for crazy-work at nine o'clock in the evening, and a man too! Thoughts of murderers and burglars entering the houses of unprotected women under seemingly innocent reasons flashed through her mind.

No, she was not to be taken in by any such foolish excuse as a man's wanting crazy-work.

'I guess I ain't got any work that will suit you. I suppose you are wantin' a crazy-work horse-blanket or lap-robe—and I ain't got 'em.'

'No, indeed,' said the man, eagerly stepping upon the porch as Miss Crabtree was closing the door ; 'I want any kind you have. What kind of shape is it in ? I'll take anything.'

Matters looked much worse to Miss Crabtree's excited senses. A man wanting any kind of crazy-work at nine o'clock at night was very suspicious : he must be crazy, too.

She opened the door a little way and held the lamp over her head, saying, sternly :

'I hain't got no crazy-work that will suit you ; so you had better go away.'

As the lamplight fell on his strong, plain features the man started forward 'Minerva Crabtree, don't you know me—Elisha Rassett, Charity Skinner's bean ?'

'For the Lord's sake, Elisha, I thought you was dead and gone years ago. Come right in, and tell me where you have been and where you come from.'

Elisha told the story of his wanderings, and how he came to Rambletown that night to try and find Charity. She wasn't in her house and he followed her to Miss Crabtree's garden, where he heard the story of the exchange and the crazy-work, waiting by the gate under the shadow of the lilac bush.

'And I'm rich enough to buy all Charity's work and more too ; and I'll see Charity in the morning. The money will buy her wedding clothes, and she needn't know where it come from ; and just as soon as I can get her she won't want for anything again.'

Elisha held the crazy sofa-pillow closely to his face to admire the pattern and hide his tearful eyes. Later he left the exchange, his arms full of bedquilts, tidies, and cushions, the happiest man in Rambletown.

'Well—well!' said Minerva Crabtree to 'The Lady from Brooklyn,' 'what this Woman's Exchange of Rambletown hasn't done, isn't worth doin'; and now its goin' to have a weddin'.' And the two women went upstairs with cheerful but happy eyes.

## Plant Diseases.

The raspberry and blackberry rust is a disease caused by a fungus. The minute organism grows in the leaves and stems of the plants and the yellow parts seen on the outside of the leaves are the spores, by which it is scattered to other plants. Frequent spraying with Bordeaux mixture will prevent healthy plants from being infected, but when once the rust has become established in the stems the plants so affected will be of little value and all such had best be dug up and burned. The common blight which causes the tomato leaves to die from below upward is due to a fungus parasite and is usually prevented by spraying with Bordeaux mixture. A great deal of it can be prevented by spraying the plants when in the beds. While they are small this can readily be done. Many growers reduce the blight by simply dipping the plants in Bordeaux mixture before planting. It is much better, however, to spray several times after planting. The Southern blight is caused by bacteria and is much more difficult to control. It would be difficult to outline treatment for the pea blight without an examination of the diseased plants. Specimens should be sent to Prof. J. B. S. Norton, at the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, College Park.

## She's a Wise Woman

Who is able to mend both her husband's clothes and his ways.

Who has learned the paradox that to have joy one must give it.

Who can tell the difference between her first child and a genius.

Who acknowledges the allowance made by her husband by making allowances for him.

Who appreciates that the largest room in any house is that left for self improvement.

Who realizes that two husbands of 25 years each are not necessarily as good as one of 50.

Who can distinguish between the laugh of amusement and the one meant to show off a dimple.

Who gets off the trolley car the right way, though she runs the risk of being arrested as a man in disguise. —Watson's Magazine.

A county resident was driving home one dark night last week when, the way seeming long, he became uncertain whether or not he was on the right road. He stopped his team at a cross-road, clambered out of the cart, crawled upon the fence, struck a match to read the sign-board, which he could dimly see outlined.

At the peril of his neck, he deciphered the sign by the glare of the brimstone, and nearly toppled off the fence when he saw these words:

"When in doubt, use Smith's Cod Liver Oil."

## THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OF US LEFT.

AIR—"My Old Kentucky Home."

With laughter we challenge old Time in his flight
And the joys of the past we behold
At meeting and greeting in union to-night,
The friends and companions of old :
The men of the camp fire, the march and the fray—
The comrades of heard and of heft,
Though memory mournfully leads us to say
There are only a few of us left.

CHORUS.

Only a few of us left, boys,
Only a few of us left,
A scanty Old Guard, weather beaten and scarred,
There are only a few of us left.

When Youth was in blossom how lightly we flung
Its petals abroad on the hours,
The sword was our sceptre, and wine was our song,
And kisses a-plenty were ours ;
How lightly we laughed while the shuttle of fate
Flew weaving the warp and the weft,
Till now with the evening of life wearing late,
There are only a few of us left.

But fill up your glasses, and let us give thanks
For a few, tried and true, who remain :
And march as we close up the gaps in our ranks,
To the end of Life's stirring campaign.
The sweet love of woman, a glass and a friend,
And an obol for Charon's old raft
Will comfort us still while we wait for the end—
There are only a few of us left.

## The Military Nightmare.

There are five million men under arms in the world. Some time—it may be a few decades, it may be a few generations hence—the world will look back on this standing "peace" army of five million men either as a nightmare or as a sorry joke. It will not pay much attention to the solemn talk of "the military virtues" or "the necessity of national insurance." It will ponder in retrospect, with the same shocked surprise with which we view the insane malignity of "Mr. Hyde," the arguments of economists that wars were necessary to "prevent overpopulation." With a sorrowful smile it will note that the greatest armies in this age of pitiful paradoxes were maintained by the most "civilized" states. It will remark that the time when the mutual misunderstandings of peoples were melting away—when the common man on one side of a frontier spoke the language of the common man on the other, and thought his thoughts—was just the time when nations began to doubt their frontier guards and multiply their armaments. The fact for which these five million armed men stand is a fact that needs all "the pomp and circumstance" of war to make it respectable—a purpose to take away something the other fellow possesses, or a fear he may pilfer your own goods; a delusion that the wealth of the world can be increased by some other means than peaceful production, and that a literature and a code of conduct based on the practice of pillage must have a peculiar worth of their own.

## Turning the Key Upon Worry.

I remember a story of a public man who bore his responsibilities very hardly, worried and agonized over them, saying to Mr. Gladstone, who was at that time in the thick of a fierce political crisis: "But don't you find you lie awake at night, thinking how you ought to act, and how you ought to have acted ?" "No, I don't; where would be the use of that ?" And again I remeber that old Canon Beadon—who lived, I think, to his one hundred and fourth year—said to a friend that the secret of a long life in his own case was that he had never thought of anything unpleasant after 10 o'clock at night. Of course, if you have a series of compartments in your brain, and at 10 o'clock can turn the key quietly upon the room that holds the skeletons and nightmares, you are a very fortunate man.

But still we can all of us do something. If one has the courage and good sense, when in a melancholy mood, to engage in some practical piece of work, it is wonderful how one can distract the great beast that, left to himself, crops and munches the tender herbage of the spirit. For myself, I have generally a certain number of dull tasks to perform, not in themselves interesting, and out of which little pleasure can be abstracted, except the pleasure which always results from finishing a piece of necessary work. When I am wise, I seize upon a day in which I am overhung with a shadow of sadness to clear off the work of this kind. It is in itself a distraction, and then one has the pleasure both of having fought the mood and also of having left the field clear for the mind, when it has recovered its tone, to settle down firmly and joyfully to more congenial labors.—"The Thread of Gold."

"Children" said the teacher, while instructing the class in composition, "you should not attempt any flights of fancy but simply be yourselves and write what is in you. Do not imitate any other person's writings or draw inspiration from outside sources."

As a result of this advice Johnny Wise turned in the following composition :

We should not attempt any flites of fancy, but rite what is in us. In me thare is my stummick, lungs, hart, liver, two apples, one piece of pie, one stick lemon candy and my dinner."

A girl can be a great deal of help to a woman if it isn't her own mother.

A girl will never believe you love her if you tell her so in plain, sane language.

Be patient with every one, but above all with yourself.

An income tax—the gate receipts.

## How to Make the Most of Time.

In order to do the most we are capable of, the first rule is that every day should see its own work done. Let the task for each day be resolved and arranged for deliberately the night before and let nothing interfere with its performance. It is a secret which we learn slowly—the secret of living by days. I am convinced that there are very few so precious. What confuses work, what mars life and makes it feverish is the postponing of the task which ought to de none now. The word which John Ruskin had on his seal was "To-day." To crowd two days' work into one is the way to be unhappy and ineffectual. There is plenty of time for any man, and nobody can work well for more than a certain number of hours. "Without haste and without rest," that is the true principle. It saves one from the haunted hurried feeling which wears the nerves and brings down the temper and takes the peace out of life. This is a rule which has few little exceptions. There is one, however : A hard worker who delights in routine and who is never so happy as when he is going on from day to day and from week to week, with every hour planned and filled, will sometimes suddenly find that he cannot do anything. This is Nature's signal for rest, and it ought instantly to be obeyed. In these cases rest is probably not to be found in amusement. It is to be gained simply by ceasing from work until the impulse returns, as it will return. I suppose that many of us, when this experience comes, try by violent efforts of will to conquer the inertia. This is not wise in any one who knows that, whatever else he may be, he is at least not a habitual idler.—Claudius Clear, in "Letters on Life."

## Symptoms of Sheep Scab.

The symptoms of common sheep scab are here briefly reviewed. The mites prick the skin of the animal and insert a poisonous saliva in the wound. Their bites are followed by intense itching, with irritation, and the formation of the scabs under which the parasites live. As the parasites multiply they seek more healthy parts, spreading from the edges of the scab, and in the course of two or three months will cover the entire body, when death results. After the scab develops the sheep are restless; they scratch and bite themselves and rub against posts, fences, stones or against other members of the flock. The changes in the skin naturally result in a falling off of the wool. These scabby 'tags' which fall are infected with the vermin, and healthy sheep, when exposed, readily become infected. Peculiarly, this common scab among sheep fails to develop when transmitted to horses or cattle.

The only rational treatment consists in using some external application to kill the parasites, and the bureau has adopted, after careful experiment, a tobacco and sulphur dip, which, when used under proper conditions, will guarantee an extermination of the parasites and cure the infected animal. This treatment will not only cure the common sheep scab, but will eradicate all other sheep scab diseases, ticks and parasite mites.

## A Letter From Home.

*Dear Jim :*—The crops is doin' well,
The calf is big enough to sell ;
I've traded off the brindle cow,
And we ain't got but one just now ;
The hosses all is fat and sleek,
Except that Bob is rather weak.
But that ain't nothin' very queer;
We've had him nigh on twenty year.
I think I'll put the bottom field
In corn and oats ; it oughter yield
A heavy crop ; the land is rich,
And just the thing for oats and sich ;
There ain't no news to speak of, Jim ;
Miss Susie Jones is just as trim
As when you saw her in the fall.
The folks is well ; I guess that's all—
But stop ! I most forgot 'bout dad,
I 'spect the news'll make you sad.
You know that dad was gettin' old ;
Just sixty years had o'er him rolled,
And so, I much regret to say,
We chloroformed poor dad to-day !
And that is all the news until
I write again.
Your brother, BILL.

—Md. Medical Journal.

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Nail an American dowel ; something to hit. (Ex.—He hit the wrong nail and his fingers hurt much—Carpenter.)

Arc—Part of a circle.

Ark—A whole circus.

Arcade—A connection point between two thoroughfares in which to blow in one's coin. (Ex.—The shortest way in is the longest way out.—Rambler.)

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## How Uncle Sam Levies Taxes.

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"Pale death enters with impartial step the cottages of the poor and the palaces of the rich ! Likewise the internal revenue tax-gatherer, equally as certain as death, makes his demands on the rich and the poor. But he comes in such a way that he is not recognized, and not one time in every million does the man who bears the burden of the tax know when he is paying for it.—From "Uncle Sam's Tax-Payers," by David A. Gates, in National Magazine for July.

## Healing Properties of Water.

There is no remedy of such general application and none so easily obtained as water, and yet nine persons out of ten will pass it by in an emergency to seek for something of less efficacy. There are but few cases of illness where water should not occupy the highest place as a remedial agent.

A strip of flannel or a napkin folded lengthwise and wrung out of hot water and applied around the neck of a child who has croup, will usually bring relief in a few minutes. A towel folded several times, then quickly wrung out of hot water and immediately applied over the seat of the pain in toothache or neuralgia, will afford prompt relief. This treatment in colic works like magic. Cases on record having resisted other treatment for hours, have yielded to this treatment in ten minutes. Pieces of cotton batting dipped in hot water, then applied to old sores and new cuts, bruises, and sprains is the treatment now generally adopted in hospitals. Hot water taken freely a half hour before bedtime is an excellent cathartic in the case of constipation, while it has a most soothing effect on the stomach and bowels. This treatment continued for a few months, together with proper attention to diet, will alleviate mild cases of dyspepsia. —National Magazine for July.

Meat was highest when the cow jumped over the moon.

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