He Loved Os.

There was a man who lived in the far West. He had never eaten any oysters except canned ones, and after eating those he said:

"I would much rather eat the canned. They taste just the same and are much cheaper."

He was a western business man, but one night his chief competitor held up a straight flush. So the man became bankrupt and went to live with an uncle in Baltimore. The first night he was there his uncle gave him "a dozen raw." He took up the first one on his fork and tasted it gingerly. Then a look of perfect bliss came over his face. At that moment he half believed himself in heaven. But his eye fell upon his uncle and he knew that could not be—for he knew his uncle very well.

From that day the man lived for nothing but oysters. He threw away the little cabinet where he formerly kept his whiskey and put an icebox in its place.

He would wake up in the night murmuring "saddle rocks," and when he admired a woman very much he would call her "a perfect blue point." But he never could get as many oysters as he wanted. There was always something which interfered with his eating his fill. So one day he slipped away from his friends and went down to an oyster boat. He hailed the captain and asked:

"How much will you charge for as many oysters as I can eat?"

The captain looked at him, and saw that he was not a large man, and that outwardly he bore no resemblance to a cold storage warehouse.

"One dollar and a half," he said.

The man gave the captain the money, and sat down at a table. The captain opened oysters for him. All the morning the captain opened oysters, and a great crowd of people gathered about to watch the man eat and to bet on the result. At noon the captain fainted from overexertion, and the first mate took his place. As the dusk of early evening was creeping over the water the man arose from his seat and with the step of admiring bystanders staggered across the heap of shells and vanished in the crowd, which opened for him to pass.

Then the captain opened his eyes and gazed wildly about the deck. He arose, and leaning weakly against a chair back surveyed the remnants of his stock in trade.

"I am ruined, ruined, ruined!" he said hoarsely.

"You have a dollar and a half on which to begin life again," said the first mate. "My wages for today amount to one dollar and a half. Begin life honestly by paying your debts."

The man from the far west died that evening, but he died happy. His last words were:

"Perhaps—in—heaven—I—shall—sleep on an oyster bed."

FOUR CHILDREN IN FLAMES.

Little Ones Burned to Death in Baltimore County.

As a result of an attempt to fill a lighted kerosene lamp, four children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rose, residing at Highlandtown, were fatally burned Monday night. The children are Mary, aged seventeen months; Johanna, aged seven years; Theresa, aged nine years; William, aged eleven years; Frederick, aged four years. The accident occurred about 8.30 o'clock, when both Mr. and Mrs. Rose were at the store of Frederick Pfortner, at First street and Fait avenue, a block away. The four children were in the kitchen of Rose's apartments, which are in the second story of the house, the first story being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. The lamp was on a table, a few feet away from the kitchen stove, in which was a hot fire. The oil had burned low, and William decided to fill it. He turned the wick down low, but did not put the blaze out, as that would have left the room in darkness. The two older children gathered around him as he took up the gallon oil can to fill the lamp. He had poured a little oil in the lamp, when one of the children jostled his elbow, and some of the oil was poured on the table, part of it spattering on the stove. This blazed up, and the startled boy dropped the can of oil on the floor. This oil caught fire, and in a moment the clothes of all four children ignited. Willie cried "Fire!" at the top of his voice, and with his clothes on fire, ran out of the house toward Mr. Pfortner's store. He was stopped on the way by Miss Katie Habekam, No. 718 Clinton street, who put out the fire on the boy's clothes with her hands. Apparently, Mr. Rose was the first one who reached his home, and he at once rushed upstairs. He grabbed Theresa and Johanna from under the table, and handed them to two other men. He then went into the middle room and got his son Fred. In the meantime, Mrs. Rose had reached her home, and she rescued her baby. All the children were taken to Mr. Pfortner's house, where Dr. Warner and Dr. A. S. Sauer dressed the injuries. They were then taken to the hospital, where they died the next day.

Peach Growers' Ten Commandments.

Mr. J. H. Hale, the successful peach grower of Connecticut and Georgia, promulgates the following "gospel" for the peach grower:

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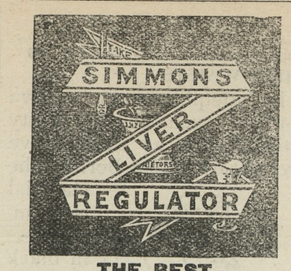
"I am determined," said a father to his daughter, "to do something to prevent your marrying that scapegrace to reform him. As I can't drive you I'll bribe you. Is there anything that would tempt you to give him up?"

"N-o, nothing that I can think of, unless it is another scapegrace," was the frank reply.



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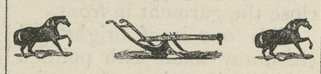

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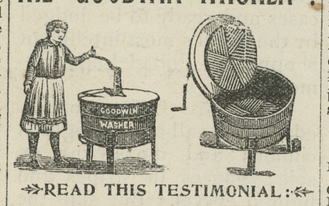

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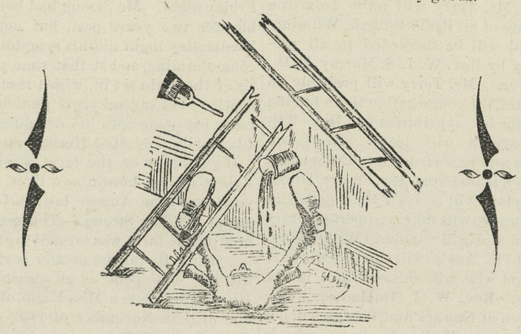

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