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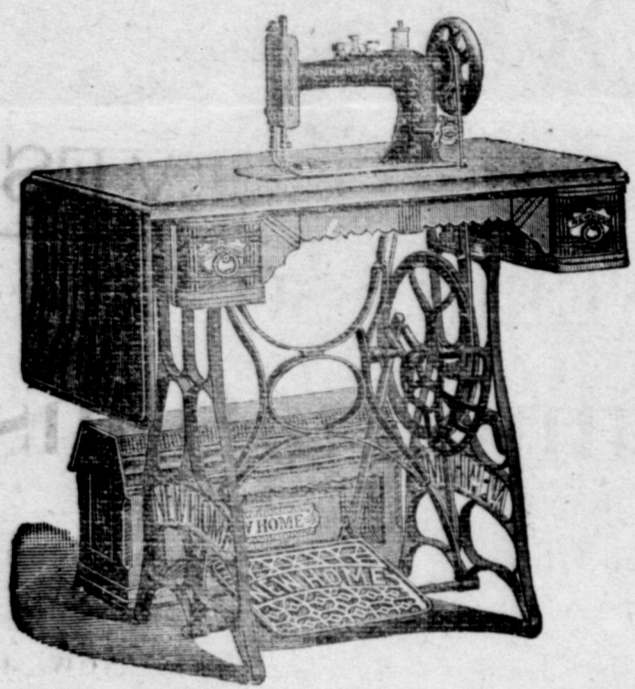
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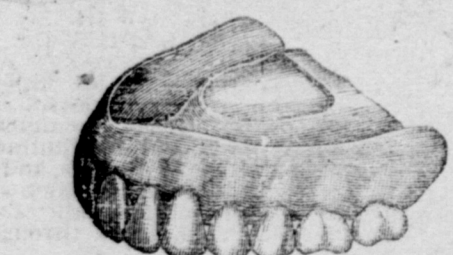
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### My Mending-Basket.

It is made of the stoutest of willow;  
It is deep and capacious and wide;  
Yet the Gulf Stream that flows through its borders  
Seems always to stand at flood-tide!  
And the garments lie heaped on each other  
I look at them often and sigh,  
Shall I ever be able to grapple  
With a pile that has grown two feet high?  
There's a top layer, always, of stockings:  
These arrive and depart every day;  
And the things that are playing "button-but-ton"  
Also leave without any delay.

But ah, underneath there are strata  
Buried deep as the earth's core!  
Things put there the first of autumn,  
Still there when the trees have grown green!  
There are things to be ripped and made over;  
There are things that have got out in their prime;

There are intricate tasks—all awaiting  
One magical hour of "spare time."  
Will it come? Shall I ever possess it?  
I start with fresh hope every day.  
Like a willow-leaf, it withers and falls;  
Like a willow-leaf, it withers and falls away.

For the basket has never been empty,  
During all of its hallowed career,  
And once, for a few fleeting moments,  
When the baby upset it, last year!

### Disarmed by a Whip-lash.

One of the dangers which menaced travellers in the early history of California was an attack by highwaymen. An old stage driver who drove over a part of the long line between San Jose and Los Angeles relates an interesting incident of these early days. He says:

I remember once in a lonely canyon, through which the road wound, we had a little experience that was thrilling for the moment. It was a moonlight night and I was pushing ahead at a good speed with a stage full of passengers, and a heavy treasure-box.

Just as I got around a bend in the road I saw the figure of a man on horseback beside the road. He yelled out for us to stop, and I saw a gun barrel gleam in the moonlight.

The horses were going at a speed that might be called breakneck, and I made up my mind to take the chance of getting through. I saw the gun raised to the fellows shoulder, as we approached. I had my long whip in my hand, and with a desperation born of the peril of the moment, I made a vicious swipe at him.

I don't know how it happened, but the lash wound itself around the gun, and as we dashed by, the whip was drawn out. I was nearly pulled off my seat, but I held on, and the gun was dragged out of the robber's hand and fell to the ground. At the same moment it was discharged by the shock.

It rattled along the road for quite a distance before the whip-lash unwound itself. I don't know what the highwayman thought but I'll wager he was surprised.

### Camels in America.

"It is not generally known that there are wild camels on the Colorado Desert, and these are the only wild camels to be found in the United States," said Captain Royston, of California, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York. "Sometimes they are seen by overland passengers in the vicinity of Yuma, Ariz., but the Indians have killed nearly all of them within the past few years. Just before the war, when a transcontinental railroad was only a dream, the Government purchased about 20 for freighting across the desert. On the recommendation of Lieutenant Beale, afterwards General Beale, a commission was despatched to Asia, and three ships of the desert were brought in a sailing vessel to Indianola, Texas, thence overland to Arizona, and California. The camels marched about 50 miles a day, each carrying from 1000 to 1500 pounds of Government stores.

"Believing that the experiment would prove successful, Commodore D. D. Porter ordered another cargo of about 50 camels. But the experiment was a failure. Perhaps the keepers did not understand the nature of the animal, and he refused to become domesticated. The camels stampeded to the desert—deserting the army, and Uncle Sam made no effort to capture the deserters."

### For the Cure of Diphtheria.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The official of the Marine Hospital service were yesterday notified that a leading firm of manufacturing chemists at Detroit, Mich., is making preparations for the manufacture of anti-toxine, the new remedy for diphtheria, which has created such widespread interest in Europe.

This is believed to be the first house of its character in the United States to begin experiments scientifically to demonstrate its value. It is understood that this firm has established a bacteriological department, where the experiments will be carried on under the direction of competent scientists. Healthy young horses have already been inoculated with the toxine, but it is expected that three or four months will intervene before the results of the experiments can be announced, as the processes are said to be not only delicate but tedious.

### Trifles.

Recent stick-pin designs are very quaint. An owl is formed of diamonds; a green enamelled katydid twinkles with mock gems; in masculine scarfs one sees the semblance of enamelled pipes or dominoes; pink pearls nestle in the centre of delicate flower brooches, and a beaten gold bird's head has bright eyes of emerald.

## Change in Business!

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### FINE LAUNDRY WORK.

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"There are women in this world who seem to think that they are never really accomplishing anything unless they make hard work of it. They scorn all easy ways, characterizing them as 'slack-twisted' and 'shirky,' and take to themselves great credit for getting through an enormous amount of hard work."

This remark was recently called forth by a worthy encounter between an experienced housekeeper and a woman to whom she had given a great deal of work. From the first there had been an effort to make the labor as light as possible, but it was at last given up as a hopeless undertaking.

"In all of my experience," said this lady, in narrating the circumstances, "I never met with a woman so set and obstinate as the one I have just been employing. She has resolutely refused to have the clothes put to soak, preferring what she calls 'elbow grease' to all manner of labor-saving appliances.

"It is the greatest saving of time and strength to use a small table or flat board and a soft scrubbing-brush. I can take an ordinary garment with collar and sleeves badly soiled and cleanse it by this process in one-third of the time and with infinitely less hard work than the average laundress. I make a mixture of soap and kerosene oil and let it stand overnight, or prepare it and keep it in a stoppered jug or bottle. With a soft brush rub the collar and cuffs and all of the soiled places, then roll the garment up for a few minutes while others are being done. When all are prepared, begin with the first and rinse and brush the surface with hot suds. In nine cases out of ten the garment will need no further rubbing. I do not approve of garments being merely scalded. They need not be boiled for and length of time, but should have about one to three minutes in actually boiling water. This dissolves any gummy substances that may not rub out of the fibres, and makes the clothes more clean and certainly more healthful. Clothes soaked overnight in warm suds made with the soap and kerosene mixture will wash easier and look better, to say nothing of wearing much longer, than those laundried in the ordinary way."

### She Had Enough of Them.

He was too modest to be a successful lover, and he had let forty years of his life go by without ever coming to an emotional point.

He was in love with a fair being of suitable age, but he would not tell her so, and though she knew it she could not very well give him a tip on the situation.

She was willing, because she had arrived at that time of life when a woman is not nearly so hard to please as she might have been at some other time, but he was stupid and went away without a word.

He was gone a long time, and when he came back he found her still ready.

"I have come back after many years," he said to her as he took her hand in greeting.

She had learned something in the years since she had seen him last.

"Well, for goodness sake, Henry," she exclaimed loudly, "why don't you take them! I'm thirty-five now, how many more years do you want?"

Then a great light shone upon him, and he did not wait for any more.

**Multiplication of the Typewriter.**

"The coming man will not write nearly so much as the man of this age," said Professor Charles Whitford, of Philadelphia, at the Normandie, "and yet it must be inferred that the art of penmanship is going to drop to early desuetude. The cheaper typewriters becoming the less a choreography there will be. Professional men of any standing rarely do any writing now, save, perhaps, to indicate their own signature. In newspaper offices three-fourths of the editorial staff compose their 'stories' on machines, and not a few of the more dignified editors have learned to play the keys. Handwriting will linger a great deal longer in the country and smaller towns than in the big cities, for the same reason that the candle and kerosene lamp linger longest in the former localities."

### Squaring the Doctor.

"I can't pay this bill, doctor. It's exorbitant. I'm no better than I was, either."

"That's because you didn't take my advice."

"Ah—well—of course, if I didn't take it, I don't owe you for it. Thanks. Good morning."

### Desert Sand-storms.

The samum generally lasts from ten to thirty minutes, and is frequently accompanied by a very heavy rain fall.

A samum with such a downpour was encountered by Rohlf on Easter Monday, April 12, 1879. The air was laden. The wind changed to a terrible hurricane. Rohlf had his tent, which was the largest of the caravan, taken down and crawled under the canvas, awaiting the "bride of the desert," as the Bedouin calls the samum. The storm became fiercer and fiercer, thick clouds, of which you could not tell whether they were sand or masses of steam, circled with terrible velocity over the heads of the travelers, a cannonade of thunder vibrated the earth. Once in a while you heard the cracking of a palm as the storm broke it in two. Then the storm lifted the tent like a balloon, and to make the confusion perfect the rain came down in such a volume that a few seconds sufficed to drench to the skin. Then, as if by magic, it became wonderfully still and the glorious sun appeared again in the purest and bluest of others, and its powerful tropical rays soon dried everything.

Without a doubt the samum is one of the worst plagues of the desert; it weakens man and beast, and the sand and dust that is driven before it forces its way through the smallest crevices and thickest covers and permeates mouth, nose and eyes, but not in such quantities that it cannot be got rid of with the greatest ease. The very finest sand even forces its way into watches, but none of it will suffocate man or animal, though one sometimes fears that it may.

A samum ever so severe might cover a whole caravan with a heavy pall of dust and sand, but it would never throw up such mountains of sand as to bury a whole caravan. This is only one of the many fables of the desert. These sandstorms may, it is true, become dangerous to travelers, but in a quite different manner.

The stock of water of a caravan is generally carried in goatskins. They are not particularly good reservoirs, however, for they soon allow an enormous quantity of their contents to evaporate, a result of the extraordinary heat that a sandstorm brings with it. This evaporation, now and then, takes such proportions that a whole caravan might die of thirst, especially when the hot sandstorm has dried up all the springs and pools on the way.

### Star Beams.

Montreal's big bridge is nearly two miles long.

The population of the islands of Japan numbers 41,000,000.

Ancient needles were all of brass, and in size approximated our darning needles.

Glasgow has an underground railway in operation and two more under construction.

Women to-day are two inches taller on an average, than they were twenty or thirty years ago.

Annulets now worn by noble families in India are believed to have been handed down 2,000 years.

Jillson says he has learned by careful research that the American Indian was the original tuff hunter.

The Roman catacombs are 580 miles in extent, and it is estimated that from 6,000,000 to 15,000,000 dead are there interred.

Passenger—Mercy on us! A robber has held up the train! Robber—Don't be alarmed, gentlemen. Just throw the porter off and the train can proceed.

"They tell me Jones never subscribes to a newspaper." "Never. That's why he broke his leg jumping backwards from a moving train and cut his hand off fighting his own reflection in a lookin' glass."

**First Use of Potatoes in Ireland.**

In the garden adjoining his house at Youghal Raleigh planted the first potatoes ever grown in Ireland. The vegetable was brought to him from the little colony which he endeavored to establish in Virginia. The colonists started in April, 1585, and Thomas Harrot, one of their number, wrote a description of the country in 1587. He describes a root which must have been the potato.

"Openank are a kind of roots of round form, some of the bigness of walnuts, some farre greater, which are found in moist & marsh grounds growing many together one by another in ropes, as though they were fastened with a string. Being boiled they are very good meat."

The Spaniards first brought potatoes to Europe, but Raleigh was undoubtedly the first to introduce the plant into Ireland.

### POPE LEO'S ENGLISH.

Understands the Language but Does not Speak it—Splendor of his Public Appearances.

The favorite pastime of Leo XIII, as it has been of many of his predecessors, is the composition of Latin poems, but of late his strength has been equal only to the official demands upon it.

In January last he composed an ode in honor of the 90th birthday of Cesare Cantu, an eminent Italian historian who has been his friend from youth, in which he compares his hero to the setting sun.

During his formal audiences which he continues to give with great good nature several times a week, he sits in an antique, high-backed chair with leather upholstery, under a scarlet canopy, clad in a white, with a scarlet cloak thrown over his shoulders, but wears no crown but his silver hair. His hand trembles with age and nervousness when he extends it in blessing, and the pallor of his face is painful, but the brilliancy of his eyes, and his clear, deep voice, furnish a striking contrast.

He uses French, Italian or Latin habitually, and can understand some English, although he does not speak it.

Not long ago a beautiful American girl, whose Protestantism was stronger than her sense of propriety was among the visitors of the Pope's audience chamber, and to her surprise found herself expected to kneel and kiss his ring. Instinctively she resisted.

Not a notion or even a thought of the girl seemed to escape his holiness, who addressed her with a pleasant smile and said:

"Come, come, my dear, an old man's blessing cannot possibly harm a beautiful a heretic as you are."

The Pope appears in public very infrequently, and then only to participate in some magnificent ceremonial at St. Peter's.

On these occasions politics are generally forgotten, and even the most rigid adherents of the civil authorities are willing to resort to any resource to obtain tickets to the tribunes from which the spectacle may be witnessed.

No man is admitted to the tribunes unless he comes in evening dress. Even a black cravat is sufficient to exclude him, although he may have a card of admission, and all women must wear somber black without bonnets.

The foreign ambassadors accredited to the vatican, however, appear in their splendid medieval costumes and regalia; the military officers of the papal guards wear their gorgeous uniforms, and the dignitaries of the church their robes of scarlet and purple, their chains of gold, their jeweled decorations and other insignia that indicate their honors and their rank, but among the crowd that fill the remainder of the temple one finds soldiers and priests and peasants, men, women and children of all races and colors and castes mingled indiscriminately, who can hear the sublime music, but see nothing.

The holy father enters from the vatican in the centre of a procession. A passage is cleared for him by the guards noble, as it is called, an escort of princes and nobles, who accompany him on all ceremonies and are appointed to that honor as a reward for gift to or some service performed for the church.

Following them come a band of musicians sounding silver trumpets, and next the college of cardinals, with their long, scarlet trains borne by pages in liveries.

The famous triple crown, with its jewels worth millions of dollars, is now too heavy for the slender strength of the pope to bear, so it is carried before him upon a scarlet cushion by some chamberlain of the palace.

### The Devil's Tower.

The Devil's Tower, a geological wonder that stands on the Belle Fouché river, in the Black Hills region, and of which a geologist of international reputation said, "It is a remarkable freak of nature and appears not to have been repeated elsewhere on the earth's surface, but stands alone, unique and mysterious," is believed to be the cone of a cooled down volcano. At a distance it looks like a huge cask or barrel made of gigantic timbers, the sides being roughly furrowed with crystals of trachyte. Its height is 625 feet, and the walls on all sides are so nearly smooth and perpendicular that no human being has ever been able to climb to the top. Its diameter at the base is 796 feet and at the summit (estimated) 350 feet.

### The Tendency.

The orchestra was playing the overture. The gallery was already manifesting impatience.

"I suppose," remarked the sourette as she stood before the mirror, "that everybody in the audience will despise me in this costume."

"The leading lady mused. 'You certainly can't be surprised, if you're disappointed, if they look down on you.'"

The sourette merely glanced at her gauze skirt and shivered.

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