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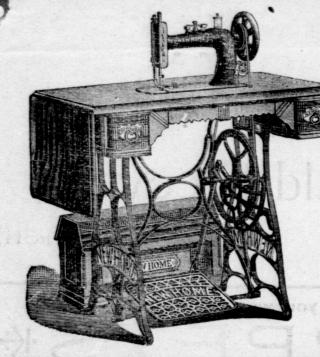
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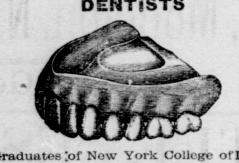
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lone when the day is dawning, Alone when the night dews fall; Inder the veil at the bridal Under the gloom at the pall. Behind impenetrable barriers To work out its life of dole, From its first faint cry till the hour to die Is the doom of each mortal soul

Who brings us forth in pain, As she looks in the eyes of her offspring Some clue to its soul to gain, "Of what is my baby thinking, With that graze intent and wise?

But ever remains the mystery, Alone is the child in his sorrow Over the broken toy, Alone is the stricken lover, Mourning a vanished joy; Alone is the bride at the altar, Alone the bridegroom stands

With his hidden life between them. That-and their plighted hands. Alone lies the wife, with the canke Of blighted hope in her heart; Alone is the husband dreaming Of balked ambition's smart; And so from the birth to the burial.

From the first to the latest breath, On crowded street, on lonely steeps, The soul goes alone till death. Hints on Reading.

The readers Coleridge has divided Washers and Wringers constantly on into four classes. He says: "The Wringers repaired and new rollers first class of readers may be compared to an hour-glass; their reading being as the sand; it runs in and it runs out and leaves not a vestige behind. inbibes everything and returns it in nearly the same state. A third class that is pure to pass away and retains only the refuse and dregs. The fourth class may be compared to the slave of case.' Golconda, who, casting aside all that is worthless, preserves only the pure

It is to be feared that in the present day the greatest number of readers beong to the first of these classes. The amount read is sometimes almost fabuluous, but the results are comparatively trifling. Volume after volume is perused; pamphlets and papers are mentally perceptibly increased. This charge lies not only against those who read secular works; it applies to too great an extent to those who read the Scriptures and other treatises upon things divine. Lord Bacon once said that "reading makes a full man." He could not have meant the kind of reading that is now too prevalent. The omnivorour readers, the reader who skims through page after page; the butterfly readers. who taste some flowers of literature here and there, but never settle down to a resolute extraction of the sweets. are found at the year's end, with all their reading, not more "full" intellectually, but often more foolish than before. Why is this? Because in these The Largest and Best Hotel express days the reading has been done as quickly as possible, and because what is read one hour is buried beneath a heap of multifarious matter the next hour. But if a man read Geo. M. McSweeney, Prop. upon a prudent plan, if he digest what he mentally receives, his reading will become a delightful source of very ex-

tensive information and sound wisdom. Reading should be in moderation. T. B. LeBLANC, Proprietor. It is possible to devour whole libraries and yet learn nothing. It is said that Miss Martineau often read in one hour no more than a single page of a good is said to have had but three booksthe Bible, Josephus' works and Cruden's Concordance. A celebrated French author being laughed at because of the The above house has been fitted smallness of his library, replied: "Ah, when I want a book I make it." On the other hand Madame de Stael-J. L. BRAY, Proprietor. Boarding House, average six each day! Louis XVI., book a day. Such literary gluttony could have left little good result. Too much reading is an injurious to the

Error in Pronunciation.

Last week two families were greatly disturbed over a telegram. To go back a little further, a son and daughter of these families had married and gone away on a bridal tour of three weeks or a month, as the case might be. Two Old Established Hotel, well known to the travelling public. Barber Shop and Livery Stable in connection. days after the three weeks were up the bride's parents received a telegram from a country place on the Hudson River, which read:

"Have had a row with my husband Am coming home. (Signed) Kitty. To say this was not startling would be to say what was not true, and the bride's parents at once hastened to the home of the groom's parents, only to that it read: "Have had a row with my wife." Messages were wired once, but no replies were received. the couple had evidently started home communications. Then there follow ed an anxious waiting, and 36 hours later the happy couple turned up smiling, with the explanation that it was a row on the river that they were talk-ONE WISHING

Relentless

"She's as pretty as a picture," said the young man. "Yes," replied the young woman, with a glance at her rival's complexion, "hand painted, too."

Quite naturally, it is the man of seasoned intellect and ripe experience who does not seem fresh.

Eminent Clergymen on Dancing. ON THE MOSQUITO COAST.

The New York Herald has been canvassing the opinion of the leading clergymen on the subject of dancing, and the following gives an idea of the views expressed by some of them:

Rt. Rev. Thos. Bowman, senior Bishop of the U. S. Methodist Church "There can be no question that the general effect of dancing, like other gay and giddy amusements of the fashionable world, is damaging to the church and to society, and, indeed, to the individual. It is for these reasons that our church discourages it."

W. H. Millburn, "the Blind Man Eloquent," says: "Giving up that which is pleasant because of our higher love. for Him may be a school and test of character, out of which far higher virtues and graces may grow. It seems to me that it would be well for all young christians to abandon the dange for a time, if not forever. The quiet vet firm resolution to do so as an act of devotion to our Lord would materially help to unfold and develop their Christian character."

Rev. Wm. Hayes Ward says: "The question whether a christian ought or ought not to dance is not one that can be answered by a mere yes or no. There are so many concomitants to be considered which may so greatly modify the reply. So much depends upon the kind of dancing and the associations connected with it. \* \* If it does not seem in any way to insecond class resembles a sponge, which | terfere with the purity of heart of the man and woman who dance together, then, for my part, I must say that I is like a jelly-bag, which allows all can see no objection to it. But, after all, it is a matter for private judgment and not for dogmatic assertion in any

> me I will now say frankly that in my judgment it is a matter of mere personal inclination purely, and that in no sense should it be one of religious opinion. \* \* \* Even the most consistent christians I should think might need some sort of innocent dancing. Of course it is for the christian to draw the line between what is actually, from its nature, tendencies and associations, demoralizing and

Rev. O. B. Frothenham says: "With

"Proper dancing in proper places, at proper hours, in proper dress, with proper companions and amid proper surroundings can surely not be harmful. On the contrary, it must exert a healthful, beneficial influence upon the mind and body of those who engage in it, since it promotes at once circulation in the blood and cheerfulness in the mind, and encourages good fellowship and kindly feeling. In this matter, therefore, so far as I understand the case, I take my position on the side of those who think it neither wrong nor inconsistent for a christian to dance under the conditions I have named." The late Bishop Phillips Brooks said: "Probably the most universal amusement of which we have any knowledge is dancing. \* \* \* I would say that I do not think it wrong for a

christian to indulge in dancing. This question answered, several others arising out of it immediately present themselves. When and where and with whom and to what extent ought the christian to dance? \* \* \* a christian to indulge in public promiscuous dancing I should deem high book. An eminent divine and author ly inexpedient, inconsistent and unadvisable, if not absolutely wrong. But like all other people, christians must have recreation. The good need in quite as much as the wicked, and to dance in the family in the private parlor or with friends is a graceful, and, in my judgment, harmless and Holstein is said to have devoured six innocent amusement, and in no way hundred novels before she was fifteen inconsistent with a profession of the years of age, and to have read those christian religion. \* \* \* The eatsix hundred in three months-on the ing of meat that had been offered as a sacrifice to idols was not a sin for the while imprisoned for a period of five apostle, yet he feared that it might months and seven days, read one hun- cause his weaker brother to stumble, dred and fifty-seven volumes, or one and therefore he deemed it best to banks, and vary in depth from fifty abstain. Just so with everything else. If we find that any form of amusement or diversion in which we may indulge mind as too much feeding is to the in public is a temptation to wrongdoing on the part of others, though perfectly harmless to ourselves, we

should unhesitatingly give it up." How to Make Yourself Unhappy In the first place, if you want to make yourself miserable, be selfish. Think all the time of yourself and your things. Don't care about anything else. Have no feeling for anyone but yourself Never think of enjoying the satisfaction of seeing others happy, but rather, it you see a smiling face be jealous les another should enjoy what you have not. Envy every one who is better off in any respect than yourself; think unkindly toward them, and speak lightly of them. Be constantly afraid lest some should encroach upon your find there a similar message, except rights; be watchful against it, and it any one comes near your things, snap at him like a mad dog. Contend earnestly for everything that is your own, though it may not be worth immediately after they had sent their pin, for your rights are just as much concerned as if it were a pound of gold. Never yield a point. Be very sensitive and take everything that said to you in playfulness in the most serious manner. Be jealous of your ing about, and they weren't to blame friends lest they should not think if the telegraph didn't pronounce words enough of you; and if at any time they should seem to neglect you, put the worst construction upon their conduct

> Not Time. "Johnny, did you ask God to make

you a better boy?" Johnny-No; you see it took me long to tell Him how I wanted Him to the settlement. let me lick Tom Spencer I didn't have

An Unattractive Region of Jungle

and Lagoon-The Banana Plantations. Every Day in the Year is Seed Time.

The Government of the Mosquite Reservation consists of the hereditary chief and an Executive Council, the members of the Executive Council being elected by a General Council, and the latter in turn being appointed by the chief from among the "head men' of the tribe and representative inhabit ants of the various districts of the country. The present chief, his Excellency Robert Henry Clarence, who is a fullblooded Mosquite Indian, is a hand some, intelligent, and well-educated young man of 20 or thereabouts, with a magnificent head of glossy black

nearly all decendants of Jamaica negroes, and perform their duties with becoming gravity and ease. Hon Charles Patterson, the vice-president whose features betray some admixturof European blood, is also guardian of the chief during his minority. The law of the land, by the Mosquito Con stitution, is declared to be the common and statutory be made applicable and not inconsistent with local customs and the enactments of the chief and Council. Many of the young men who desire educational advantages better than the local schools afford are sent to Jamaica or even to England. The land laws are very liberal. Each head of the family is permitted to take 640 acres on a ninety-nine years' lease, for which he pays an annual rental three cents an acre to the Government equal to about fifteen dollars American gold. He is expected to pay, besides, the cost of surveying his "section." regard to the question you submit to but byond this there is no tax of whatever kind imposed, no matter how valuable the improvement he may make. Altogether the Mosquito people have made a considerable advance toward civilized life.

The missonaries have not succeeded entirely in uprooting the superstitious practice among the lowest walks of the population, and the obeah or obeahism a system of necromancy, by which ill luck can be averted and injuries done to our enemies, has still a powerful hold. The periodic "big drunk" of former times, when whole villages used to engage in wild orgies, is no longer a popular institution, although it is possible that individuals do not distain to indulge in a periodic spree. The Mosquitos proudly and justly boast that for many years they have lived and maintained their institutions in peace, whereas the sovereign Republic of Nicaragua is constantly riven and torn by revolutions and strife. The state of culture described is found. however, only in the "cities" and mission stations. Away from these and in the jungles the people are still

The chapture on roads in Mosquite is as brief and of the same tenor as the chapter on snakes in Iceland. The only means of communication are the rivers and lagoons; beyond these all is dense, impenetrable forest jungle, interspersed here and there in a more northerly portions by grassy plains called savanas. The principal article of commerce, besides the banana, is mahogany. This huge timber is cu by the Indians of the interor, and hauled and shoved toward a river in the immediate vicinity, thence floated in rafts of two or three logs, or often as a single tree, down to the coast Most of the banana plantations are or the Bluefields of Escondido River The mouth of the river is about a mile north of Bluefields, aud the plantations begin about twenty miles above this point and thence cover its banks in almost unbroken continuity for some distance beyond the city of Rama, sixty miles up stream. To facilitate the handling and shipping of the fruit the plantations are always close to the 2000 yards.

The Steamer Hendy, an old Mississippi River boat, whose lightness of draught makes it well adapted for steaming about the shallow lagoons, plies regularly between Bluefields and Rama. Leaving the former place at o'clock in the morning the trip to Rama begins by rounding a point of land called "Old Bank," a place which for a short time was the home of small German colony. This settlement was abandoned after repeated trials and disasters; the unfortunate colonists being finally compelled to return to their native land, greatly reduced in number and weakened by disease, and after being harassed by the Spaniards and Indians. At this point the boat enters the Escondido River. On each side the luxuriant and dence vegetation overhangs the water, a virgin jungle, whose somber shade the brightest sunlight fails to pierce. Flaming red herons rise and flutter or stand in comic solemnity watching us as we pass; gaudy macaws flash their flaring plumage among the leaves and utter hoarse cries as the boat wends its way; close to the shore, among the fallen trees and snags, huge alligators, innocent as yet of a knowledge of rifle ball or hunter, lift their ugly beaks in love you. If you loved me, you would mute wonder at our intrusion upon their gloomy retreat. Indeed, a river trip is not necessary to see all this, a mile back of the town of Bluefields is the same impenetrable jungle. A meeting with a native tiger or juguar is not an unusual occurrence in the outskirts, while in the rainy season alligators from the lagoons are not too

timid to cary off pigs and goats from

nels it is a pleasurable sensation come upon the first clearing and see once more a signe of human activity. On every side are now evidences of thri t and industry. The picturesque houses of the planters, built of bamboo after the pattern of the. native shacks and thatched with palm leaves, standing under the shade of tall cocoanut trees, make an ideal picture of tropic life. As the steamer lies to, for the purpose of landing supplies at many of the banana plantations, an excellent opportunity is given to study the manner of cultivation, if such it can be called. The only implement used by the cultivators is the machete, the universal native tool and weapon all in one; it is a rather long and broad knife, something between a broadsword and a cleaver in appearance. With the aid of this implement the native The other government officials ar first clears the land of jungle and brush, each man being required to cut at least one "task" (twenty square yards

> per day. Although there is only two or three hours' word, it is seldom that a native will do more than one task in a day. The natural inclination to work is of the faintest character. Nature has so bountifully provided all the necessaries of life that there would be no incentive to make money were it not for the passion for gambling, and a game of chance is the one thing the natives never seem too tired to engage in. The bush thus cleared is burned during the dry season and the ground is now ready for the young plants or shoots. These are "suckers" taken from older trees, and after planting them singly at distances at about eight feet apart, nothing further is required than occasionally to clear out the larger weeds which will crop up between them. In two years the trees mature, reaching a hight of ten to fifteen feet, bearing from one to three bunches each.

There is no such thing as a crop or a harvest as we understand the term with our Northern possessions. Every day in the year is seed time, every day is harvest time. Plants in various stages of maturity, plants in flower and in fruit and ready for the machete. stand side by side. and there is no winter to interrupt the process of vegetation. While the fruit is still quite green the plant is cut down, and the bunches being removed, these are carried to the river bank, where they are made into heaps and covered with the large leaves of the plant, so that the rain and sun may not unduly hasten the ripening. Only the largest bunches are reserved; the others are thrown into the river and left to drift away with the current .- Dr. R. N. Keeley, Jr., in the Popular Science

Neatness in Girls.

Neatness is a good thing for a girl, and if she does not learn it when she is young, she never will. It takes a great deal more neatness to make a girl look well than it does to make boy look passable. Not because a boy, to start with, is better looking than a girl, but his clothes are of a different sort, not so many colors in them; and cople don't expect a boy to look so pretty as a girl. A girl that is not neatly dressed is called a sloven, and no one likes to look at her. Her face may be pretty, and her eyes bright, but if there is a spot of dirt on her cheek, and her fingers' ends are black with ink, and her shoes are not laced or buttoned up, and her apron is cirty, and her collar is not buttoned, and her skirt is torn, she cannot be liked. went into a little girl's room once, and all her clothes were on the floor, and her playthings, too. Learn to be neat and when you have learned it, it will almost take care of itself.

The Sofa Gives up.

The "Kentucky Democrat" tells the ollowing of a Catlettsburg gentleman who has five daughters who are of marriageable age, who sent his sofa t be renovated, and the following is a partial list of the articles which had slipped between the back and cushion, as counted and recorded: Forty-seven hair pins, three mustache combs, nine teen suspender buttons, thirteen needles thirty-five cigarettes, eight photographs, 217 pins, seventy-six grains of coffee, forty-seven cloves, twenty-seven cuff buttons, six pocket knives, fifteen poker chips, a vial of homeopathic medicine, thirty-four fifty-nine toothpicks, twenty-eight matches, thirty-nine collar buttons, eleven neckties, two love letters, a few pieces of candy, two dimes, three quarters and one nickle, eight buckles, five lead pencils, one pen and four button-hooks.

Why He Left.

A minister took leave of his congregation, whose principal characteristic was a want of liberality, in the follow-

"Beloved brethren! If I were to say that our parting grieved me greatly, I should be perverting the truth. I am enabled to say good-by to you with tolerable composure, for three reasons: You do not love me, you do not love one another, and the Lord does not have paid me my salary during the last two years. If you loved one another, I should have officiated at more weddings among you. If the Lord loved you, He would have called more f you to Himself, and I should have had more funeral services to conduct." He was not pressed to remain.

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