

English Pluck.

Here is another story, of which a brave Englishwoman is the heroine. In 1794, the 'Betsy,' of London, on her return from Jamaica, was captured off the Lizard by a French frigate. The Frenchman, having taken out of the 'Betsy' her captain and crew, with the exception of the mate, carpenter, cook, and cabin boy, put in charge of the prize a lieutenant and thirteen men. There were left also on board the 'Betsy' a Mrs. Williams and another passenger. Three days later, upon the 'Betsy' being driven by a heavy gale in sight of Guernsey, Mrs. Williams and the three sailors of the captured ship laid a plot for the re-capture. While Mrs. Williams, under the pretence of being ill, kept the lieutenant out of the way, the cabin boy removed all the firearms; and on a given signal that night at eleven o'clock, when the lieutenant was asleep in his berth, Mrs. Williams locked his cabin door, and stood before it with a pistol to prevent its being forced. Meanwhile the Frenchmen on deck were thrust down the force hatchway by three Englishmen. Within twelve hours a fine and favoring breeze brought the ship into Cowes Roads, and when a boat's crew which was signaled came on board they found Mrs. Williams still standing sentinel with a pistol before the lieutenant's door.—T. P.'s Weekly.

How to Become An Old Maid.

Do not seek the attentions of young men. Never notice the men who look at you from the corner of their eyes. Do not employ little devices to attract young men; a man of real worth will seek you for yourself alone. Do not encourage the attentions of too many; such conduct lowers a woman. These are a few of the maxims laid down by a sage who has raised his voice against the practice of flirting indulged in by girls, and very admirable precepts they are—for those who wish to become old maids. Nothing is quite so distasteful to a man as the thought that he is being pursued by a woman. He likes to think, when he courts a girl, that he is storming a citadel that no other man could take, and that victory is only won by his irresistible attraction. To marry a woman who was plainly anxious to tie the Gordian knot makes a man feel that he has been the victim of a confidence trick. The art of leading a man up to the proposing point is a rare gift, bestowed only upon the fair sex. The girl who neglects to employ artifices to call attention to her attractions stands a good chance of having them overlooked.

An Unbroken Spell.

When we have a "spell of weather," and wet weather at that, we have only to recall the climatic conditions of Dartmoor, in England, in order to be thankful for a little. The moor has, says a writer in Cornhill, an eternal procession of clouds, infinitely varied in form, lighted with a white radiance or lowering in gloom, rent, tattered or filmy, gathering, menacing, creeping round to swathe you in a mist of rain, or dropping one of those silvery showers lighted with sunshine from behind. Of heavier rain there is no lack, and all one can say of the perpetually beautiful moor is summed up the verse invented by its enemies: The south wind always brings us rain The north wind blows it back again. The west wind surely means wet weather. The east wind wet and cold together. Apparently the weather in Dartmoor is about as regular as it is in Carleton County. A well known resident of Woodstock listened the other day to a gentleman who expressed the belief that this country was only fit for wolves and Indians to live in, when he broke in with the optimistic remark that he liked the country first rate, the weather was so regular and reliable, the only possible objection to it being that the sleighing in July and August was sometimes rather broken.

Washington's Cave-Dwellers.

The term "cave-dwellers," which is applied to a certain circle in Washington society, is mystifying. Not long ago, it is related in the February Delineator, a newcomer in the Capital City heard the name and determined to get at the bottom of it. When she finally met one of the real cave-dwellers, a stately old dame, she asked her point-blank why she called herself a cave dweller, and the answer cleared away the mystery surrounding the nickname, which, although it was derisively bestowed, is now regarded as a hall-mark of distinction and exclusiveness. "I dwell in Cave-town," said the little old lady, "far up on Pennsylvania Avenue, near the line of Georgetown. Washington, you must know, has been this many a year a bit too garish for some of us old residents, and, like David, we have gone to our caves. You know about David, my dear, who took refuge from Saul in the cave of Adullam. Well, many of us have fled from Saul, Saul being in this case in Washington—new-rich people with more money than manners, with more pride than pedigrees, with more dinners than digestion; therefore, we have fled to our caves. There are many kinds of cave dwellers in Washington. It is an honorable appellation and is assumed by many who really should not claim it, but it has become rather a generic name. It was meant in reality only to cover the names of gentle-folk or high degree and long lineage, who cannot subscribe to the vulgar ostentation of the idle new-rich who have come to our Capital City and set up their palaces."

The Czar a Weakling.

Mr. Andrew D. White, former United States Ambassador to Russia, and one of the best informed Americans on Russian affairs, says regarding the situation in St. Petersburg:— The Czar is a weak man, and cannot know anything about the empire to speak of, because he is surrounded by Grand Dukes, women, etc., who tell him what they want him to believe, and keep all the truth away from him, which they do not wish him to hear. The main difficulty in the whole case is that the Emperor is supposed to do all the thinking for 140,000,000 of people scattered over the largest territory possessed by any government in the world, with different races, religions and ideas, and this no man can do, and least of all in a time like this. The simple fact is, that the evils of the old system have now become absolutely intolerable. And when you add to that fact the sending off of immense numbers of the best young men in the country to an utterly useless and wicked war, and the pressure of taxation, which grinds the people to the dust, you have a situation which none but the strongest rulers in all human history can cope with. The Czar has no strength of character, no proper education, and is hopelessly unfit to grapple with the situation. No doubt the worst of the features of the situation have been kept from him.

A Gloomy Outlook Either Way.

The New York Times tells a story of a white man who was arraigned before a colored justice of peace during reconstruction times for killing a man and stealing his mule. The comparative enormity of such crimes varied with the soil upon which they were committed. In this case the deed was done in Arkansas, near the Texas border. There was some rivalry between the states, but the colored justice tried to preserve an impartial frame of mind. "We's got two kinds ob law in dis yere co't," he said. "Texas law an, Arkansas law. Which will you hab?" The prisoner thought a minute, and then said he guessed he would take Arkansas law. "Den I discharge you fo' stealin' de mule an' hang you to' killin' de man." "Hold on a minute, judge!" called the prisoner. "I would rather have the Texas law." "All right. Under de law ob Texas I fine you fo' killin, de man an' hang you fo' stealin de mule."

FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

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Spaniards, perhaps, more than any people in the world, are addicted to the cigarette habit. Men, women and children smoke continually in public and private. A spaniard without a cigarette would be as strange a sight as a steamboat without a smoke funnel. At last this habit has been recognized as a great national evil, which ought to be curbed by law. The Cortes has before it a bill drafted by the Minister of the Interior, absolutely prohibiting the sale of tobacco, cigars or cigarettes to any person under seventeen years of age. The penalties for violation of the law carry from ten to fifty dollars, with imprisonment in exceptionally flagrant cases. The severity of the measure is justified as imperative for the arrest of radical degeneration. It has been pointed out that tuberculosis is making great and increasing ravages among the Spanish people, and this is largely attributed to the use of cigarettes by boys.

MARRIED.

SPEER-SMALLEY. — At the residence of Mr. Charles J. Smalley, Stickney, Carleton County, N. B., January 25th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Lee E. Speer, of Speersville, Parish of Woodstock, to Annie Ella Smalley, of East Florenceville.

DIED.

CLARK. — At Ashland, Carleton County, N. B., January 16th, of pneumonia, Emeline, aged 67 years, widow of the late Levi Clark, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

LA GRIPPE'S RAVAGES.

The Victims Left Weak, Nerveless and a Prey to Deadly Disease.

La grippe or influenza, which sweeps over Canada every winter, is probably the most treacherous disease known to medical science. The attack may last only a few days, but the deadly poison in the blood remains. You are left with hardly strength enough to walk. Your lungs, your chest, your heart and nerves are permanently weakened, and you fall a victim to deadly pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption, rheumatism, or racking kidney troubles. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills never fail to cure the disastrous after effects of la grippe because they purify the blood and sweep away its poisonous germs. Every dose makes new, warm, rich blood which brings health and healing to every part of the body. This is proved in the case of Miss Dorsina Langlois, of St. Jerome, Que., who says: "I had a severe attack of la grippe, the after effects of which left me racked with pains in every part of my body. My appetite completely failed me; I had severe headaches, was subject to colds with the least exposure, and grew so weak that I was unable to work at my trade as a dressmaker. I tried several medicines without the slightest success until a drug clerk advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I acted upon his excellent advice and the pills rapidly and completely cured me. My strength returned, the headaches and cough disappeared, and I am again enjoying my old-time health. I am satisfied that if sufferers from la grippe will use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills they will speedily recover from those after effects which makes the lives of so many people a burden." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure all the common ailments due to weak and watery blood, such as anaemia, headaches, sideaches, indigestion, neuralgia, rheumatism, sciatics, nervousness, general weakness and the special ailments that growing girls and women do not like to talk about even to their doctors. But only the genuine pills can do this, and you should see that the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is printed on the wrapper around each box. If you cannot get the genuine pills from your druggist send direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be mailed 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

Don't Underestimate Them.

Young men are apt to underestimate the importance of manners. Some people will tell you that if a person is genuine in character it makes a small difference what kind of manners he has. This is not true. A man may have the goodness of a saint, but if he is rude, awkward, lacking refinement, a large measure of the value of his goodness is lost. Manners are the language in which the life interprets itself; oftentimes much of the sweetness and beauty of the heart's gentle thoughts and feelings are lost in the faulty translation. —N. W. Christian Advocate.

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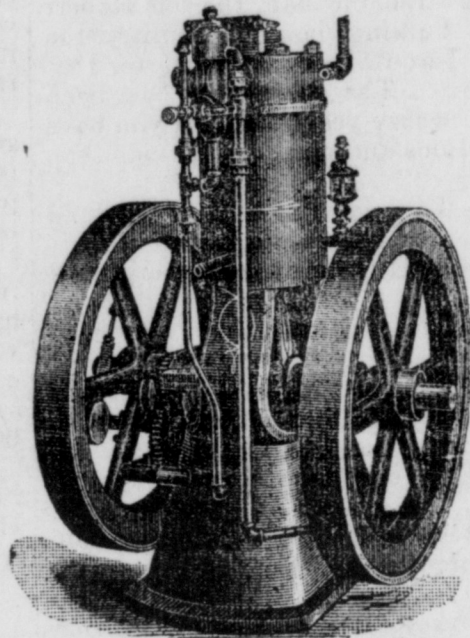
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