

POETRY.

BEFORE THE GATE.

They gave the whole long day to idle laughter, To fitful song and jest, To moods of soberness as idle, after, And silence, as idle, too, as the rest.

SELECT STORY.

A SUMMER IDYL.

BY AGNES GIFFORD.

Gwendoline met her aunt, Mrs. Newcombe, at the little station and drove her up in her own phaeton.

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away with one of her sweet, indulgent smiles and re-entered the house. 'She's a dear little thing—my aunt,' said Miss Gwendoline abruptly, following the little gray figure with her brilliant eyes.

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He had died, leaving her very little property, and she had never loved him. It was hard, Edgar Warfield's manly and chivalrous heart felt, with a glow, that so kindly, so dear and sweet a little woman should have had to bear anything sad in her life.

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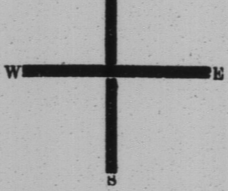
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The word "news" was not, as many suppose, derived from the objective new, but from the fact that many years ago it was customary to put at the head of the periodical publications of the day the initial letters of the compass, thus:



Signifying that the matter contained therein was from the four quarters of the globe. From those letters came the word "news."

This is so neat that it is a pity it is wholly imaginary. It originates with an excellent weekly contemporary and is enjoying a large run in daily journals.

The prosaic truth is that the "news" is a substantive formed of the adjective "new," which is literally now. News, therefore, is simply that which is now. News was spelled originally "newes," which quite dispose of its adaptation to the four points of the compass.

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One of the most simple yet puzzling tricks which may be illustrated by the figures on the face of a watch is called "The Charmed Circle." It is sometimes known as "The Mind Reader."

Care must be taken, however, in hitting the figures to be sure that on the eighth stroke you touch twelve, and then move round the circle to the left, touching each number in regular order.

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"August Flower"

The Hon. J. W. Fenimore is the Sheriff of Kent Co., Del., and lives at Dover, the County Seat and Capital of the State.

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Advertisement for a cinder in the eye. Text: 'A CINDER IN THE EYE. This is the season of summer travel, and through the open windows of the car pours in a cloud of cinders from the locomotive—a needless nuisance, but in our country universal. Having caught a cinder in the eye, it is possible that, by removing it at a while, it may be dissolved by the tears, and vanish; or we may promote the flow of tears by attempting to open the eye now and then, and cause the cinder to be carried off by them. We may also help the flow of tears by seizing the edge of the upper lid, drawing it away from the eyeball, and at the same time blowing the nose smartly, or we may pull the upper lid down over the edge of the lower, and, thrusting the latter up beneath it, make the lower eyelashes do service as a broom in brushing away the offending substance. If these expedients fail we have a sure one in turning over the upper lid and wiping off the cinder. This is easily done by a travelling companion. Take a pencil-case for a fulcrum; place it parallel with the edge of the upper lid, about half an inch above it; then, with the thumb and forefinger of the other hand, seize the upper lid firmly by its eyelashes and free edge, and direct the person to look down, and the moment the eyeball rolls downward, turn the lid quickly over the pencil. Do not wipe the delicate surface of the eyelid with the handkerchief more than is necessary. First find the situation of the offending substance, which possibly may be so small as to be almost invisible; then remove it with the finger or point of the pencil, with the handkerchief turned over the end. The cinder will generally be found at about the middle of the upper lid, not far from the edge. In case the foreign body sticks on the ball of the eye in front of the pupil, it may be wiped off with a bit of paper twisted to a point, or possibly by a bit of soft pine wood (see the free end of a common friction match). If, however, it does not come off easily, surgical aid must be sought as great harm may be done to the transparent point of the eye by the use of a sharp instrument in inexperienced hands.'

Advertisement for the railway traveler's nightmare. Text: 'THE RAILWAY TRAVELER'S NIGHTMARE. The singular and various senses of words in the English language are seen in the following words and their meanings. A sleeper is one who sleeps. Therefore while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper on the sleeper and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.'

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