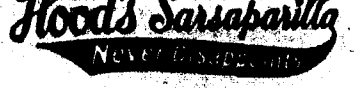


**"The Laborer is Worthy of His Hire."**

"That a wage-earner can earn more if he has vigorous health. The blood is the life-giving and strength-making part of the system. If it is pure, all is well; if not, it should be purified with Hood's Sarsaparilla, which makes the weak strong."



**Labor Notes.**

The laborers of Winnipeg have organized.

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**SWEEPING THE MINT.**

PLACE WHERE UNCLE SAM MAKES HIS MONEY.

Annual House Cleaning Day a Very Important One There—All Waste and Rubbish Gathered Up for Its Weight of Gold Dust.

Within the next few days the annual housecleaning of the United States mint will commence, and, while it is going on, the money factory will be closed to visitors. It is the custom to furnish up the mint about this time every year, two weeks usually being devoted to the work.

Pieces which have been eaten out by the strong acids used in coating will be replaced, and the boilers of the engines will be cleaned. While the mint will be closed to visitors and all college operations cease, the banking and depository departments and the cashier's office will be kept open for the transaction of business.

"Thousands of dollars' worth of gold is found annually among the sweepings of the mint, but this gold was never lost. The art of coating has been reduced to such a fine point that, given a certain quantity of bullion during the year, the color at the mint must turn out a certain amount of coin. The leeway of waste is allowed for almost to a grain, and it is upon the sweepings of the institution, with their thousands of dollars of hidden gold dust, that the coiners count to escape being made an involuntary defaulter.

This is the reason why every wasteful in the mint does not let the water escape in which the employees have washed their hands until it has percolated through a blanket. These pieces of blanket are changed regularly and are faithfully preserved. When housecleaning time comes and they are burned with the rest of the dirt, the tiny, invisible specks of gold that came from off the employees' hands amount to a tidy sum.

The daily sweepings of the mint go into what is known as the "sweep cellar." On this occasion every nook and cranny of the mint is swept with equal diligence and care. Even the roof is swept. And so valuable are the sweepings that a specially provided funnel catches the sweepings and drops them into a clay-bottomed well. The clay is dug up, dried, and removed to the sweep cellar for utilization in connection with the other dirt.

Into this golden dirt pile go any odd pieces of rubbish that may have accumulated during the year. The very shoes the workmen have worn and the leather gloves with which they handled pieces of metal become so grained with precious dust that they are well worth being ground up with the rest of the odds and ends. All the dirt is finally assayed, and, with the rating of its assay, is sold to the highest bidder, who are usually smelters. These sweepings have netted Uncle Sam as much as \$10,000.

The responsibility for bullion worked up in the mint is divided between the official who fills the post of melder and refiner and him who has charge of the coating. The melder and refiner gets the bullion first; from him it goes to the coiner. Each of these assignments is weighed in a separate balance by the government, and each has to watch the waste closely, or come out of the little end of the horn. One would think the government had tied them down pretty well when it fixed the following "legal" limit of waste allowed:

Melder and Refiner—Waste in gold, .001; waste in silver, .0015.

Coiner—Waste in gold, .005; waste in silver, .010.

But the government has got down to the bone file waste, and here is the way the officials must manage the waste if they want to keep within the limits of decent economy:

Allowance to melder and refiner on gold passing through his hands, .75 ounce in 750 ounces, 10 ounces in 10,000 ounces, 500 ounces in 500,000 ounces; on silver passing through his hands, 1.125 ounces in 750 ounces, 15 ounces in 10,000 ounces, 750 ounces in 500,000 ounces.

Allowance to coiner on gold passing through his hands, .875 ounce in 750 ounces, 5 ounces in 10,000 ounces, 250 ounces in 500,000 ounces; on silver passing through his hands, .75 ounce in 750 ounces, 10 ounces in 10,000 ounces, 500 ounces in 500,000 ounces.

Yet so nice is the science of housecleaning at the mint that this limit is scarcely ever touched.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

**Kingly Wooing.**

The manner in which the latest great English courtship has been carried on suggests in some details that employed by Henry VIII. when in search of a bride. He sent Francis Marsyn, James Braybrooke and John Stille to "see whether she has a mustache," and to make other personal observations. In regard to this first particular the investigating commission made answer: "We noticed no hair, save possibly a little down on her lips, and there skin is very clean."

But the work did not stop there. They were to "approach the young Princess between meals and engage her in conversation, so as to get decently as near her mouth as possible, and observe her breath, whether it is sweet or not, whether it smells of some spice, rose-water or musk."

Wherefore here is the grave reply: "Concerning that which relates to the breath of the said young Princess, we could not approach near enough her lips to be certain of this article; however, without seeming to do anything, and as much as modesty would allow, we communicated with the said young Princess, and we must say that we have detected no odor of spice or rose-water, and to judge from the redness of her lips, the Princess's breath is very sweet."

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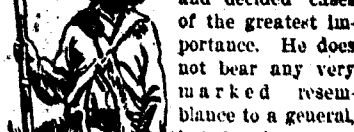
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**GAME FOR TWO LIVES.**

The Romantic and Generous Chivalry of "Wildcat" Smith.

Old "Wildcat" Smith, the last of the famous band of Texas pioneers, is living at a hale and hearty age near Caldwell, Texas. He does not look like a lawyer, but he is nevertheless, a fat upon a camp stool and a decided cool of the greatest importance. He does not bear any very marked resemblance to a general, but he has commanded a considerable force in battle, and while military critics might have complained that he was deficient in strategic ability, none ever charged him with a lack of valor. Few people would discover in his face or manner any of those traits that distinguish a duelist, but he has demonstrated that he possesses them all in an eminent degree by ordering "pistols and coffee for two" more than once. Upon one occasion he had the audacity to invite General Houston, who was at that period president of the republic, to "come out and exchange shots" with him. He says that the old warrior "floored" him by coolly making a note on a slip of paper and putting it in his desk. In answer to the enraged challenger's inquiry, the General simply said: "Mr. Smith, you are the fool; when I have killed these other thirty-nine damned scoundrels, who have challenged me I will accommodate you, Be patient, Sir."



Smith came to Texas in 1836, and served in the Texan army through all the long wars with Mexico. He was also a soldier in the great civil war, and when that ended he enlisted to fight Indians and remained on the border until there were no more Comanches to shoot.

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Sick headaches! Always trace them to a lazy liver or a sick stomach. Poisonous matter, instead of being thrown out, is reabsorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, awful, throbbing, sickening pain. **CASCARETS** remove the cause by stimulating the liver, making the poison move on and out, and purifying the blood. The effect is almost instantaneous. Ladies, whose sensitive organisms are especially prone to sick headaches, do not suffer, but find relief in **CASCARETS Candy Cathartic**.

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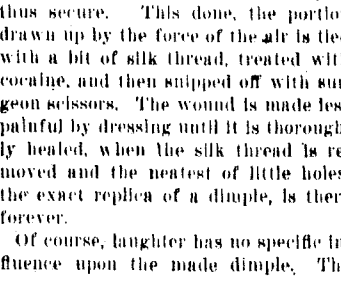
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**DIMPLES MADE TO ORDER.**

Paris Furgeons Devise a Way to Improve on Nature's Handiwork. The hall mark of beauty lies in those little indentations made presumably by the finger of Cupid, but which so few women possess naturally.

Being able to change the shape of the nose or the color of the eyes it follows that science has taken the making of dimples upon its hands and now one of the cleverest surgical operations results with little pain to the patient in a perfect imitation of the indentation wrought by the god of love and beauty himself. Paris originates it, of course. The method as practiced by the skillful surgeon who discovered the secret is to draw up the flesh in either chin or cheek by means of a glass suction tube, of course an infinitesimal amount of cellulose being all that is necessary to this cure. This done, the portion drawn up by the force of the air is tied with a bit of silk thread, treated with cocaine, and then snipped off with surgical scissors. The wound is made less painful by dressing until it is thoroughly healed, when the silk thread is removed and the neatest of little holes, the exact replica of a dimple, is there forever.

Of course, laughter has no specific influence upon the made dimple. The



MAKING DIMPLES.

face in repose, in sorrow, in joy, will always be a dimpled one—a drawback that surgery has not yet been able to overcome. The made dimple is not responsive to emotions, but it is a potent factor in the charm of the feminine face.

**Pale as Death**

Miss Cordelia Moore, of Malone, N. Y., until recently, has been ailing invalid from palpitation of the heart and was known as "Pale as Death." Physicians were puzzled over her case, their most skillful efforts were baffled. Various remedies were tried without avail. The proverbial "change of climate" was advised, but the constant change upon her until, to quote her mother's words, "she became a living ghost."

Miss Moore's sister, upon advice of a friend began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and before the first box was used she noticed a change. She began to regain her appetite and felt better generally. After finishing the first box she was able to get up and go about her usual work. She felt strong and gained in flesh. I never felt better in my life than I do now. I wish I could give you the name of the doctor who cured me.

From The Connecticut, Malone, N. Y.

**First Bank Run in London.**

The first "run" upon the banking institutions in London of which any record exists took place in 1697, in which several Lombard street bankers and goldsmiths who had loaned out the money entrusted to them found themselves unable to meet demands for immediate payment. Many creditors assembled and riots ensued. Four bankers were hanged at their own doors before order could be restored and the creditors persuaded that they were not being swindled.

**Disproportion of Sexes.**

The disproportion of the sexes is still very great in Australia. In Western Australia, e. g. there were only 54,000 women in a population of 165,000.

**At the average picnic, there is too much speaking.**

**Death Mask of Ingersoll.**

Taken from the plaster cast made just after death.

Both in One. A writer in the Ladies' Home Journal credits—or charges—William M. Everts with a sharp saying about the ladies. At a reception in Washington Mr. Everts was drawn into a discussion between two ladies.

"Mr. Everts," said one, "do you not think I am right in saying that a woman is always the best judge of another woman's character?"

"Madam," replied Mr. Everts, "she is not only the best judge, but also the best executioner."

**Modest Appeal.**

The attention of English speaking visitors to the Milan Cathedral is readily attracted by the following notice, which appears over an altar-box:

"Appeal to Charitable. The Brothers, so-called, of Mercy ask slender arms for the Hospital. They harbor all kinds of diseases, and have no respect to religion."

**Remember that you can buy Jesse Moore's A. A. Whiskey for the same price that is paid for ordinary whiskey. For sale by all first class Dealers and Druggists.**

Dwight T. Moody, the evangelist, prides himself on the fact that there is not one expert shorthand reporter out of 50 who can make a verbatim report of his sermons.

**Fence and Iron Works.**

PORTLAND WIRE & IRON WORKS; WIRE and Iron fencing; office railing, etc. '86. Alder

Miss Margaret Loft, daughter of the secretary of the navy, and Miss Mabel Austin, daughter of ex-Governor Austin of Minnesota, are studying medicine together.

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**Improves Train Equipment.**

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connections made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlbut, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

Lord Brassey is going to England at the end of the present year. His term of office as governor of Victoria expires in October, 1900, but in all probability he will not serve quite the full term.

**DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED.**

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed, the hearing is impaired, and if not cured, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. None of the deaf are cured by surgery. We will give you Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by the Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHERNEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists. Full Family Pills are the best.

**Richard Mansfield started in life in London as a painter. He had poor luck, however, and often used to spend his meal hours outside of restaurant windows instead of behind them.**

Charles E. Bessey, who has been elected acting chancellor of the University of Nebraska, has spent most of the time since he first entered college in botanical research.

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Children's teeth require special attention. A spool of dental floss should be kept in a convenient place, and a piece of the silk passed between the teeth after eating. If the first teeth are defective, or decay quickly, a dentist should be consulted and his advice followed in the hope that the permanent set may be benefited by it.—September Ladies' Home Journal.

Ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle when preparing a case or a speech mechanically plays solitaire. He will begin sometimes early in the evening and be at the game until long after midnight. Although his mind is on the more serious matter, he rarely makes a mistake.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. M. M. M. Plunstead, Kent, England, Nov. 4, 1894.

Mrs. Rathbone, wife of Major Esten C. Rathbone, director of the posts of Cuba, was one of the organizers of the Daughters of the Revolution in Ohio, where her husband was at one time a member of the state senate.

Professor Wiesner, principal of the University of Vienna, has been severely reprimanded by Count Bylandt-Ikheidt, the Austrian minister of education, for having signed the international address of learned men appealing to the czar of Russia in behalf of Finland.

Richard Mansfield started in life in London as a painter. He had poor luck, however, and often used to spend his meal hours outside of restaurant windows instead of behind them.

Charles E. Bessey, who has been elected acting chancellor of the University of Nebraska, has spent most of the time since he first entered college in botanical research.

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