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Wabbly and Weak Versus Solid and Strong.

Water can't rise above its level.

Nor can a community rise above the level of its citizenship.

If the citizens are lukewarm, limp and lazy, the town will be wishy-washy, wabbly and weak.

If the citizens have VERTEBRA, VIM AND VIGOR, the town will be substantial, solid and strong.

Let's all brace up and make this town of ours a place of energy, ambition and enterprise.

Birds Foresaw Storm.

A German officer describes in the Rote-Kreuz a curious scene he witnessed on a ride in southwest Africa. A number of vultures, eagles and other large birds suddenly gathered on the trees at one place. A few dark clouds were visible, and ere long there was a violent tropical storm. The water penetrated into holes in the ground, from which presently emerged large numbers of snakes, scorpions and mice, and these the birds pounced upon and devoured.

The Ideal School.

If you want to make a nation of "boodles" by all means cram the boys and girls in your schools with plenty of arithmetic, but if you would rather have a nation of good men and women, then train your children to love all that is beautiful in nature and in art, all that is noble in life or in death. The school of the future will be a beautiful building in a beautiful garden.—Clarion.

The Deep Things of Life.

The hymn line, "Cast your deadly doing down" was long ago discredited and laughed out of court. Nevertheless, one who pins faith to ceaseless activities, even of philanthropy and reform, who is contemptuous of poetry, philosophy and religion, who forgets to draw from the perennial wells of courage and inspiration, will sooner or later walk in a barren land of petty interests, unable to discover the springs of refreshment.

Peter Pan in Real Life.

The lucky man is the man who through all the seasons of many years remains at heart a boy. He will be asked by boys to share boyish amusements and to fall in with boys' ideas of what sport should be, which is the best compliment of all. He has a man's store of experience, an added patience, a maturer philosophy, but in all else he remains a boy.—London Field.

Greek Architecture.

It is astonishing that students of Greek literature and Greek thought should not be definitely trained in the knowledge of Greek architecture. He who knows only the literary expression of ancient Greece, great as that is, knows but one-half of the achievements of "the supreme Caucasian mind."—The Builder.

The Highest Character.

The highest of characters, in my estimation, is his who is as ready to pardon the moral errors of mankind as if he were every day guilty of some himself; and at the same time as cautious of committing a fault as if he never forgave one.—Pliny the Younger.

Silk Hat Economy.

We may regard London as the home of the silk hat, and we feel sure that here the free ironing of customers' hats has had a very pernicious effect on the trade. The average silk hat wearer will buy only one of these hats in a year.—Outfitter.

Cultivate Cheerfulness.

Temperament may not be overcome, but it can be modified. The best character that you can take as your guide is one absolutely true and always cheerful. Cheerfulness is one of the first of virtues.

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Honest, industrious woman wanted to introduce our large line of foreign and domestic dress goods, waistings, trimmings, etc., among friends, neighbors and townspeople. We prefer a woman who has a trade already worked up. Should be able to earn $25 or more weekly. Dealing direct from the mills our prices are low and patterns exclusive. No money required. Write us for particulars. Standard Dress Goods Co., 109 7th St., Binghamton, N. Y.

GRANDMA LYONS

Discourses on the Hypocrisy of the Times, and Wonders "What the World's a Comin' to."

EDITOR ECCENTRIC:

It du beet awl what this wurld's cummin' tu! Sich goin's on I never tho't I wood live tu see! Things seem sorter upside tip. Murders, suicides, divorces an' the upliftin' reedin' mostly we gets nowdays, with now and then a Pollytick, and faint down in the slums mother. "Tall happens up in what they call 400. I don't no whether that means 400 stories high or not. No tellin', as they keeps buildin' hier'n hier; but howsumever I reeds how Mrs. Vandergool's run off with her coachman, Mister Vandergool sues for a breech o' promise, and she brings in a cross Bill. I don't no who he is, unless he is an actor. Mister Gilcorry hires his wife to go away, gives her a deed of the west 40 if she won't say a wurd if he marries sum one eleganter than she, as she is a sorter back number—good woman an' all that, but tu slow. Men don't want good, trew wives; it's tu old fashioned. Then old man Monopoly has run away with Miss Gushinton he with a wife an' grown-up children! an' she eyedolized only child. Then 'nuther man an' woman run off together, both leevin' families an' children. I ain't s'prise tu the man, but when a woman'll du that I, fer one, ain't any use fer her.

But that ain't all. Sum men wander over the universe marryin' every one they cum tu till they git caut at it by a copper, if yu no what that is; maybe it's a copperhead. Ministers an' quire girls is noted fer runnin' away an' actin' up. Oh! why is this thus? Because peeple trijle with sin. But how ministers, that is always holdin' 4th tu his deluded followers the goodness of God, an' be actin' up at the same time, is beyond me. When men goes tu church an' pots all the way from 10 cents tu 10 dollars in the pass baskits, an' hollers a men, an' don't no what at, then goes home an' kisses the cook while the missisis havin' a chat in the parler with only a gentleman friend. I say that is trifliu' with sin. It makes my hart ake, an' I can't help it.

I'll say tu Jimmie: "Now that is a nice old man; now I hope yu'll bee like him when yu git big... "What! that old baldhead, grannar? Why, he guzzles beer an' runs arter the girls!" Then he ses, "My! but ye'rinnercent!" Then I ses: "Why don't yu go with Mister Panhandle's boys they're so nice?" "Oh, yes, grannar! an' play cards an' go off on toots, an' steal melons an' things."

I say tu Rachel: "Now yu go an' see Mrs. Tanner; she's nice an' I like yer tu go with her she is so sereda'e." "Oh, granma! She asked me tu go tu a card party; sed they had wine an' played fer munney; but I did not have any mun, so I didn't go. Why, what's the matter, granma? goin' tu faint?" An' I ses, ses I, "Matter 'nuff; don't ye no any good ones? or is everybuddy bad?" "Aw! cum off yer perch, granny; ye'r tu slow. Everybuddy's good, only ye'r ain't yuse tu the times!"

Now, when I was a gal, gals weren't so bold an' forerd, an' yu see sum 'taint now; they're skurse, tho. I say that a heep site of trubble mite be saved if marrid men kep' there luv fer there wives an' children instead of spreddin' it all around girls an' other wimmin. If yung girls wood bestow there smiles on fathers an' brothers, an' let old men an' marrid men alone, there'd be a mitey lot less divorces ner there is. Girls giggle an' oggle an' make eyes at the boys, an' call it flirtin'; an' flirtin', yu will find (mind what I tell yu) has, next to the grog-shop, made more broken harts—more broken homes—more murders more suicides an' more lunyticks than anything else under the sons. Now, I don't go fer tu say any one starts out flirtin', meanin' any harm, an' sumtimes it don't du any, but ag'in tu late is the cry, "We have gon tu far;" an' as there is no restrainin' hand it gose on. I am only a poor old granmar, but I wood like tu say tu my fellerman an' fellerwoman, when yu want tu flirt paws an' pawnder, an' see how yu ar cummin' out an' then don't flirt—cut it out, as Jimmy ses. But I don't see as yu kin du it with sheers; it will hav te be dun litterally.

There's a time to call a halt to so much frivolty an' foolishness in old as well as yung. Life is tu short in spendin' one half in frivolity an' the other half in regrets, for sooner or later regrets will cum unless all that is good is crushed in the mad rush for munney, dress, show an' excitement. Pleas forgive an old lady if she seems harsh, an' God be with you till wee meat ag'in.

GRANMA LYONS.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on November 4, 1908:

E. F. Roberson, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. A. E. McLintock, Mrs. Charles Warren.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

FROM FAR WEST

Birmingham and Its People Still Remembered by Former Residents Now in California.

The following letter, recently received by Mrs. and Miss Utter, will doubtless prove of interest to many of our older residents:

AUBURN, California.

MY DEAR MRS. AND MISS UTTER:

You will be surprised to hear from us, in our far-away Western home, but I have not forgotten you.

How are you both? Do you still live in Birmingham, and are you good for another 20 years, Mrs. Utter? We hope so. Are you still teaching in Detroit, Miss Utter?

Mr. Waldo's school is in a beautiful new brick building. He has the sciences only to teach, in a fine laboratory which cost $5,000 to fit up. He receives $120 per month, with a rise in view to $200. He is in fine health and spirits—better than he has been for years and years.

Lulu graduated from Wilson College, in Pennsylvania, last June. She came home, took the examination in 24 subjects, (which lasted six days,) passed it, and is engaged to teach at Clipper Gap, up in the mountains, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, at $65 per month. She will come home Friday nights and stay until Saturday night.

Lucile is a Junior in the Placer County High School, the one in which Mr. Waldo teaches. She is a good, thorough student, and expects to attend one of the State Normals and fit herself for a kindergarten teacher.

Harold keeps about the same as when you last saw him, except that he has grown taller and much larger. He reads and studies all the time. We might call him our encyclopedia, for he is authority on any subject we bring up, from birds to points of fashion in dress and building. He is excellent company for us all.

We are all very well, indeed. In some respects we like California; in others we do not. Harold dislikes it very, very much. I do not care for the six months of sunshine and the six of rain; I prefer to have things evened up. There is too much drinking here, and its attendant evils. I presume it is better in Southern California. We hope we may see for ourselves some day.

How are Mrs. Corson, Belle and Harold? The Hagermans and Allens? In fact, all our old friends? Where is Carrie Mitchell practicing osteopathy?

I must close, with love from us all and wishes for many happy returns of the day.

I am yours,

MRS. E. F. WALDO.

If you suffer from constipation and liver trouble Foley's Orino Laxative will cure you permanently by stimulating the digestive organs so they will act naturally. Foley's Orino Laxative does not gripe, is pleasant to take and you do not have to take laxatives continually after taking Orino. All druggists.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Themes for sermons: Sunday morning. "Submission, Yieldedness" Evening, the second in the series of services on, "Four First Things." "The First and Second Birth."

B. Y. P. U., "Missionary and Evangelicol Zeal." Reader, Mr. Rogers.

The Door Knob caller announcing the series of sermons was delayed by the sickness of the printer, but is now out and will be distributed this week.

A number of the young people, and some of the older ones surprised Miss Alice Crary, on Monday evening, a real good time is reported.

The business meeting of the B. Y. P. U. was held at the home of Miss Eva McClellen, on Tuesday evening,—a pleasant and a profitable gathering.

It is expected that special meetings will begin at the Royal Oak, Baptist church soon, with Rev. George W. Bates assisting the Pastor, who will use his stereopticon for the evening and the song service.

Winter blasts, causing pneumonia, pleurisy and consumption will soon be here. Cure your cough now, and strengthen your lungs with Foley's Honey and Tar. Do not risk starting the winter with weak lungs, when Foley's Honey and Tar will cure the most obstinate coughs and colds, and prevent serious results. All druggists.

FOUND IN CHICAGO TO THE LADIES.

Here's to the garden of Eden,
Which Adam was always a weedin'
Till Eve by mistake
Got bit by a snake,
Who on the ripe pippins was feedin

Then a longin' it seemed to posess her
For clothing sufficient to dress her,
And ever since then
It's been up to us men
To pay for the dresses. God bless her!

Foley's Honey and Tar clears the air passages, stops the irritation in the throat, soothes the inflamed membranes, and the most obstinate cough disappears. Sore and inflamed lungs are healed and strengthened, and the cold is expelled from the system. All druggists.

SAVED ONCE MORE

The Election on Tuesday Appears to Have Been a Consolidation of Voters in One Great Camp.

This is certainly the era of mergers, political as well as commercial. All the great Northern States have gone so solidly Republican that that party has apparently swallowed the Democrat and Prohibition parties, along with the few socialists, anarchists, and Hearst followers. Yes, it certainly is a great merger.

The Solid South is solid still, but smaller—the fringe on the north border having been clipped by Taft's supporters.

In Michigan it is the same old story, only more so, except for Governor. Hemans chased Warner all over the Lower Peninsula, but the latter succeeded in scoring on a close finish.

In this county Democrats pinned their faith on Richmond for Sheriff, but again were they doomed to disappointment. Harris was a winner by a good margin. The balance of the Republican ticket was also elected by—well, say: they haven't got through counting yet.

No need to ask the politics of any county official in Michigan. Just set 'em down as Republican, and it's seldom you'll have to guess again.

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HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT.

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss. Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, made on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1908, four months from that date were allowed creditors to present their claims against the

Estate of Thomas Quarton,

Late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 4th day of February next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court on Monday, the 4th day of February next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of that day—Dated October 5, A. D. 1908.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Probate Clerk. oct15nov13

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New Jap Teas, per lb., 50c and	35c
	35c

Cape Cod Cranberries, qt	12c	Fancy Oranges, per doz	40c
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs	10c	Large, ripe Bananas, doz	20c
Crisp Celery, 3 stalks for	10c	Fresh Chestnuts, per lb	20c
New Apricots	15c	Smyrna Layer Figs, per lb.	20c
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