

THE GARAGE PROBLEM.

Birmingham Eccentric:

We believe we have a solution for the garage problem, which has been more or less troublesome to some of the residents.

Certain live stock raisers have agreed to remove the garages from the village, commencing October 20. The garages must be free from glass, rubalish, or any "doctor's prescription." These men inform us that several times discarded medicine has been thrown into garages with fatal results to swine.

All those wishing to have their garage collected Wednesday, October 30, will notify, without delay, any one of the following parties: Clerk's Office, Telephone 154, Manager, 459; Robert O. Morse, Royal Oak, Telephone 338; Street Address, 315 Ninth Street, Royal Oak.

G. A. ABBOTT,
Village Manager.

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE REDGEWAY FAMILY IS TAKEN.

On October 19th, after the lapse of only a week, the death angel entered the home of Mrs. Edward Redgeway, of 501 Brown Street, the second time and took her little son, James Chilton, aged two years and seven months. As in the case of his father, who died October 12, the immediate cause of death was pneumonia.

Services were conducted from the porch of the home, on Monday, October 21st, and interment was in Roseland Cemetery, beside the body of his father. The services were in charge of Rev. David H. Curry, of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Redgeway has the sympathy of the community in the hour of her double sorrow.

OUR HONOR LIST.

All persons taking the limit of War Savings Stamps, one thousand dollars (\$1,000), are listed below. There is plenty of room for many more:

- T. R. DONOVAN.
- FIRST NATIONAL BANK.
- FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK.
- A. I. PHILP, JR.
- MRS. MARGARET T. BARBOUR.
- VILLAGE OF BIRMINGHAM.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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Regular services as follows:
Public Worship at 9:30 a. m.
Sunday School at 12:00
Epworth League at 6:30.
Evening Service at 7:30.
Prayer Meeting at 7:45.
Pastor and people extend a cordial invitation to all.

Coughed So He Couldn't Sleep.
Bronchial coughs, tickling in throat and asthmatic spasms break one's rest and weaken one so that the system is run down and serious sickness may result. Enos Halbert, of Indianapolis, writes: "I had a severe cold and coughed continually at night; could hardly sleep; my head ached and I felt very much." Sold everywhere. Adv.

Malarial Scourge.

Malarial fevers are by far the greatest scourge of the rural districts of Venezuela. In the one state of Carabobo, with a population of 198,306, there were 1,484 deaths from malaria last year.

May Be New Source of Oil.

It is believed that large quantities of an oil with many commercial uses can be obtained from the nuts of the royal palm, which grows prolifically in central and tropical South America.

Fair Warning.

In the reign of Charles II a certain worthy divine at Whitehall thus addressed himself to the auditory at the conclusion of his sermon: "In short, if you don't live up to the precepts of the gospel, but abandon yourselves to your irregular appetites, you must expect to receive your reward in a certain place which 'tis not good manners to mention here."—Laconia.

Glanders in the Cat Family.

Glanders is an ailment usually associated with horses, but an outbreak of this disease among the lions and tigers of the Rome Zoological garden is reported in the Annali d'Igiene. The disease is known to have been transmitted from horses to lions, tigers and leopards, and the domestic cat was shown susceptible by laboratory inoculation.

How Chinese Preserve Eggs.

The Chinese have a method of preserving eggs in somewhat the same manner as milk is preserved in cheese. "Cheesified" eggs are called "chuan," which is made by placing ducks' eggs in a solution of black tea, salt, lime and wood ashes for nearly six months. The eggs are then drained, coated with rice hulls and placed upon the steamed.

Height of Clouds Varies.

Thunderstorm clouds are very variable in height—from 500 to 2,000 feet. The clouds in thunderstorms may be very deep—from two to five miles and more—hence the appearance as to distance is very deceptive. Cumulus clouds are intermediate, and generally occupy a position from 2,000 to 5,000 feet above the earth.

THE IDEAL

By RANSOME HARRADEN.

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He was thirty, fancied himself confessed in a business way, lived respectably, earned a good salary, was smiling and friendly with everyone and seemed settled down into a rut of sunny contentment. Through the whole neighborhood his name was known by the name of "The Ideal."

So much for the surface indications, yet the man had his ideal and led a dream life. Just over the mantel was a photograph of an exquisitely lovely young woman, a girl of his own set back in a deep, rich frame. Whenever Woods came home with a rose or a carnation in his buttonhole, he would place it next to that delicate, lifelike face about which he had built up a secret romance that pleased his fancy and satisfied his soul.

"A sister? A relative?" once his landlady ventured to insinuate, but Woods only smiled in a noncommittal way and looked with an admiring glance at the portrait:

"Is she not truly sweet and beautiful?"

It was a year ago when Woods had secured that photograph. Always he had a mental conception of his ideal—a perfect woman. One day he stood spellbound. His vision had materialized. Coming out from the entrance to a photograph gallery was the being he had dreamed in fancy. Ere he could get back to earth again, she had disappeared in the moving crowd. He had never seen her since.

But about two months later, passing the same photograph rooms, in the case outside among the exhibition portraits was her own. It was a perfect piece of artistic work. He entered and indicated to its proprietor that he wished to buy a certain picture.

"Oh! we never sell those," demurred the proprietor.

"But you give me her name—can you give me her address?" pressed the eager Woods.

"I cannot. The young lady ordered half a dozen came after them, paid for them." But then, after due persuasion and a liberal monetary offer, Woods succeeded in securing the prize. That lovely picture was a comfort to him.

One day Woods came home ill, and the landlady called a doctor. The latter ordered him to bed, and said to the landlady:

"Mr. Woods is going to have several weeks of illness. I see no particular danger, but you had better advise his near relatives."

"Brief, son, brief!" exclaimed the wholehearted landlady, "he has told me a hundred times he has none. No, sir, only in the neighborhood. Even the street children fairly idolize him, he is so kind and thoughtful of all."

The next morning Woods was in the throes of fever. The doctor noticed lying on a table a lot of little sealed and directed envelopes.

"What are those?" he inquired curiously.

"Recitation envelopes, sir," explained the landlady. "You see, sir, every last day of the month it has been the custom of Mr. Woods to give a lot of poor, hard-working people a little money. It may be to one family enough for a week's food, admission to some entertainment, a horse-hall and bat for a lad, a doll for a girl. Little surprises, regular as the sun, and, oh! bringing such joy and gladness. He said last night if he was going to be sick, he'd better arrange for the regular donations."

"A remarkable man; certainly a good one," mentally approved the doctor. Then he looked fixedly, and in some surprise, at the photograph on the mantel.

"Why! Who is this?" he inquired.

"That is never told anybody, sir," Dr. Ransome Nelly the next morning addressed Miss Eva Winton, the young lady who had charge of the office for half a dozen physicians.

"Miss Winton," he said, "I have a patient who seems to have no friends, and I found your photograph in his room."

"How can that be?" questioned the young lady. "I have but six pictures, and can account for them all."

"Well, it is mystery enough, and my patient is interesting enough to make me desirous of having you go with me on my call today."

Miss Winton was as much at sea as ever when she saw the photograph in question. Woods was in a mild delirium. He would babble of pretty rural scenes, of glowing sunsets. Then the doctor and Miss Winton exchanged enlightening glances, as his mind seemed to wander over his ideal, the picture, its original. And thus it came about, because the soul of the patient revealed a palace with only beautiful thoughts, that doctor and the girl became intensely interested in this strange man who cherished this most peculiar romance.

Eva called to leave medicine, and would sit around and chat with the landlady. One afternoon the patient opened his eyes. For the first time consciously, they fell upon the face of his visitor. His own was glorified with a rapturous smile. He half-kissed himself. "She comes to me!" he cried. "The vision is true. I am content, and sank back exhausted."

"What will come of it?" speculated the landlady a week later, when all the story was known to Eva, and she came daily to visit the convalescent.

"What could come of it, but mutual regard and the love that grew strong and deeper as the days went by!

Beneficial Shorebirds.
All the shorebirds are strikingly beneficial in their food habits. The slaughter of these game birds deprives the farmer of valuable allies against some of the worst crop pests. Such game birds as quail, grouse and pheasant take less insect food than the shorebirds, yet all of them do a certain amount of good. "Even hawks and owls have a bad name which for the most part is undeserved. It is said, and indiscriminate persecution of these birds is a serious mistake."

Protection for Carrier Pigeons.
Carrier pigeons in China are protected from birds of prey by an apparatus consisting of bamboo tubes fastened to the birds' bodies. As the pigeon flies, the air passing through the tubes produces a shrill whistling sound, which keeps the birds of prey at a distance.

Dream Makes Author.
A well-known dream in which the facts are vouched for is that of H. L. Stevenson. This popular writer could dream when he liked, and could complete an unfinished dream of the previous night. According to Mr. James Payn, himself a famous author, Stevenson had a nightmare of a dual personality, and on that basis wrote the novel of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."—Tit-Bits.

Would Make Thick Earth Crust.
The amount of land above sea level in the world would make a crust 600 feet thick if evenly distributed all over the globe.

Matter of Disposition.
"How do they fish for pearls, dad?" "Well, some wives threaten and others nag."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

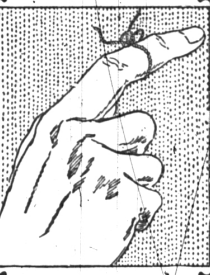
Frames Cleared.
To keep picture frames from becoming fly specked, rub them with water in which onions have been boiled.

Optimistic Thought.
Remember kindness received; forget those who have done.

The "Perfect Beauty."
It is a familiar axiom that there are no duplicates in nature. The biologists claim that this is one of the causes for differences in the features of the same person—that nature never models two eyes or ears in an exactly identical way. But there are persons in whom the difference is so small that it practically does not exist. And nearly always this is a woman. Then we get what is called a "perfect beauty."—Exchange.

Cleaning Leather.
Leather-covered furniture may be washed with castile soap and luke warm water and with soft, fine wool, the oil in the soap preserving the leather and helping to keep it soft. You might try this treatment carefully on the imitation leather.

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Bird and Insect Workers.
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The Arabic Language.
There is no language more poetical than the Arabian language, where snow is called "hair of the mountain" and the rainbow is "bride of the sky." Red mud is "the slum of fishes," maiden hair (translated by "little cane of the well." Ordinary Arabic words show an extraordinary gift of description. The word "news" is expressed thus: "when the charcoal takes root and the only book." Uncontrolled ascendancy of imagination marks the Arab and endows his nature with a fascination all its own. An outdoor life is his heritage, and the things of nature are a part of himself. Spring he calls "green," summer is "glorious," autumn is "fruit," winter is "ralay."

Papyrus Still Grows.
When Egypt was overrun with warlike races, there was little interest in literature, and the papyrus plant that grew beside the Nile died out for lack of cultivation. It is still found, however, in marshy ground bordering rivers in Syria, Sicily and other places.

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