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## THE DECREASE OF DOCTORS.

A Boston physician is quoted as saying that the people's health is improving and the doctors are starving. He adds that "if the doctors keep on declining in numbers as fast in the next 25 years as they have in the past 25 there will not be many left." The doctors, like the poor, will be "let ways with us," for do what we may to promote health and to avoid disease there are times necessarily when the physician's services are required. Probably if everybody took the trouble to keep his house in sanitary order and guarded himself against illness and maladies to the best of his ability the most of the doctors soon would be looking for a different sort of a job. But the average man does not do these things, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. The doctors themselves are doing the best they can for the people, but there are lots and lots of people who do not get interested. The doctors, the boards of health and the sanitary engineers are working constantly for better health conditions and there is improvement almost everywhere, but the results achieved would be infinitely greater and more beneficial and far-reaching if the general public could be awakened to the importance of co-operating in the work.

This country is so big and has such varied and vast agricultural resources that it is never safe to generalize much about the harvests of a year until they come. It is easy to exaggerate the effect upon the country of a serious damage to one crop in one locality, or even in a group of states. For example, the talk of a drought in the wheat crop may prove altogether premature and misleading, says the Cleveland Leader. Nothing whatever can be known about spring wheat for the present, and the winter wheat situation differs widely in different parts of the country. In Kansas, one of our great wheat-growing states, the prospects are good for a yield nearly or quite double that of 1911. In Oklahoma, another important state on the wheat map, there is a notable change for the better by comparison with last year. Texas has a million bushels more wheat than that big state produced a year ago. Missouri promises an important gain over the figures for 1911. Such facts go far toward offsetting the widespread and serious damage done in Ohio and other states of the northwestern winter wheat belt by the severe weather of January, February and March.

A court of domestic relations in Chicago has decided that a wife is not obliged "to follow her husband and hold out her hand like a monkey for money," but is entitled legally to her share of his means. This will be regarded as an intolerable assault upon sacred and vested rights by the class of husbands who think a wife has no use for money beyond care, and that while the wife does her part of the business of the domestic firm, the husband is the only one entitled to handle the cash.

A St. Louis woman testified in a divorce suit that her husband "pelted her with money, compelled her to spend \$100 a week in clothes alone, and that she could not count all the money he gave her. And yet she was not satisfied. It may be remembered that some time ago another woman wanted a divorce because her husband wanted the perfect. The unrequited money was not hers, she hears so much must have a queer twist in it.

A Chicago authority blames fault for the spread of tuberculosis. If the agitation keeps on sooner or later some form of restriction will fall upon these false and faithless household ornaments who do not hesitate to sit out an audience on a single floor with unbecomingly clean. Justice is slipping her sandals off.

King George has proved his courage by going down in a submarine boat. But it is not known if he is a man's story that he does not dare put a hat of pearls in a court room.

## PROTESTING AGAINST NOISE.

There is to be an international ontological congress at the Harvard Medical School next August, which will be attended by 500 distinguished physicians from all over the world. One of the prominent topics will be the suppression of noise. It is contended, says the prospectus of this meeting, that the hustle and bustle of city life, the tooting of whistles, the roar of trains and other noises are taking their toll from the health of the community. The ear is becoming abnormal and blunted, the sensitive mechanism of hearing, in an effort to exclude the never-ending annoyance, is thickening. Gradually the roar of the city works upon the nerves and brain, producing irritation and exhaustion. Nervous prostration, a disease of cities, is one result; deafness, another, and suffering to the weak and convalescent still another. The more noise a community has the closer it is to barbarism, says the Ohio State Journal. A man has a natural right to the quiet of the air. Any invasion of that right, except it be for the general welfare, shows a lack of civilization. The idea of permitting a man to annoy a whole street by crying some war, or a railroad by awakening a community by puffing through it after midnight, or a trolley car crashing through a ragged switch, disturbing a whole neighborhood, or a great auto rumbuling along a residence avenue, burying every home in its noise—these and more like them are uncivilized practices and are allowed because the rights of people are not yet recognized.

Some Iowa farmers advocate pigs as antidotes for dandelions. Just fence in your lawn and turn a pig in there, they say, and the dandelions will soon be gone. No doubt, but what about the lawn? "Pigs in lawns" may do little harm, for mowing machines are heavy enough to traverse bog-walled ground, but the ordinary lawn mower would make slow progress over a thoroughly footed yard. The pigs, we are assured, will go after the dandelions in earnest, because they like them; they will not merely nibble off the tops, but go down into the soil and get the roots. That sounds like a good thing. But after getting all the roots of the dandelions what then? Possibly a well-mannered pig would not molest the grass but all pigs are not well-mannered. Besides, our city ordinances are so elastic regarding the matter of pig culture in front lawns that an obstacle seems to arise there, says the Omaha Bee. It may be over-much skepticism, but somehow there is an ill odor of suspicion about this pig scheme making good.

The New York Telephone Company has given twenty of its office men outside work as solicitors, and has supplied the vacancies created in their former positions by engaging women, who will be known as cashiers. Their business is to handle the large sums of nickels, dimes and quarters which reach the offices of the company from pay stations in different parts of the city. It is safe by officials of the company that they have found women more inclined to see the value of yielding to temptation than men in handling cash. And yet there are men who assert that women have no sense of business honor.

Louisville is the nickel town of the country. No case is on record of a man or woman getting something worth less than \$1 and giving a larger amount than the cost of the purchase that the shopkeeper didn't include several nickels in the change. If you trip around town shopping you'll find your pockets full of 5-cent pieces unless you think you are the victim of a conspiracy until a native tells you it's a habit the town can't shake.

A New York young woman lost \$205 through the breaking of that feminine receptacle of funds that seems to get more used. Will this arouse a demand for government guarantee of deposits in the stocking banks?

Chicago authorities are asked to prohibit the rear seat on motorcycles on the ground that "it encourages accidents." What gift does present agent for manufacturers of tandem motorcycles invented that glorious advertisement?

A health faddist in Boston announces that she is going to marry an ideal husband. With great good taste, judgment and discrimination about making good her boast, she has picked out an American.

A Boston woman sent a bullet through the hat of a burglar whom she caught going through her husband's trousers. Next time he will confine his operations to his own field.

A Denver doctor says that taking a slip of lemon before a kiss will render the germ harmless; also theucker makes attractive.

The cuban sticking in the summer girl's delight.

# Taming of Rodney

When Rodney was 18 and developed such a violent and romantic passion for the blond little girl in the corner candy shop his fond parents set up nights holding their distracted heads and bemoaning Rodney's fate, for they were positive that matrimony, and perhaps an elopement, would crown the affair.

The little candy girl thought so too, for when Rodney of a sudden calmly announced that everything was over between them she talked of a breach of promise suit after she had finished weeping and asking why he didn't love her any more. To the latter query the Ohio State Journal, a stationer and had finally delivered the verdict that he was blessed if he knew. Apparently his affections came and went with the wind.

After that followed love affairs with a long series of girls. Finally Rodney's family became so accustomed to this sentimental state that they went right on with their work. It was one day and paid no attention to it. Rodney was not at the point where he had at last found the girl of his heart and everything was settled, he was at the next point where of a sudden he had decided that it was all a mistake and he did not really care for that particular girl.

Finally he met Stella. She had paused for a few days in the city on her way to her home in San Francisco or Seattle or Reno or some point in the distant west. Rodney instantly fell in love with her charms and she was so slim that you think them skinny until you observe that instead they are merely lithe and willowy. You think her only moderately good looking until you dissect her face and conclude that there never before were black eyes quite so big, skin quite so white and line and lips so clearly cut. As for her slow smile—well, that was positively irresistible.

Rodney rushed out to San Francisco or Seattle or Reno or wherever it was, just two weeks after Stella left. He said he had business out there and he had. His business was to fall still more deeply in love with Stella. Soon there came a day when, loitering under the tree in the yard, he told her how he felt and that he wanted her to marry him.

There is no reason to blame Stella for liking him, because Rodney is eminently likable and his wooing had been spectacular and therefore attractive. She said yes—and Rodney departed on air, because he simply had to go back home.

The next morning Stella got a telegram from him, sent from the train on which he was speeding eastward. It read: "Consider it all a mistake and at an end. An misera, W.H. W." By the time it started Stella had got Rodney's explanatory letter and perused it and completely failed to understand it. Rodney had discovered to his alarm that he did not experience his usual elation, at being free from an entanglement. He had a heavy heart and a yearning which he finally burst out was a desire to see Stella again. He really loved her!

Expense not having to be considered by Rodney, he traveled back to the coast and metaphorically cast himself at Stella's feet. Stella smiled her slow, sweet smile, regarded him musingly and then practically summoned the gardener to sweep him out with the other rubbish. Rodney went and said that he was after that and meditated upon death and raved at himself. Stella regularly hung up the receiver whenever she found him on the phone, so after a while he returned home, a blighted being. Everybody knew he was a blighted being because he made no secret of it.

Stella was his only thought and his sole conversational topic till finally his family struck. They told him to clear out and go and marry Stella by main force or else fall in love with some one else before he returned home. So he hunted up Stella.

Rodney was very much in earnest and very desperate and he made Stella listen. Incidentally she gathered his sentimental history from friends of hers who knew him well. But Stella was a wise girl and saw possibilities. "I'm going to take a chance that means what you say," Stella said to him. "Anyhow I hope you do mean what you say, because I—well, I'm foolish enough to like you myself! I think I'll marry you after all."

"Today!" Rodney cried, jubilantly. "I should say so," said Stella, with decision. "I'm going to give myself six months to change my own mind." The six months during which Rodney was on pins and needles for fear she would suddenly and definitely throw him overboard did him a lot of good. He was a reformed character when his wedding day arrived. You would have thought that he had never known there was another girl on earth had you seen the way he gazed at his bride.

He isn't quite sure even yet that she won't change her mind.—Chicago Daily News.

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Chin Vegetal. Vegetable fibre, or chin vegetal, is made from leaves of a dwarf palm (Chamaerops humilis), which clings to the soil tenaciously. Its presence was a serious obstacle to the pioneers of Algerian colonization, and it had to be fought foot by foot. It was not then known that the plant would become a source of wealth to the colony and that it would be more and more sought as a commercial product.

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## It's Daddy Talking

"HUSH, children, it's daddy talking." "Yes, Jim; we are all well and the children have been real good. How have you been? Coming home tonight? That's fine! It will seem good to see you again."

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