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WILLIE'S TRIUMPH.

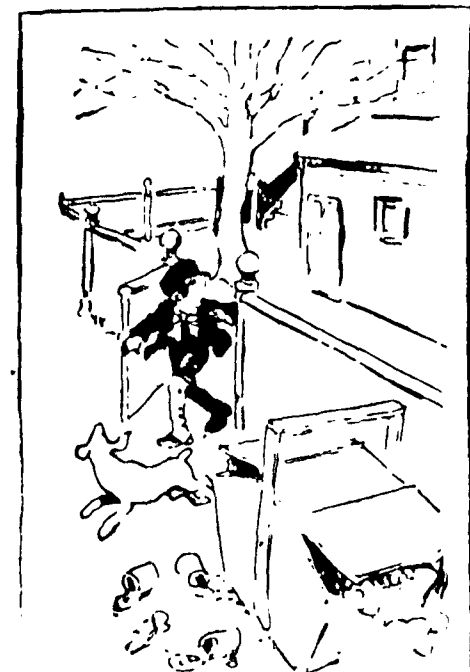
If Mrs. Farnham could have inclosed William Clayton Farnham, Jr., otherwise known as Willie, in a germ-proof, antiseptic glass cage there is no doubt that she would have done so. As it was she led a strenuous life protecting him.

Not that her son actually needed it. He was a sturdy boy of 6 with golden curls and incipient rebellion in his eyes. His mother explained that she was so positive something would happen to him if she were not



careful, because he was so angelically lovely, so different from other children. It should be added that this was not Willie's fault. He had never been taken into a street car to see children coming down with measles and chickenpox had been known to travel that way. Luckily the Farnhams had a carriage. He had never gone to kindergarten or school for the reason that Mrs. Farnham, now a careless mother who did not notice that their progeny were going to have scarlet fever till they had it and it made her nervous to think her son might be exposed. The various governesses she employed had to give each member of their families four generations back a clean bill of health before they entered Willie's presence. Special perfumed disinfectants and germicides were burned once a week in the nursery and sleeping apartments of young Farnham.

It was the older Farnham's opinion that all that enabled his son to bear up and thrive under this regimen was the grace of Providence and a naturally strong constitution. Mrs. Farnham retorted by announcing that as some 700,000 odd germs could be found in one square inch of almost anything one chose to examine he ought to get down on his knees and thank her for preserving the life of their son as long as she had. She said



sometimes when she thought about it she just couldn't understand how she had done it. And Farnham brutally said neither could he.

When the youngster had been too small to object every visitor who held him was first slid into an all-enveloping white, long-sleeved apron that came to the neck. Mrs. Farnham explained that she herself always donned one on coming in from the outside world before visiting the nursery as a precaution against possible bacilli lingering in her skirts.

In fact, it was a gilded prison that held William Clayton Farnham, Jr. As he grew older the delights of the front sidewalk, the charm of companionship in mud pies and marbles were denied him. How did Mrs. Farnham know whether other small boys had been brought up with a scientific regard for the possibilities of germs? The elder Farnham regarded all this pessimistically, helplessly. Still, the boy was naturally sturdy and so he had hopes. Yet there was always something unreal about his boy, so guarded, so secure from the ills of others. It was not natural.

The one day Willie disappeared. This simple fact need no elaboration. After the whole police and detective force of the city were searching for the missing Farnham heir and his mother had recovered from her tenth attack of hysterics, along at dusk he crept home. He was muddy and generally disreputable, but joyous. It seemed he had slipped out of the back gate down the alley, had met some chummy street gamins and had had a hilarious day among ash heaps, an Italian restaurant and a tenement house.

Mrs. Farnham had her eleventh attack at once. "He'll have some deadly illness!" she wailed on recovering her senses.

Strange to say, Willie did justify his mother by coming down with the measles.

And when Farnham, Sr., realized that his son had finally cornered a germ, just like other children, he shouted "Thank heaven!" because for the first time in his six years of existence Willie did not seem too good and impossible to be true.

THE LIFE OF GLOVES.

It Depends on the Care Bestowed Upon Them.

That the life of a pair of gloves depends largely upon the wearer is the statement of a woman who knows.

One of the first requisites is to get a soft, pliable leather.

"Next a bit of glove powder costs but a trifle, and by its constant use the life of the gloves will be greatly prolonged. The powder helps the glove to slip on easily and prevents dragging or pulling of the leather, besides keeping the hands cool and dry in hot weather.

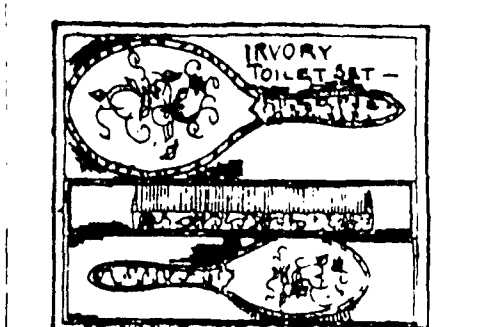
"If the gloves are not allowed to become too soiled before cleaning, they can be made to look quite new again by the use of benzine. After putting on the glove, take a bit of cloth gently moistened with the benzine and wipe the gloves off. This in no way injures or pulls up the skin and answers every purpose. Let the glove dry on the hand.

"As with shoes, it is always well to have several pairs in operation at the same time, so that the wear will not come on any one pair for a length of time. For summer wear there are the silk and cotton gloves, but I find that there are many women who have a particular aversion to hand coverings of this sort. Lace mitts are used for some purposes and are exceedingly pleasant to wear, answering the purpose for which a glove is designed at the same time being delightful and cool and comfortable." St. Louis Republic.

Ten Commandments.

1. Make your household one harmonious whole, no matter how small the scale.
2. Use only what you can comfortably afford in good quality and ample quantity.
3. Let your home appear bright and sunny. It is not easy to be unpleasant in a cheerful room.
4. Treat your servants wisely and kindly, and it will be impossible for them to either impose or oppose.
5. Have time for everything and be never in a hurry.
6. A certain formality is necessary to save everyday life from triviality and freedom from loneliness.
7. Do not forget that "society" is the death of home life—hospitality its flower.
8. Know how to talk and how to listen, how to entertain and how to amuse.
9. Have many interests and no studies.
10. Do not forget your home should not only be a well-conducted dormitory and boarding place, but truly a home, the center and focus of all interest, pleasure and happiness for everybody connected with it.—Harper's Bazar.

Ivory Again in Favor.
 In the shops which make a specialty of Oriental goods may be seen some new and handsome toilet sets, consisting of brush comb and mirror, mounted in carved ivory. There is nothing particularly new or striking about ivory backed brushes, but these latest examples of Japanese art call for special mention on account of



their beauty of design and the skill shown in their execution. As a change from silver, which has claimed fashionable attention for so long a time, something of a vogue is predicted for the handsome ivory sets, particularly for the traveler, as the ivory backed brushes and other articles are so much easier to keep in good condition than those mounted in silver.

To Stimulate Conversation.

We are trying to revive the art of conversation, and to stimulate interest in the object a certain American hostess, who aspires to having a salon of the olden times, recently gave a novel entertainment. The guests were arranged in pairs, and a settled subject was announced, upon which each pair had to talk for ten minutes. Then a bell rang, and the guests were arranged in fresh couples, with another prescribed topic of conversation. So every man present talked with every woman, and at the close of the evening prizes were awarded to the man and to the woman who, by the votes of the opposite sex, were held to have been the most interesting conversationalists. The prizes were a gold cigarette case and a turquoise bracelet.

Back Porch Sanatorium.

Ninety-eight per cent. of those who have tuberculosis of the lungs, if they get well at all, will have to do so at home. But not "by the fireside." Even in tenement houses, people have made good recoveries, but it has been by lying under a wide-open window all day long and all night long, by extra feeding, by rest and by good courage.

There are wondrous possibilities on back porches and in sheltered nooks. It isn't the coldness of the air, nor yet the sweetening fresh of the sun that heals. It is the fresh, pure air in comfort. The patient must not be annoyed by cold or heat, but must be dressed so as to be comfortable. Sleep out of doors, shielded from the storm, and dress indoors where it is warm.—Everybody's Magazine.

HOMEMADE BOOKCASE

Convenient and Easily Made Receptacle Which is an Ornament.

The accompanying illustration shows some very easily-made and convenient shelves for books, papers or other articles. They can be made of pine, stained to imitate walnut, with umber, and then oiled or varnished, or they can be painted to correspond with the woodwork of the room in which they are used. Or, if preferred, they can be covered with cloth, tacked on smoothly and neatly, using brass-headed furniture tacks wherever any will show. There should be two upright pieces, with as many cleats as there are to be shelves. The upper shelf should rest on, and be screwed to, these uprights, when put in the place the shelves are to occupy. It ought also, to be two or three inches wider than the upright pieces and the lower shelves also. If they stand be-



tween the casing of a door and the corner of a room, there will be no need of fastening them to the wall. If they are made to fit snugly. The upper shelf, being made fast by screws to the upright pieces, will hold them firmly in place. A curtain can be hung in front of them. If desired. Brackets to support the pole to which it hangs should be fastened to the uprights just below the protecting edge of the upper shelf. This curtain can be made very ornamental by a band of plush velvet, or embroidery with a heavy fringe across the bottom. If the shelves are stained, or painted black, and a brass pole and brackets are used, with a pretty curtain, this "convenience" will be almost as ornamental as useful and after having one you will wonder how you ever got along without it.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

Rhubarb is an excellent blood purifier. It is said that apples will relieve seasickness.

Lemon juice will remove tartar from the teeth. If the feet are tired take a warm foot bath. There is nothing quite so efficacious for tired nerves. Ten to twelve drops of tincture of camphor in a tumbler of water makes a good wash for the teeth. Iodine is excellent to cure bunions. Use it as often as possible without blistering. Wear oil silk on the spot during the day.

Plums, peaches, raspberries and apricots have less sugar than other fruits, and are not harmful to those to whom sugar is injurious.

The astringent properties of the pomegranate are particularly helpful to singers and speakers who suffer with relaxed muscles of the throat and uvula.

A very good remedy for relieving earache is to fill a little bag of soft flannel with salt and make this very hot in the oven. Test it against your cheek to make sure it is not too hot, and then apply to the aching ear.

A Diet of Sugar.

One of the numerous physical culture teachers departs from the faith of trainers in advising his pupils to eat all the sugar they can get. Either in taking off flesh or in putting on flesh his advice is to make sugar, in some form or other, a liberal part of the daily diet. "Sugar is a very powerful stimulant and a great producer of nerve force," he said. "I spent two winters in the Klondike, where the miners eat enormous quantities of sugar and molasses. They even sweeten salt pork with it. Men who simply soak themselves in sweats do twice the work of men who let sugar alone. Swiss mountaineers always carry a liberal supply of sugar in their kits. Negroes in the harvest fields grow fat on sugar cane. In hot or cold climates a liberal diet of sugar will put a man in the finest possible condition. Whatever bad effects sugar may have at first are soon remedied by exercise. It has been a fad for two or three years to howl against the use of sugar, but there is no sound physiological reason for it."

Caring for the Hair.

If their brushes be cleansed daily and the scalp massaged the hair and head will keep clean much longer.

If in addition to scalp massage you give the hair a soft rubbing with the palms of your hands it will be much more silky.

Low Necks and Cambrics.

Modistes predict that the high collar will soon be a thing of the past. It is, the summer girl can finish off the neck of her gowns with the small cameo buttons or intaglios which she may have in her possession.

An almost invisible cement for mending glass is made of linings boiled in spirits of wine.

A ROTARY TOOTH BRUSH.

A New Departure Intended to Be an Improvement on the Present Common Variety.

There has been patented a new idea in the tooth brush family which marks a departure. The brush is in the form of a small wheel, briefly with bristles. This is mounted on a rod which extends to a handle in which is contained a geared wheel. The latter engages the teeth of a smaller wheel attached to the brush rod. There is a driving rod connected with the larger wheel, and by pressure



ing this with the thumb the user of the apparatus causes the brush to rotate with great rapidity, and it is through the medium of a succession of such applications of power that the process of cleaning the teeth is performed.

Milk Causes Wrinkles.

A writer on beauty in one of the society papers urges her readers never to wash the face with soap and water, as being certain destruction to a fine complexion. I cannot indorse this view.

Cleanliness is absolutely necessary to the beauty and delicacy of the texture of the skin. If soap is not liked, at least oatmeal should take its place, and pure or distilled water invariably be used. I once saw the result of only washing the face with milk in a lady who started life with a good complexion, but before she reached middle age had lost all freshness and showed a faded skin covered with fine wrinkles. Nothing equals the complexion of the country woman who rises early is much in the open air and bathes freely in cold water. The homely idea of washing in the dew of the morning as an aid to beauty is simply a practical way of expressing this fact.—Lady Greville in London Graphic.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

To clean mattresses, rub them on green cedar.

Gold and white is the present favorite dinner set for bridesmaids' luncheons and wedding breakfasts.

Two long linen runners, one each way of the table, are now used in some fashionable circles in preference to the whole cloth or dollies.

Lemonade and oaks make an acceptable warm-day luncheon dessert. To this may be added a strawberry or two or a slice of pineapple.

When milk has been standing for some time it is well to pour it, with out shaking, into another pitcher or bowl, leaving just a little in the bottom of the first receptacle, as it is this setting that contains disease germs injurious to mankind.

Seven pounds of fruit, three and one-half of sugar and a pint of vinegar is the standard proportion for all manner of sweet pickling. The spicing may be varied to suit the taste.

Strong alum water is efficacious as a vermin destroyer. Closets, wooden bedsteads and loose wall-scooting in old houses which prove troublesome should be brushed with this solution.

When a floor is washed it should be allowed to get perfectly dry before the carpet is put down again. Carelessness in this matter has much to do with the prevalence of moths in some houses.

When peeling apples the hands are very frequently stained. Remove these stains by rubbing the hands well with the inside of the apple peel and then washing, as usual, with soap and water.

Never leave a lamp turned low. It creates gas and uses up as much oil as when it burns brightly. If it is necessary to have a light during the night in a sick room use a tiny night lamp and burn it at full force.

When ironing kitchen cloths fold kitchen towels in half lengthwise before wringing them, for folded thus they will be more rapidly smoothed out and ironing in this manner is quite enough for articles which are for use only, not for ornament.

Domestic often regard tea stains on china as a sort of necessary evil. They are nothing of the kind, and may generally be rubbed off quite easily with a little dampened salt. If this should fail, then the stain should be treated with whitening and water.

Housework is Dignified.

Why should girls dread housework? Every worthy woman in the world understands housework which is important and the mark of a capable, useful woman. Every man who succeeds in the world understands his trade. Every woman should understand hers. If there is any work in the world that is dignified and respectable it is housework. A good housekeeper is nearly always a successful, useful woman, a woman who is respected.—Atlantic Globe.

THE TURKS IN EGYPT.

Delighted With Protection Given to Life and Property.

A correspondent from Constantinople writes to the Boston Transcript: The many Turkish subjects who have gone to Egypt or who come from there to this country have wonderful stories to tell. They speak of the good government, of an astonishing and constantly increasing prosperity of a land without constant annoyances from every kind of official, without illegal exactions and vexations innumerable. They openly contrast the condition of Turkey, which in every department of administration shows no signs of improvement.

A City Without Water.

Behrin on the Persian Gulf is quite a city, but is so situated that there is no water within several hundred miles of the place, though there are a number of saline springs on the gulf within a few hundred yards of the shore. In order to get water the divers plunge to the bottom and bring it up in skin bags and it is taken to the city.

Medicinal Value of Yeast.

Beer yeast has long been used as a home remedy for boils and carbuncles, and other inflammations of the skin. According to the Journal of the Royal British Medical Army Corps it is useful in a number of diseases. Among those mentioned are infantile diarrhoea, dysentery and diabetes.

Newspapers in Denmark.

With a population of about half a million, Copenhagen has more daily newspapers than cities of equal size in the United States. There are about fifteen newspapers, some of which issue two or three editions daily. In the city. However, the papers are much smaller than those of the United States, usually having but four pages.

Pipes of Wine.

There is no measure which has so wide a definition as a pipe of wine, the amount of the pipe varying considerably according to the wine contained in the pipe. For instance, a pipe of marsala will contain 93 gallons, while a pipe of madeira will contain just one gallon less, a pipe of port wine, however, is a much more generous measure, and should contain 103 gallons. Hotel proprietors and managers have to make themselves thoroughly familiar with these measures, which vary with every wine.—London Tader.

Habits of the Aged.

In the study of the lives of 73 persons more than 90 years old living in the city of Dresden, Saxony it has been discovered that all sleep in closed rooms at night and abhor bathing, and all sleep eight or nine hours daily. They vary in some of their habits, but these three—plenty of sleep, avoidance of drafts at night, and of bathing—are common to all.

New Idea in Bricks.

Bricks are now being made of clean sand and ground quicklime that are said to be as substantial as granite. The mixed ingredients are forced into a strong steel cylinder mould by means of a screw. After the air has been sucked from the cylinder, hot water is admitted, the rock being formed by the resulting pressure and heat.—Country Life in America.

Largest Locomotive in World.

The largest locomotive in the world was built in the United States. It is owned by the B. & O. and is numbered 2400. Its weight in working order is 334,500 pounds, and its tender, when carrying 700 gallons of water and 13 tons of coal, weighs 143,000 pounds. Its boiler is the largest ever placed on a locomotive, and will carry a working pressure of 235 pounds.

The Japanese Daily Food.

The Japanese cuisine does not include butchers' meat, bread, butter and potatoes. Rice is not as commonly supposed, the daily food of the poor, but can be afforded by the well-to-do only.

PASSING REMARKS.

A man's bank figure and a girl's tailor suit figure can make a very fine match.

The way not to be taken for knowing too little is not to pretend to know too much.

Somewhat a girl's head looks awful red when you pull a hair of it off your coat on your way home.

The first five years of a boy's life he spends hoping he will know as much as his father; the rest of it that he won't know as little.

When a man comes home late and gives his wife \$50 in the morning it is a sign that this won't be her day for denouncing poker playing.

Original Flying Machine.

Samuel Dymont does not yet approach the feat of the prophet Habakkuk, who was transported through the air suspended by the hair of his head to Babylon, covering a journey of 300 miles.

Big Land Reclamation.

The valleys of the Payette and Bola rivers, in Southern Idaho, are soon to be the scene of stupendous irrigation work by the government. The project is to reclaim 372,000 acres of land.

The Longest Word.

The controversy regarding the longest word in the English language has brought to light hepatocholangioenterostomy, a little known, but very necessary medical term.