

# Scrap Book

## BLESSED RELIEF IN SIGHT

At Last, Sufferer Saw Where He Was Going to Be Rid of That Porous Plaster.

Wild and disheveled, watery eyes and trembling of limb, he burst into the dentist's consulting room and addressed the molar merchant in gasping tones: "Do you give gas here?" "Yes," replied the dentist. "Does it put a man to sleep?" "Of course."

"Nothing would wake him?" "Nothing, but—" "Wait a bit! You could break his jaw or black his eye without him feeling it?" "My dear sir! Of course I—" "It lasts about half a minute, doesn't it?" "Yes."

With a wild whoop of joy and relief, the excited man threw off his coat and waistcoat. "Now," he yelled, as he tugged at his shirt, "get your gas engine ready. I want you to pull a porous plaster on my back!"

Tricks of Trade Rat. One of the oddest little animals in existence is the California wood rat, better known as the "trade rat."

When Honey Bees Will Sting. Dark colors seem to be more offensive to bees than light, and the person dressed in dark garments should show more caution when handling these useful insects.

On Being Natural. We all boast of our independence and our freedom to live our lives the way we think best, but at that moment many of us have nerve enough.

The Erie Canal. On the 26th of October, 1825, the Erie canal, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson river, was opened.

Caring for Food Chopper. My food chopper always left two dark, ugly marks on the drainboard when I used it.

Education. An educated man stands, as it were, in the midst of a boundless arsenal and magazine, filled with all the weapons and engines which the skill of men has been able to devise.

Beginning Another Chapter. A woman was so fond of pets that when death overtook her 10-year-old cat she was not long in getting a young kitten to fill the place of puss.

Ancient Bell. The rectory of the village of East Haddam, in Connecticut, houses a very ancient bell, bearing the date A. D. 803.

Women of the Sikhs. The women of the Sikhs occupy a very high place in the society of the race. When the Sikhs took the sword as their profession many of the women made themselves distinguished for their courage and statesmanship.

Story of the Artichoke. The artichoke, which originally came from Barbary, is not a botanical species, but a variety of the thistle, which grows spontaneously all along the African coast of the Mediterranean from Morocco to Palestine.

First Overhead Trolley. The first practical overhead trolley line was built in Kansas City in 1884, in which double overhead conductors were used, with a trolley wheel riding on the top of the wire.

Burdens That Overcome. No man ever sunk under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the burden is more than a man can bear.

He Must Be in Livery. One thing certain—if we ever get able to own a limousine car we will have a liveried driver if we have to dress that way ourselves.—Dallas News.

Gets Its Own Drink. A South American orchid lets down a tube and drinks when it needs water, then coils it on top of the plant when not in use.

Mens Produce Chalk. It is estimated that a flock of 100 hens will produce 137 pounds of chalk annually in the shells of their eggs.

## Arise Sickens.

An investigation of the South African disease known as lamiekte, or lame sickness, suggests that it is due to a special plant poison that is generated under abnormal conditions in grasses or other plants that are normally harmless.

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Typographically Put. The laborer feels worthy of his higher.—Boston Herald.

## VESSEL TO HAVE NEW BIRTH

Old Powhattan, After Long Sojourn at the Bottom of the Sea, Will "Come Back."

After two years of peaceful dozing on oozy mud flats fringing Hampton Roads, Va., the Powhattan, rusted, wasted hulk of a ship, now lies at the foot of Fifty-sixth street, New York, undergoing restoration to a self-respecting passenger ship.

Of all the despairing relics of bygone sea days, shipping men said the Powhattan was the most hopeless. Two years ago she was rammed off Thimble Light in Chesapeake bay and vent down below, where the starfish set up housekeeping in her bilge.

An effort was made to float her, but her owners, the Merchants and Miners fund, were disgusted with what they found. Ground sharks held school in her boiler room, pompous lobsters commended her lower decks, sticklebacks manned the pilot-house, while squibs squirted ink over her charts.

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That's good luck," commented the skipper of a seagoing tug. "Yes, sir, may the bleeding abutment rest about my starboard beam if ever I see a ship put her nose into a reef or pile herself up on the rocks that had a handlubber's bird nest in her rigging."

Town of Concrete Blocks. A town of hollow concrete block houses with flat roofs, steel staircases and window frames is being built near Braintree, a suburb of London.

Nameless Fame. The Pantheon, Paris, where the French government purposes to inter one unnamed pillar in memory of the millions who died in France, has had a strangely checked career.

Characteristic of Shaw. A young New Zealander, who wrote to Bernard Shaw begging for his autograph to add to a collection, drew forth the characteristically genial advice from the dramatist.

Worthless Unless Properly Used. "Some have many possessions and some have few possessions." But whether these possessions be knowledge or wealth, they might just as well be in a hole in the ground unless they are used that others may benefit.

Quaint and Ancient. While chatting with a group of women there was in the party a young woman of uncertain age. I expressed my admiration for a quaint little locket she was wearing.

No Doubt of It. An Indianapolis lawyer, who handles many divorce cases in the county courts, was approached the other day by a man who contemplated bringing divorce proceedings against his wife.

Filipino Marriage Customs. When a young maid of the Philippines marries, her husband's name is added to her maiden name.

Another Philippine Product. The shrub from which the French manufacture the perfume known as cascade has been found growing abundantly in the Philippines.

Analogous. Spending a dollar before it is earned is like eating today the egg that is to be laid tomorrow.—Boston Transcript.

Naturally. If time is money, the man who has not a moment to call his own must be very poor.

## How the Mint Buys Gold.

The mint buys gold in any form, whether coined or not, when presented in sums to the value of \$50 or more. The face value of coins is not considered, only their weight and purity.

Frugality. Frugality has ever been esteemed a virtue as well among pagans as Christians; there have been even heroes who practiced it.

Forestalled the President. Peggy is feeling important these days, having been chosen secretary of her little church club.

Foolish Fad of Idle Rich. At one time snail racing was a great fad in Austria, Vienna had a fashionable snail racing club, where fortunes were frequently wagered on the ridiculous contests.

Beat Them to It. I was expecting a friend to call on Sunday evening. I opened the parlor door, and, seating myself on the porch, awaited his arrival.

Valuable Japanese Plant. A plant grows in Japan which furnishes a sort of vegetable leather. It is a pretty shrub called the mitsumata, and its inner bark, after going through certain processes, is converted into a substance as tough as French kid.

Intelligence. "Do animals think?" asks a scientist. Well, a dog turns around three or four times before lying down to go to sleep, while a man, without giving the matter any thought, lies down, goes to sleep and then turns over several times, waking himself each time.

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Affinities. Jennie had several dolls, but she liked to dress the kitten in the dolls' clothes and carry it around.

Worth Trying. Since "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he," let us see what sort of thoughts we are thinking, so we may find out how much harmony we have within.—Exchange.

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