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WHY WOMEN DON'T MARRY.

Reasons Given by One Who Knows the Men of To-day

There is a good deal of discussion over the fact that many women don't marry. In fact one would almost imagine that it is only the men who marry nowadays. There is a reason for it, of course, and there seems to be an effort on the part of many to find it out. Some say it is because she is "too vain," others that she is "too extravagant," "too mercenary," "too modern."

"The modern woman doesn't marry because the right man doesn't ask her. Women to-day are just as anxious to be married as their grandmothers were; sensible, honest women are living to-day, and the man wants to marry one of them can do so, but they are not looking for that kind of woman. A man falls in love with an empty-headed, heartless doll for her pretty face, and then complains because he finds the doll's head is hollow. When a man chooses a sweet-heart because she wears 'dead weight' clothes, and then falls to lamenting over the cupid of woman when that same girl asks him what his revenue is before she decides about loving him, he is not quite as logical as he might be. Now, is he, really?"

"A woman worth marrying will marry the man she loves even if he can't scrape up money enough to pay the minister. She may not be happy with him after she marries him, but it will not be his poverty that makes her miserable. The great law of natural selection holds its sway with the just as well as with the unjust. You can't educate the human nature out of a woman any more than you can refine it out of a man."

"A master of the science of economics will elope with an extravagant creature just as quickly as a proud, high-tempered woman will mysteriously fall in love with a stupid nobody. Dan Cupid, Esq., has gone out of fashion, but he isn't dead, not by any manner of means, and never will be. Men put women on a pedestal, but they set the pedestal in the mud. A woman's friends hear of her marriage with a sigh of relief. A man's friends hear of his marriage with a gasp of incredulity."

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Prosperity for Farmers. The following from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat shows to what extent we are enjoying prosperity. In the campaign of 1896 the farmers were given special attention by the managers of the silver party. All who tilted the soil were assured that low prices were the direct result of the treatment of silver and that values must inevitably continue to drop until the government consented to coin at the old ratio all the silver that could be carried to the mints. This view of the case was backed up by an avalanche of silver literature, to say nothing of an earthquake of silver agitation. Farmers know now that the prices of their products advance without the slightest regard to silver, and that the Popocrat purpose in 1896 was to overwhelm them with financial fallacies and deception. In that year the value of domestic animals was certainly low and demagogues charged

the fact upon their great catchall, the alleged crime against silver. A chance is now presented to consider the subject freed from political absurdities. The annual report of the Department of Agriculture states that the value of horses in the United States has increased \$32,000,000 within a year, an average increase of more than 10 per cent. This has taken place in spite of the talk of a coming horseless era. Cattle, other than milch cows, increased 10 per cent in value. Milch cows were worth \$39,500,000 more at the end of the year than at the beginning. Sheep, which could hardly be given away under the last Democratic tariff, increased in value \$14,000,000 and in number 1,450,000. Mules also increased in value. The total increase in a year in the value of domestic animals is placed at \$108,355,482 a gain of 5.74 per cent. The party that promised prosperity, and was taken at its word, has abundantly fulfilled the pledge, but the measure of its good deeds and beneficial influences is still piling up.

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Castoria. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Coughed 25 Years. I suffered for 25 years with a cough, and spent hundreds of dollars with doctors and for medicine to no avail until I used Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Hoagy. This remedy makes weak lungs strong. It has saved my life.—J. B. Rowell, Grantburg, Ill. For sale by Z. Wayne Griffin & Bro.



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Secretary Alger Discusses Wonderful Possibilities of New Possessions.

Washington, April 27.—Secretary of War Alger returned recently from his trip to Cuba and Porto Rico, where he spent the last three weeks making a personal investigation of the conditions on those islands. During his trip he conferred with the commanding officers of the Cuban provinces, visiting four provinces, personally. His reception everywhere was of the most cordial character. In an interview, Secretary Alger said: "I had no adequate idea of the wonderful possibilities of Cuba and Porto Rico before my personal investigation and I return to Washington with renewed faith. All that I ever imagined has been more than realized. Under no circumstances would I now consent to the surrender of Porto Rico, which is now our territory; nor would I place the slightest check upon the good work that is being done for Cuba. The problems are meeting satisfactory solution, and I see no reason to fear for the future. None of the serious questions which have already arisen or will arise are insurmountable. Havana is beginning to

This Vale of Tears. Man's life is full of crosses, and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent, goes out of it against his will, and his trip between the two eternities is exceedingly rough. The rule of contraries is one of the most important features of the trip. When he is little the girls kiss him. If he raises a large family he is called a poor man, but if he raises a small check he is a thief and a fraud. If he is poor he is a bad manager, if he is rich he is dishonest; if he is in politics it is for pie; if he is out of politics you can't tell where to place him, and he's no good to his country; if he does an act of charity he's stingy and lives only for himself; if he dies young there is a great fortune ahead of him; if he lives to a ripe old age he has missed his calling. Verily, the road is rough, but men like to travel it.—Ez.

HANDY PREACHER. Sees two Fugitives in His Congregation and Arrests Them. A most unusual occurrence took place near Spanishburg in Mercer county last Saturday. One of Sheriff White's deputies is a local preacher, and while he was occupying the pulpit at that place he noticed two much wanted mountaineers in the congregation for whom he had warrants. After the opening hymn was concluded he drew his pistol, to the great surprise of his audience, and coolly walking down the aisle, arrested both the fugitives, who were completely overcome with surprise. After putting the bracelets on the men he led them back to the pulpit, gave them a seat and concluded his sermon. Both men are now in jail at Bluefield.

FUGITIVE WITH A FORTUNE.

Man Had \$100,000 Strapped Around His Person.

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feel the benefits of American control, and the advancement and development will be enormous. People of the United States must certainly realize what cheerfulness in Havana and other Cuban cities means for this country. With the better sanitary conditions, the scourge of fever will not continue to menace our states, though there will be sporadic cases, of course. If we can decrease to a minimum, as I believe we can, the danger of fever visitation, we will save millions of dollars which our southern quarantine directly cost us, while the indirect benefit to business through the removal of disturbing fear is incalculable. I was greatly surprised to find so little distress in the islands. "I believe it is a mistake to believe that fortunes can be made quickly in Cuba, though there is a great deal of American money invested there. Time is needed to secure return from capital, as for everything else. It will take years to raise a people unaccustomed to what we consider even the necessities of life, to a degree where they will require a great amount of manufactured goods, this being true mainly of the rural population. "I never saw anywhere a finer body of men than the American soldiers now in Cuba. They are like princes, athletic in build and bronzed and hearty in appearance. They seemed contented, and the United States has every reason to feel proud of them. They are having no friction with the people. I find harmony everywhere. "I was deeply impressed, and more than gratified, at the intense loyalty shown towards the United States in the public demonstrations which marked our progress across Porto Rico. The poorer classes of Porto Rico live under conditions that an American laborer would not accept. Their houses are very poor, and they live literally from hand to mouth. American ownership of the island will mean a great advance in their condition, and they appreciate this fact. Eventually we shall devise necessary legislation for the island, but at present the system of combining military control, which is supreme, with civil administration, is working admirably."

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ABOUT STAMPS.

How a German Firm Cheated the Home Postoffice.

The tiny squares of colored paper which the governments of the world affix to the letters that travel from town to town and country to country and hemisphere to hemisphere of the terrestrial globe are an invariable source of interest to grown-up people as well as to children with an ever-insatiable desire for collections, constantly demanding more, like little voracious Oliver Twists.

The stamp craze has attacked the high as well as the low, the man-in-authority as well as the man forced to obey. One of the most indefatigable of philatelists was the lately deceased author, Harold Frederic. His collection numbered a great many exceedingly rare and interesting stamps, and was recently disposed of at auction in London, producing a total that closely approximated \$425. Among the rarities of the gathering were a Trinidad set, the centenary complete set from Canada, a gathering from British Honduras and the complete Columbian set of the Exposition year in the United States. There were, as well, valuable stamps from Switzerland and Mecklenberg-Schwerin. Some of the collections were very curious and were disposed of at what in one instance the auctioneer declared to be a "schocking" price. One thousand Great Britain stamps corresponded in value to American \$800, 8 1/2 cent and 10-cent stamps realized about 90 cents. One thousand United States stamps of 1890, of 4 cent value and brown in color, were appraised at \$25. A bundle of 16,700 stamps from South Australia, all of them obsolete, were knocked down to a buyer at about \$7, while a paper bag containing about a gallon of damaged stamps of various sorts was disposed of for \$8.25, a sum that may have been purchased in the miscellaneous assembly some rare and valuable single specimens of philately.

In reference to stamps Henker Heaton, a member of the English Philatelic Society, recently stated that "A German firm the other day economized about \$20,000 on 1,000 letters for India by sending them in a parcel to England, and having them stamped there." If this was really so and the letters were forwarded from Germany to England, merely needing stamping, then the action must be described as a fraud on the English postoffice and an infraction of the customs regulations of Great Britain. The importation of letters into the United Kingdom other than in the customary form is strictly forbidden; all letters found on board import ships, including also all letters found in the baggage of passengers, excepting only letters of credit or letters of personal introduction, are to be forwarded to the post-office immediately, and such letters, either from the United Kingdom or from places beyond the sea or from places beyond the sea to the United Kingdom, are charged at the postoffice at the regulated foreign rate. The master of every ship arriving in a British port from lands outside the British dominions is obliged to sign a declaration that he has delivered at the postoffice all the letters that were on board his ship, or else he must swear there are none on board, the law providing that "the master, officer, crew, or passengers of any ship retaining letters after the delivery of the ship's letters to the postoffice will forfeit £5 for each letter."

Fervently, therefore, if Henker Heaton's source of authority for the story of the German firm be creditable, the men from the Teutonic fatherland committed a crime against the postal regulations of England, and they or their agents are liable to be indicted.

Flowers as Disinfectants. The power of plants in absorbing all decaying animal and vegetable matter, which would