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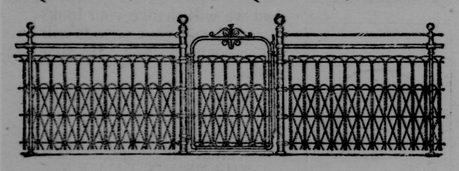

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Golden Oak Bedroom Suits	66.00
Golden Oak Bedroom Suits	90.00
Mahogany Bedroom Suits	125.00
Mahogany Bedroom Suits	323.00

Sideboards.

Golden Oak Sideboards	$ 12.75
Golden Oak Sideboards	20.00
Golden Oak Sideboards	25.00
Golden Oak Sideboards	36.00
Golden Oak Sideboards	45.00
Golden Oak Sideboards	67.00
Golden Oak Sideboards	82.50
Mahogany Sideboards	85.00
Golden Oak Sideboards	135.00
Golden Oak Sideboards	200.00

Chiffoniers.

Golden Oak Chiffoniers	$ 4.79
Golden Oak Chiffoniers	5.98
Golden Oak Chiffoniers	8.25
Golden Oak Chiffoniers	10.50
Bird's-Eye Maple Chiffoniers	15.75
Golden Oak Chiffoniers	21.00
Mahogany Chiffoniers	40.00
Mahogany Chiffoniers	98.00

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3-Piece Parlor Suits	18.00
3-Piece Parlor Suits	25.00
3-Piece Parlor Suits	50.00
3-Piece Parlor Suits	100.00
5-Piece Parlor Suits	25.00
5-Piece Parlor Suits	37.50
5-Piece Parlor Suits	75.00
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2-Piece Parlor Suits	150.00

Extension Tables.

Golden Oak Extension Tables	$ 4.98
Golden Oak Extension Tables	6.75
Golden Oak Extension Tables	7.50
Golden Oak Extension Tables	9.50
Golden Oak Extension Tables	10.98
Golden Oak Extension Tables	15.00
Golden Oak Extension Tables	22.50
Golden Oak Extension Tables	30.00
Golden Oak Extension Tables	65.00
Golden Oak Extension Tables	125.00

Dressing Tables.

Mahogany Finish Dressing Tables	$ 9.00
Golden Oak Dressing Tables	10.50
Golden Oak Dressing Tables	15.00
Golden Oak Dressing Tables	19.00
Mahogany Dressing Tables	24.00
Mahogany Dressing Tables	24.75
Mahogany Dressing Tables	25.00
Mahogany Dressing Tables	27.75

Bureaus.

Golden Oak Bureaus	$ 7.75
Golden Oak Bureaus	9.75
Golden Oak Bureaus	13.50
Golden Oak Bureaus	20.00
Mahogany Bureaus	21.00
Bird's-Eye Maple Bureaus	24.00
Mahogany Bureaus	42.00
Mahogany Bureaus	200.00

Couches.

Velour Couches	$ 5.00
Velour Couches	6.00
Velour Couches	10.50
Pantasote Couches	17.98
Leather Couches	30.00
Box Couches	8.00
Box Couches	10.00
Box Couches	20.00

Mattresses.

Double Cotton-Top Mattresses	$ 1.79
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Double Short-Hair Mattresses	4.25
Double Long-Hair Mattresses	8.00
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Double Stewart's Felt Mattresses	9.75
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Iron Beds	$ 2.69
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Iron Beds	6.39
Iron Beds	12.00
Brass Beds	18.00
Brass Beds	30.00
Brass Beds	70.00
Brass Beds	95.00

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Golden Oak Rockers	$ 1.39
Golden Oak Rockers	1.85
Imitation Mahogany Rockers	3.00
Imitation Mahogany Rockers	4.00
Imitation Mahogany Rockers	6.49
Mahogany Rockers	8.25
Mahogany Rockers	15.00
Mahogany Rockers	36.00

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LADS, BE NOT TARDY

Long Engagements do not Promote Connubial Bliss.

SOME PROBLEMS PRESENTED

The Great French Writer, Max O'Rell, Contributes an Interesting Article to the Sunday Sun.

The usual plea in favor of long engagements is that young couples should know each other thoroughly before taking the final untraceable step of matrimony.

Poor, dear couples! What do they learn of each other while they are engaged? What has an engagement to do with matrimony? Absolutely nothing. You might as well tell them to learn horse riding on a wooden horse, or swimming by practicing the movements lying on the carpet of your drawingroom. There is no learning matrimony without being married.

I have met couples who have been engaged 10 years and who were apparently still trying to know each other. They might be engaged 50 years without the slightest chance of success. Sweethearts may see each other every day, but every day is not all day. It is the thousand and one little drawbacks and miseries of conjugal life that often kill joy and happiness in matrimony, and none of them are confronted during the engagement.

After all, what is life during an engangement? The repetition of an old story, sentimental walks, sweet professions of love, billets-doux. Both man and woman are on their best behavior. They are careful of their words, careful of their appearance. In fact, the whole time, the sky is clear, serene, the sea is absolutely calm. Well, let me ask you: How do they know, how can they know, that they are good sailors until they have been together on board the same boat in a good big storm? He and she who are bright and cheerful on a trip on the Hudson river on a beauful summer day lie low in their cabins on the Atlantic between Sandy Hook and Liverpool. You might take summer trips on the Hudson river for years and years and prove to be a shockingly bad sailor at sea. One is no practice for the other. An engagement is no rehearsal of matrimony, however long it may last. Alas, happiness in married life is a mere lottery ticket! You must draw your lot and take your chance. The warmest lovers have turned out the very worst husbands, and there is a great danger in entering the holy matrimonial estate when all the provisions of sweet words and kind acts are exhausted. The fewer kisses have been indulged in before the wedding ceremony the more kisses will be administered afterward. Woe to the husband who has not to court his wife and win her! Matrimony to him will be fearfully flat. If both lovers really love, devotedly; if both are of strong character, they have a chance. But the others have not. Let misfortune come, to say nothing of the price of butter, and the whole thing is gone.

I admire the liberty which is enjoyed by the girls of this country; but I do not entertain the slightest doubt that if they were not so free to get married as they are; if they had, as in France, to consult wise, loving and devoted parents before engaging themselves, the American papers throughout the length and breath of the land would not be so full of reports of divorce court proceedings.

If I had my own way I would never allow a daughter to engage herself before I was satisfied that the man she loved, or imagined she loved, was ready to look after her; not before I had studied all the antecedents of that man, his behavior at home with mother and sisters, his conduct toward people he has come in contact with in business; not before I had an interview with his college or school professors to know his disposition as a boy from 15 to 20; not before I had ascertained, to the very best of my ability, that the man was likely to make a woman happy. Then I would say to her: "I think everything is right, as well as I can judge. And now, no nonsense, no love walks for years, no liberties of any sort, even more or less innocent, to be taken with you by that man—to the altar by the first train."

I admire the way in which the Catholic clergy of the province of Quebec, Canada, deal with young people among the lower classes. If they suspect that Jacques and Marie are in love, if they have seen them walking together in rather secluded spots, they ask them if it is true that they are in love. If they say yes, the priest takes them to the church and marries them right away.

This may go a great length toward explaining why the French Canadians are the most moral people in the world.

Attend the Democratic mass-meeting at Henderson this afternoon. There will be good speeches and good music.

How the Strike Was Settled.

The news of the practical settlement of the coal strike was greeted throughout the nation with a long sigh of relief. The approach of cooler weather had brought very vividly before the minds of every one the terrible possibilities involved in a coal famine. Already it had caused suffering; it threatened desolation. In this emergency President Roosevelt came forward in behalf of the public, and it was the public which won in the settlement. As President Olyphant of the Delaware and Hudson Company said of the operators' offer: "It is not a concession to the miners; it is a concession to humanity." It was, at events, a concession, and it was preceded by a number of conferences—the most effective, perhaps, a long and secret one between Secretary Root and J. P. Morgan on board the latter's yacht. On Monday Mr. Morgan and his partner, Mr. Robert Bacon, went to Washington and spent an hour and a half with the president, and shortly afterward the statement of the operators' offer was given to the public. It will be remembered that the president's second proposal to Mitchell, after the first conference failed, was that if the latter would secure the immediate return to work of the miners in the anthracite region, President Roosevelt would appoint a commission to investigate all matters at issue and would do all in his power to obtain a settlement of these questions in accordance with the report of this commission. This proposal the strikers declined to accept on the ground that the operators had already refused to abide by the decision of such a tribunal. The offer which they now made through Mr. Morgan, was they would abide by its decision, provided the tribunal was constituted in a certain way and provided no distinction was made between the employees who belonged to the union and those who did not. While they did not propose to discriminate against the union, they insisted that the union should not discriminate against non-union men. Immediately on the appointment of the commission the men should return to work and cease all interference with and persecution of non-union men then or thereafter employed.

Thanksgiving Pies.

When it comes to sweets, pie is, of course, the one thing needful. There are persons who insist upon a plum pudding at this occasion, but they have no true sense of the fitness of things. Pies of as many kinds as you wish may be there. Apple pie, Marlborough pie, cranberry pie, or pies of any other sort may be served, but the main items must be pumpkin and mince pies. To vary the appearance of those, the pumpkin pies may be baked in small shells of crusts, while the mince pie should be in a large pie plate, the top not closed in with a solid crust, but made beautiful with a lattice-work of strips cut with a jigging iron. Such a pie is far better than the mince pie which is "kivered." With a piece of this and a whole small pumpkin pie to one's self, one may indeed feel it possible to touch heaven with the finger. Whether or not the heaven-touching experience is likely to be a real one before many hours depends somewhat on the constitution of the eater. Cheese must be passed at this stage of the festive repast.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Sea Water, Health Drinks.

You probably consider swallowing the water to be the worst feature of sea water bathing. While it is a fact that the brine dosen't leave a very pleasant taste in the mouth, physicians agree that from a physical standpoint the exercise of swimming itself dosen't do you half as much good as the occasional mouthful of brine that you reluctantly imbibe.

As a sedative sea water is probably unequaled. It helps a sluggish liver and weak kidneys and has a most salutary effect on a deranged stomach. As a complexion beautifier it outdoes all drugs and patent medicines manufactured.

That yellow complexion, which is the surest symptom of chronic biliousness, will disppear, as will the cause itself, if the victim while bathing swallows plenty of sea water.

In Memoriam.

CLARK.—In foudest remembrance of our dear little treasure, Harry Anderson, whose life ebbed peacefully out, two months ago today, Aug. 30th 1902. In his moral tillage, God cultivates many flowers seemingly only for their exquisite beauty and fragrance. For when bathed in soft sunshine they have burst into blossom, then the Divine hand gathers them from the earthly fields to be kept in crystal vases in the deathless mansions.

Oh! I could gaze forever
Upon thy waxen face;
So passionless, so pure!
The little shrine was sure,
An angel's dwelling-place.

Now, like a dew-drop shrined
Within a crystal stone,
Thou'rt safe in Heaven, my dove!
Safe with the source of Love,
The Everlasting One!

AUNT BERTIE.

THE FALL OF MAN

As Depicted by a Prominent Baltimore Preacher.

THE LESSON TO BE GATHERED

Is Not as to Man's Fall but Rather as to His Rise, Says the Minister—To Understand a Deep Study Is Required.

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Rubenstein, of Baltimore, recently preached a sermon on "The Conquest." He said in part:

"It is not just to the spirit underlying the first few characters in Genesis to say that they teach the fall of man only and man's inherent depravity. We cannot well understand how the Almighty, having created Adam as a deliberate act of creation, did not also implant within him sufficient resistance to withstand the machinations of the wiley tempter. The plain reading of the Bible leaves us wholly in the dark as to why man was created so deficient and the tempter so strong and cunning.

"The whole episode requires a deeper study to be properly understood. As I understand it, the lesson to be gathered is not as to man's fall, but rather as to his rise. It is symbolic of two separate phases of human life—childhood and maturity. In childhood, as represented by the innocent state of Adam and Eve in Paradise, there is no need of the knowledge of good and evil. It is purely a state of physical preparation and purely negative from a moral point of view. The ignorant state is not the virtuous state. Only a conscious discrimination between virtue on the one hand and vice on the other can develop anything like morality. The goodness of men and women who are good because they cannot help themselves is ethically of little value compared with those who are virtuous through deliberate choice.

"But childhood was not the destined sphere for man. He was to develop a broader life and become vested with great responsibilities. That is symbolized in our Biblical story by the eating of the fruit of good and evil. The very moment man acquired a knowledge of good and evil his childhood era vanished. The moral sense was awakened, and in that awakening were born duties and responsibilities. Man became conscious for the first time that he was a free moral agent, with the lines of destiny resting in his own hands. He could reflect in his life the divine image in which he was created, or he could sink down to the level of the brute. We may conquer sin if we will. If we succeed and our life turns out virtuous we may surely claim kinship with the angels. Our knowledge of good and evil has brought about the actual realization of the higher life."

Sure Cure for Cholera.

The following receipes for cholera in hogs and chickens given by a Kentuckian may prove useful to our readers whose hogs are affected. Many porkers have died at Ridgely and some in this vicinity.

"Take two ounces pulverized capsicum, two ounces pulverized asafœtida; one ounce pulverized rhubarb; four ounces carbonate of iron; six ounces Spanish brown; two ounces flowers of sulphur, mix thoroughly and put up in air-tight packages or vessels, and keep for use.

"Hog cholera, put half a pound in 20 quarts of meal or bran and feed twice a day until all symptoms of cholera disappear.

"For chickens, put one tablespoonful in two quarts of meal and feed twice a day until all symptoms of disease disappear.

"A cure soon results with every fowl or hog that is able to swallow the remedy, but when a chicken will not eat, make a pill of the remedy about the size of a small pea and force it down the patient's throat into the crop and a cure will surely result. It is safe to repeat the dose two or three times a day.

"This remedy given about once or twice every fortnight will prevent cholera from ever appearing amongst hogs or fowls. I gave the recipe to one of my neighbors, and he is now making money compounding the remedy, putting it up in packages and selling it. He guarantees it to cure in every instance, and although he has been selling it two years he says that he has never yet received a complaint. He will buy a flock of fowls or a pen of hogs infected with cholera, and will cure every one of them.

Reduced Rates to New Orleans.

On account of the meeting of the American Bankers' Association, at New Orleans, La., November 11 to 13, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to New Orleans and return, November 8 to 10, good to return within eleven days, including date of sale, at reduced rates. By depositing tickets with Joint Agent at New Orleans on or before November 18, and the payment of a fee of 50 cents, an extension of the return limit to November 30 may be obtained. For specific information regarding rates and routes, apply to nearest ticket agent.

Correct Living Profitable.

Correct living counts in this world as well as the next. The material aid of pure living, says an exchange, is such that this added to his other resources, one can in the end surpass those originally of far higher mental brillancy, and, moreover, it has a curious way of enabling its possessors to hold on to that which their efforts bring within their reach. It means an unclouded brain to the office or the store; it means an ability to do one's best, no matter when or where the strain may come.

It means that the fleeting moment of success may be grappled with, and that no waste of normal ability can result. By this is not meant the incidental advantage that attaches to a man known as a pure liver by those desirous of finding someone fit to be placed in a position of trust. It is true that where great dependence must be placed in the honesty of an individual those in touch with religious exercises are always more apt to be selected, but the value of pure living to the average man is beyond account.

It is oftentimes stated that the great artists and writers of the past have not been clean livers; that they have been hard drinkers, spendthrifts and gamblers. As a matter of fact, this has been greatly exaggerated, mostly by amateurs and those with a false pretension to talent of the artistic sort as a sort of cloak for personal extravagances. The real artists and the real musicians of today know that it is only by conserving their individualities, and by refraining from the moral contamination of any sort of ill living, that their best work can be done.

However, even if this specious plea were true, it would affect but a slight portion of the present population. For these, bevond all questioning, pure living means the fullest measure of success. As a mere matter of money, aside from any saving of expenses, the man with restrained instincts and a determination to lead a cleanly life will win out. He will have the stamina, the control of his abilities and the vitality to use them to the uttermost. With the press of competition now so great under modern conditions, the man with the business sense to keep morally clean has the upper hand, and only the most exceptionally superior natural ability can make up for the disadvantage of impure living.

Side Lights of History.

Now, Methuselah, during the latter years of his long life, suffered grievously from rheumatism, but, with the obstinacy that was a part of his nature, refused to do anything for it. He said he could stand it as long as the rheumatism could.

One of his neighbors came in one day with a new patent medicine.

"Granddad," he said, "here is something that will relieve you. I've seen a string of testimonials a yard long from persons it has cured."

"I've no faith in it," replied the old man. "Besides, it's too much trouble."

"Just as I expected," retorted the other, thoroughly out of patience. "There is no fool like an old fool."

"I suppose that's so," said Methuselah, wearily. "I've been hearing it for the last 800 years."—*Chicago Tribune.*

Cannot Condemn Rural Letter Boxes.

First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne has issued a circular letter to the postmasters of all rural free delivery postoffices instructing them that postmasters and rural free delivery carriers are not permitted to condemn the letter boxes of patrons. The order directs that they shall continue to serve boxes already erected until a regular inspection of such boxes can be made by the route inspectors. There will be 14,000 rural free delivery postal routes in operation on July 1 next, and the estimate for appropriations for the next fiscal year provides for 12,000 more.

With the Courage of His Convictions.

From the Cambridge Democrat and News.

The outpouring of Democrats at the mass meeting in Cambridge Tuesday evening, had one great effect upon the political situation on the Eastern Shore, besides stirring up the Democrats in Dorchester county. No one who heard Mr. Ellegood's address could be but convinced that the Democratic leader in the First Congressional District of Maryland is a man of remarkable courage—a man who has the courage of his convictions. This will have a tendency to solidify the Democrats throughout the district.

The Spectacle Presented.

From the Cambridge Chronicle.

We have a bad spectacle on this Eastern Shore of Maryland—the entire Republican press praising Mr. Jackson for refusing to do away with bribery.

Every voter should bear in mind the fact that the cross mark on the ballot shall be wholly within the square. It must not extend beyond the square in any manner whatever. This statement is based on a decision of the Court of Appeals.