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Unsuited for It.

"I am thinking of going into the goose feather business," remarked Snodgrass.
"You will never succeed in it," predicted his wife.
"Why?"
"Because it requires pluck."—Epoch.

He Had an Object.

"Look here," said a Sixth avenue druggist to a boy who had come in and gone out of the store and left the door open each time, half a dozen times in one afternoon. "You must be a careless boy. I have had to shut that door after you each time you have gone out."
"I know it," replied the boy.
"Then it was done purposely on your part?"
"Yes, sir. My brother has patented a door spring, and my object was to call attention to it. Put you one on for a dollar which will shut that door a million times and never skip a cog."—New York Sun.

Not His Trade.

There is a certain railroad engineer running into St. Joseph who is not just the pink of politeness. His train was waiting for orders at Francis street station one day lately when he was approached by a stranger who asked, "When does this train leave?"
"I don't know; ask the conductor," was the somewhat brusque answer.
"Well, well, don't get huffy," said the traveler; "you might just as well be civil about it as not."
"H'm," said the engineer, turning away, "I'm no civil engineer."—St. Joseph News.

Mexican Manners.

When a lady enters a car in any Mexican city there are always several gentlemen who hasten to rise, and, uncovering their heads beg la senora or la senorita to accept their seat. Should the lady desire a window open, she merely indicates her wish, and "todos los caballeros" are at her disposition to open windows or doors, or take off the roof if necessary. I have noticed in Canada, the United States and Mexico that women have a frantic desire for fresh air, especially in steam cars and street cars. This indicates the superiority of woman, she knows how salutary is the fresh air, she will have it, even if her next neighbor is suffering with neuralgia or toothache, evidenced by his having his head swathed in bandages. Mexican ladies, however, have a very good reason for insisting on the open window, for without it they would frequently be nearly suffocated with smoke. In a Mexican street car every man is privileged to smoke to his heart's content, and I myself frequently enjoy the luxury of puffing cigarette smoke into the lungs of a howling baby! This is a species of revenge of which I was always denied in the north, and it is logical that now I should take satisfaction out of microscopic humanity for sundry earaches endured in a colder clime at the hands, or, rather lungs, of the most powerful vocal instrument ever invented—a squalling baby.
The usual article of smokers' consumption in the street cars is the cigarette, not the nasty, acrid, lung-destroying article of the United States, but the fragrant cigarette of Mexican or Cuban tobacco, which has an aroma delightful to smokers. The manners of Mexican gentlemen to ladies, always courteous, with a touch of chivalry, are the perfection of good breeding.—Boston Herald.

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In Ashes.

The county clerk's and county attorney's office was burned last Tuesday, the 27th inst., at Lee. The loss to the county in books and records will reach \$10,000. This is a very severe loss to the people of Coke county, as we were just recovering from a similar loss about twelve months ago. It is believed to be the work of an incendiary, as there had been no fire in the house during the 24 hours preceding the fire.
This ought to arouse the people of Coke county to the fact that buying books and records to be burned every twelve months, is more expensive than building a good stone house with fire-proof vaults to keep them in. The loss to the county in books in the last twelve months, together with the expense of getting up documents that have been lost by these fires, will exceed \$20,000. This sum would have built a good court house and some left over for other expenses.
What are the people of Coke county going to do? Are you going to adopt the careless, slipshod way of putting off the erection of a suitable building to hold your legal documents? Until you get able to build, or do you propose to build a safe building at once? Think and act. Such economy as we have been practicing will bankrupt the county after awhile. Instruct your commissioners as to your wishes in this matter; and we believe that they will act accordingly.—Rustler.

A Funny Duel Story.

In connection with Senator-elect Irby's duel in his younger days, says the Washington Post, John M. Allen, of Mississippi, tells of an amusing affair of honor in which he acted as a second. There was bad feeling between two lawyers in Mississippi and it was decided that only blood could wipe out the enmity which existed. A challenge was sent and duly acknowledged. The hour was appointed and the two met in a secluded spot. One of them was a great sufferer from St. Vitus' dance, the other was collected. As they faced each other the afflicted man began to tremble from head to foot, whilst his pistol described an arc with varying up and down strokes. His opponent stood firm as a rock, waiting for the signal to fire. Before it came, however, he laid his pistol on the ground, walked into the woods and cut a limb off a tree with a fork in the end of it. This he brought back and stuck in the ground in front of his antagonist. Then turning to the second he said: "I must request you to ask your principal to rest his pistol in that fork."
"What for?" asked his opponent's second.
"Well," replied the other, "I have no objection of running the risk of one shot, but I certainly do decline having one bullet make a honeycomb of me. If that man was to shoot while his hand is shaking the way it is now he would fill me full of holes at his first shot."
This was too much for the seconds, and by mutual agreement a truce was patched up and no shots were exchanged.

Kate Field gives the following picture of Mr. Parnell: Physically Parnell is attractive. He is six feet high, has a good figure, fine head, fair hair, dark brown eyes, and a marble complexion. When in prison, from 1881 to 1882 he could turn the wrist of any man who wrestled with him. He has a voice of tremendous power, and while apparently cold possessed a magnetic influence over an audience. He makes no effort at oratory, tells a direct story and sits down without a peroration. Gladstone says he remembers no man, not even Lord Palmerston, who equals Parnell in the art of saying just what he wants to say and not one word more. Intellectually he is held high in the house.

Toronto, Canada, proudly lays claim to being the most puritanical city on the American continent. Even the street cars are not allowed to run on Sunday.

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Send this paper to some friend.
Sat Under the Sign.

He was a real pretty young man, and he was gotten up in the highest style of the art. He sat in the cable car, next to the stove, and regarded with evident admiration a pair of very positive, very large checked and very new trousers, which he pulled up carefully at the knees to prevent any tendency to bagging. The car rattled and clattered along, and all the passengers gazed into upward vacancy, like all cable car passengers do. Finally a fair maiden who sat opposite the young man saw something and giggled, after the fashion of her kind. Then she looked at the nice young man and giggled again, then she nudged her fair companion, and the fair companion gazed across the car, looked at the young man, and giggled. A small boy followed their looks, stared at something over the young man's head and then snorted. All this annoyed the nice young man, who had been looking very wise, and when two or three other passengers joined in the chorus he began to wiggle and quit looking wise. The laughing increased and grew and spread, and the nice young man grew desperate. He got up to see what it was over his head that caused the unseemly cacophonization. He found it. It was one of those big cardboard signs that adorn cable cars. It was printed in big black letters and it read:
"The young man sitting beneath this card is one of our customers. He is very fussy and hard to please, but my isn't he elegantly dressed? He has on a pair of our \$3 pants."
The nice young man left the car, left it in haste, in anger, leaving behind him some very naughty words that smelled of sulphur.—Kansas City Globe.

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