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## "THE STORE OF QUALITY"

### EMBROIDERY WORKERS.

We have just received a good assortment of Royal Society Package Goods—put up in sealed, sanitary packages—each package containing one stamped piece, stamped on soft finished Nainsook or Faxon—with all necessary threads, instructions, etc., for embroidering.

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A new shipment of Stetson hats, direct from the factory, just received.

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### An Inquisitive Jury.

It is told of one jury that after having been in the jury room for half an hour following the close of the trial the jury returned to the courtroom to ask the judge a question. When he announced his readiness to give the jury any needed information bearing on the case the foreman said:

"What we want to know, your honor, is if you think that the prisoner is guilty or not guilty."—Detroit Free Press.

### Knowledge.

The pleasure and delight of knowledge far surpasseth all other in nature. We see in all other pleasures there is satiety, and after they be used their verdure departeth, which showeth well that they be but deceits of pleasure and not pleasures, and that it was the novelty which pleased, not the quality. But of knowledge there is no satiety, but satisfaction and appetite are perpetually interchangeable.—Bacon.

### The Main Thing.

When the man who had been hit by the automobile at last opened his eyes a sigh of relief went up from the crowd.

"It's a wonder you weren't killed!" said one of the bystanders. "You're luckier than most of the fellows who get hit."

"I certainly am," replied the victim, rubbing his bruises. "I got hit number just before he struck me."

### A Modern Girl.

"Why did you turn him down?" "He began to yap about two living as cheaply as one. When I get married I expect to make the money fly."—Washington Herald.

If you have the itch, don't scratch. It does not cure the trouble and makes the skin bleed. Apply **BELLARD'S SNOW LIVERMENT**. Rub it in gently on the affected parts. It relieves itching instantly and a few applications removes the cause thus performing a permanent cure. Price 25c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

### A TOWER OF ROMANCES.

Canonbury Once the Home of Many Literary Celebrities.

Historic London is rapidly disappearing, but now and then one runs across some relic of the middle ages that still preserves much of its original character. Such a survival is Canonbury tower, standing in one of the northern suburbs of London. It began life in 1360 as the country residence of the prior of St. Bartholomew. In more recent days it became the home in turn of many literary celebrities. Oliver Goldsmith lived there from 1762 to 1764, though the actual rooms that he occupied are uncertain. It was there he commenced "The Vicar of Wakefield." Another tenant at the same time as Goldsmith was Newberry, the bookseller, and it was in his rooms that the impecunious Oliver often took refuge from his creditors.

In the rooms generally reputed to have been inhabited by Goldsmith lived Washington Irving some time after a period of his life which he described in his "Tales of a Traveller." Other interesting folk who lived there at different times were Samuel Humphreys, the author of "Ulysses," who died there in 1737; Christopher Smart, the "mad poet;" Dr. Johnson of dictionary fame; William Hone, who wrote "The Every-day Book;" Woodfall, who printed "The Letters of Junius," and Robert Horsfield, one of Pope's booksellers.

Canonbury tower is now the property of the Marquis of Northampton, and an interesting romance is told of his ancestor through whom it came into his possession. In 1534 it belonged to Sir John Spencer, a lord mayor of London. He had a very beautiful daughter, Elizabeth, who was also a rich heiress. She loved and was loved by Lord Compton, but her father refused to sanction the match, so the lover had to resort to strategy. He dressed himself up as a baker's boy, called at the house and eventually left—with his lady love in his basket.

Sir John was furious and refused to see his daughter after the marriage, but a reconciliation was effected about a year after by that most cunning of women, Queen Elizabeth. She invited the angry baronet to become sponsor to an infant, whose mother, she declared, had behaved much as his daughter had. Sir John consented and then announced that he should adopt the son as his own. At this propitious moment the queen revealed her little plot and the incident closed in the time honored way by the old man "bless-you-my-childing" his son-in-law and erring daughter. It was through this child that the Marquis of Northampton inherited the tower.—Exchange.

### CLINICAL THERMOMETERS.

The Care That Is Taken to Make These Delicate Tubes Accurate.

Little does one think when he is in bed with fever, with a piece of glass sticking out of his mouth and the doctor waiting impatiently for it, to what great trouble the makers of the thermometer have gone to make the instrument accurate. The things necessary in a good clinical thermometer are, first and above all, one that reads accurately; secondly, one that will show the temperature change in the shortest possible time; thirdly, one that will not carry germs, and, fourthly, it must be self registering.

The self registering device is ingenious. It shows the highest temperature to which the thermometer has been subjected and does not "come back" till put back by the physician. Just above the mercury bulb there is a smaller bulb, nothing more than a widening of the tube. Above this is a contraction in the glass, making the tube very small indeed. When the mercury expands it is forced up through this contraction by the enormous pressure of heat expansion, but when it cools off and starts to come back with nothing pulling it but its weight, it cannot come. The physician, after looking at it, generally gets it back by holding it in his hand, bulb outward, and describing a semicircle very quickly with his arm. The centrifugal force here developed is greater than the weight of the mercury and so brings it back.

The United States government, through its bureau of standards, took an interest in the accuracy of clinical thermometers on the market and requested several firms to submit samples for inspection. All did so and awaited with anxiety the result of the bureau's tests. It was found that a large number of the ones submitted did not agree with recognized standards and that their accuracy was therefore none too great. So the bureau undertook to examine and fully test all thermometers got out, at small cost, and to put on them the mark of the bureau, which guaranteed their accuracy at the time of testing and their continued accuracy within small limits for the rest of the time.

Their inability to guarantee accuracy after testing is due to the unknown factor of glass contraction, due to cooling from excessive heat in their manufacture.

On the end of every thermometer tested, therefore, are to be found etched in the glass the letters B. S. and following them the serial number of that particular thermometer, so that whenever it is desirable or necessary one can always see whether or not he is using a government tested instrument.—New York Tribune.

### Dames of the Revolution.

The Society of Dames of the Revolution was organized in 1896. Its membership is composed of women above the age of eighteen, of good moral character, who are descended from an ancestor who, either as a military, naval or marine officer, or official in any one of the original thirteen colonies or states, assisted in establishing American independence during the war of the Revolution between April 19, 1775, when hostilities commenced, and April 19, 1783, when they were ordered to cease. The chief aim of the society, apart from the cultivation of patriotic sentiment, is to preserve as well as possible the history of the Revolutionary war.

### A Divorce Suit Ruined.

"Poor thing, she is terribly worried." "What's the matter?" "Her divorce case comes up tomorrow."

"And she dreads the publicity, I presume?"

"Not at all. Her dressmaker promised her a new velvet gown for the occasion, but she called her up today and said she is afraid she can't finish it. You know nothing prejudices a woman in a divorce case like an old gown."—Detroit Free Press.

### Man.

Man is of earth, but his thoughts are with the stars. Mean and petty his wants and his desires, yet they serve a soul exalted with grand, glorious aims—with immortal longings—with thoughts which sweep the heavens and wander through eternity. A pygmy standing on the outward crest of this small planet, his far-reaching spirit stretches outward to the infinite and there alone finds rest.—Ceryle.

### The Largest Flower.

The radlesia of Sumatra is said to be the largest and most magnificent flower in the world. It is composed of five roundish petals, each a foot across and of a red color, covered with numerous irregular, yellowish white swellings. The petals surround a cup nearly a foot wide.

### NATURAL SINGERS.

No one Possess the Harmonic Ear, a Distinct Musical Gift.

"The American negroes possess what has been called the 'harmonic ear,'" writes Natalie Curtis in the Craftsman. "Though utterly without training, the negroes improvise alto, tenor and bass parts to their songs with entire ease, and a whole negro chorus will spontaneously break into harmony of real interest to the musician as well as of beauty."

"In the tobacco factories of the south and in the fields I have heard ignorant negroes who seemed nearly related to their primitive African progenitors sing four part harmony of a richness and charm truly amazing. This harmonic talent of the negroes is strikingly in evidence at Hampton institute, the industrial school for negroes and Indians in Virginia. There a chorus of 800 negro students sings without accompaniment and in faultless pitch throughout an evening, chanting in the untaught harmonies peculiar to the negro the old plantation songs of the past generation. It is safe to say that Hampton has done more than any other single influence to keep extant the negro music in its purity."

"Once when I was visiting Hampton there was present a musician from Europe. He asked me who trained the chorus. I said: 'Nobody trains the negroes. Their singing is natural.' He said: 'I don't mean who trains their voices or teaches them tone production. I mean who teaches them their parts and trains them to sing together.' I repeated, 'Nobody.' He said: 'That is not possible. I have never heard finer choral singing.' I said: 'If you do not believe me ask Major Moton, the negro leader who starts the chorus in each song.' Major Moton answered as I did. The musician was amazed. 'How do you do it?' he asked. 'The negro answered, 'I don't know how we do it—we just sing, that's all.' And we agreed that a people who could 'just sing' as these did and improvise harmonies of such simple and natural beauty certainly possess a distinct musical gift, probably capable of rare development."

### Perseverance.

Robert Louis Stevenson tells of a Welsh blacksmith who at the age of twenty-five could neither read nor write. He then heard a chapter of "Robinson Crusoe" read aloud. It was the scene of the wreck, and he was so impressed by the thought of what he missed by his ignorance that he set to work that very day and was not satisfied until he had learned to read Welsh. His disappointment was great when he found all his plans had been thrown away, for he could only obtain an English copy of the book he was so anxious to read. Nothing daunted, he began once more and learned English and at last had the joy and triumph of being able to read the delightful story for himself.

### Hard to Believe.

"Think of it, my dear," remarked Mrs. Emily Street, looking up from the morning paper she had chattered at the breakfast table. "Just think of it! This paper says that there are three thousand millions of dollars in circulation in this country!"

"Is that so?" responded Mr. Street, as cheerfully as possible under the circumstances. "Well, well! Judging from the difficulty I always experience in getting you to give me 10 cents more than carfare every morning, I thought there couldn't be more than \$3.50 in the whole world."

Conversation languished a good bit after that.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, the strongest fortress in the world, has the record for the longest investment in modern times, the English holding it against the armies of France and Spain from July 16, 1779, until Feb. 5, 1783. Military experts say now that no one can carry Gibraltar, and those who have seen the English guns on the rocky hills and the English battleships in the quiet harbor will agree with the experts. The only way in which Gibraltar can be taken is by starvation, and England has the fortress provisioned for several years now.

### Dickens Spared Not His Pen.

With so many demands upon his pen one would expect to find Dickens availing himself of all possible brevities in his correspondence at least. But a glance through his letters shows that he scorned all such opportunities and preferred to spend everything out. The date of the months, for example, are given in words instead of figures. "Monday, sixteenth January," "Tuesday, seventh March," "Wednesday, twelfth April," "twenty-sixth May," "Friday evening, nineteenth May"—in this way are all his letters dated. He spared not his pen.

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