

The Ghost of Disraeli Speaks.

The late Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, brushed the dust off a cloud with his right wing and sat down and let his legs hang over as he looked down on the capital of England.

"You are a nice man," William Ewart Gladstone, he murmured, with a clear, sardonic smile upon his lips: "I always said you were a nice man. You can write nice books for very old and very quiet gentlemen; nobody can surpass you in your great popular speciality of cutting down trees, and you have raised a large and interesting and highly pious family. William Ewart, I dare say it is a great treat to the seriously inclined to hear them singing hymns in chorus. Oh you are a nice man, there is no doubt of it. You are a dear old duck of a man. But when you undertake to govern this realm, William, you are apt to get over your head.

In my lifetime, William, I always did what I could to spare you the trials and perplexities of official life. I think that you yourself will be willing to credit me with a great deal of sincere and earnest effort in that direction. I felt that the life of a prime minister was too much of a strain upon you, and was always ready to sacrifice myself and take the burden upon my own shoulders. I do not believe you were ever really grateful or that you considered kindness which I was with you in the flesh. But you probably appreciate me better by this time. To-day I flatter myself, you would be very glad to have me alive and active. You know well that if I were with you, you would not long be permitted to remain in your present pickle. I should gently and blandly, but firmly and decisively oust you and slip the reins of government between my own skilled and ready fingers.

"For you are in a pickle, William. It seems slightly irreverent to say that the author of 'Juventus Mundi' is in a pickle; but that is what you are in—a plain, common, vulgar pickle. Why just look at it! What a mess you have made of this colonial business all through. Here you have to chip in, as the Americans say, with all the rest of the nations just to manage a miserable little African affair, of which I would have taken the sole charge without troubling anybody, and you are going to lose your grip on the Panama Canal, protectorate, William, you know you are, and Bismarck—ah, there's a man for you! Bismarck is grabbing what you should have grabbed. And how are you making out in the Sudan my dear old friend? Wince not at the word—tis a pleasant country for one who likes to combine retirement with vivacious vicissitude.

"And you aren't covering yourself with silver or gilt glory at home my dear. Perhaps you think you can manage those Irish better than I could? Perhaps though you don't. And you've won the everlasting love of the radicals, eh, haven't you, William? And prithce, sweet friend, answer frankly, if you canst, did I have ever have any dynamite in my time? Nay, nay, William, I would not scoff, but as a statesman thou art not a distinguished success. Go teach the orphan boy to read—go teach the orphan girl to sew, or else advertise for light employment, not of a political nature, for an elderly gentleman about retiring from active business."—N. Y. Puck.

Arsenic in Domestic Fabrics

With regard to arsenic there are opportunities of observing what may be classed as experimental proofs, such as could not possibly occur in illness arising from sewer gas. This further proof consists in the frequent alternate recurrence of illness and recovery—illness on exposure to, and recovery on removal from, arsenical surroundings, followed by final recovery on substitution of a non-arsenical fabric in place of that containing the poison. Change of air is in all probability often credited with the benefits arising from removal from some unsanitary condition of residence, office or workshop. The effect on men employed in hanging or removing arsenic wall papers is another proof of their injurious quality—men have frequently to leave their work unfinished, being too ill to continue under the poisonous influence. Arsenic in domestic fabrics is so easily dispensed with that there is no valid reason for the continued use of these poisonous colors. Several paper stainers have for years conscientiously excluded all arsenical colors from their works, yet have still maintained their position in the open market, thus deciding the question both as to cost and quality of non-arsenical wall papers. It is an interesting question to medical men and chemists, how it is that these minute quantities of arsenic, or of some combination of arsenic with other ingredients, when breathed should be so injurious, when larger quantities can be taken into the stomach as a medicine with advantage. This question, however, is of no consequence to the patient. His course is simply enough: having found out the cause of illness, get rid of it, and be thankful it can be got rid of at so small a cost. Arsenic is also found in the dust of rooms papered with arsenical papers, thus proving the presence of arsenic in the atmosphere.

Lord Beaconsfield's declaration long ago, that Herat is "the glaciis of the Indian Empire," is beginning to force itself upon the present British Cabinet as a serious and too long neglected fact.

Special Notices.

Mr. R. C. Goff, of the firm of Dorsey, Goff & Co., has returned from a visit abroad, where he has bought at a low cash price a large Spring Stock (Latest Styles) of Boats, Shoes and Shippers—Dorsey, Goff & Co., Feb 25

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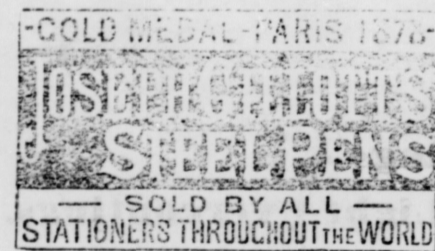
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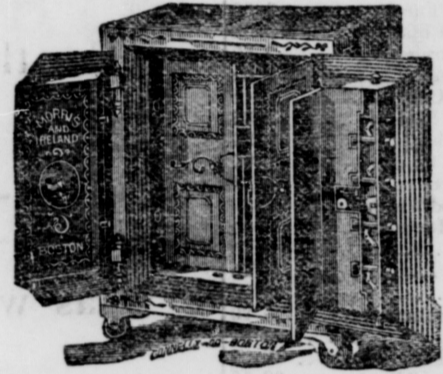
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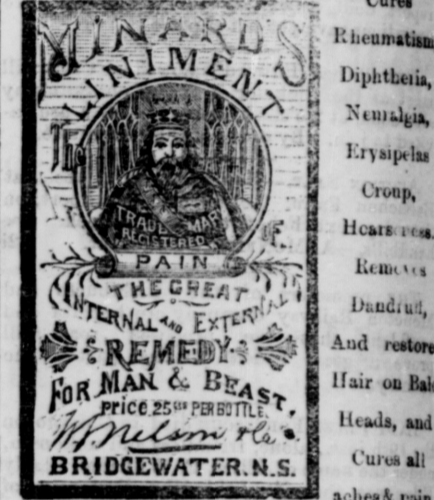
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