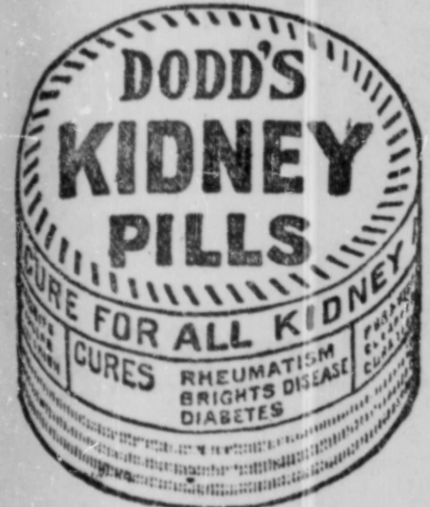


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Widow Tilley's Outing.

"I'd ought to be," said Mrs. Mix, "after the way she nursed my little Freddy with the diphtheria. I'm out



"Liza, if you die and leave me, I'll never forgive you."

of a job," says she, "it ain't costing me nothing, as if that was all, and it kept her out of a job for two weeks longer nursing him. And I couldn't do nothing for her to pay!"

"She wouldn't come anigh me all that time," said Mrs. Tilley, "feared of giving me the infection."

Mrs. Mix prattled on, and Mrs. Tilley listened, but she was thinking with a strange moving of the heart how glad Eliza had seemed that day when at last she could enter her friend's room. "I've scrubbed and scrubbed," she had said, and had choked as she laughed, poor simple Eliza, who admired her so! "I ain't going to get another friend like her, soon," she thought, and suddenly came to her the sense of Mrs. Mix's words. "Yes, I do s'pose Eliza Merry

would jump into the fire for you, and I wish you'd speak to her to have her go to a hospital while there is a show."

Mrs. Tilley looked at her. A change came over her face. It was no longer a commonplace, pretty, elderly face; it was alight and aglow with a solemn radiance; it was the face that had been lifted years ago to John Tilley when she promised to marry him. "I ain't got anything but love to offer you," he had said, "but love's worth something." She seemed to hear his voice. "I will," said she.

Eliza was sitting up when Mrs. Tilley appeared with broth and whisky. She made light of her illness. Mrs. Tilley did not contradict her, but when she went away, she came up to the bedside and said, "Liza, I got a little present for you, and I can't tell you how glad I am to have it to give you."

With that she slipped the envelope under the pillow and had gone to the door before she stopped, came back and with a choke in her voice added, "Liza, if you die and leave me, I'll never forgive you," and hurried away.

"I'm glad I did it!" she cried defiantly in the hallway. "What would be the use of going to the fair if she wasn't here to tell it to?"

Every time she woke up in the night—to be sure, not often, for she slept well—she said, "I'm glad."

She went up to Eliza's room in the morning, only to find her gone. Then she went back to her own rooms and put away every book or picture that she had so prized which told of the fair. She put them away with a little quiver of the mouth, but she was glad



If life is worth having it is worth taking care of. Recklessness does not pay, either in our work or our pleasure. When people read of a young man who has been killed while performing some reckless feat on a toboggan or at some other hazardous sport, their sympathy is mixed with surprise that any human being should thus carelessly risk life.

There are thousands of men who are recklessly risking their lives while they go about their common every-day avocations. They over-work, they do not take sufficient time from business or labor to eat or sleep or rest, or to care for their health. Outraged nature throws out danger signals, to which they pay no heed. They suffer from bilious or nervous disorders, from sick headache, giddiness, drowsiness, cold chills, flushings of heat, shortness of breath, blotches on the skin, loss of appetite, uncomfortable sensations in the stomach after meals, loss of sleep, lassitude and trembling sensations. These are the advance symptoms of serious and fatal maladies.

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all the time. The last picture was gone when there came a tap on the door. She opened to Eliza.

"Well, you had woman to be out of bed, I'm glad to see you!" she cried heartily.

There were tears on Eliza's thin cheeks. She thrust something into Mrs. Tilley's hand. "There's the money," she sobbed. "Oh, God bless you, Mrs. Tilley, for caring enough for me to give up your great time for me! I'll never cease to be proud you were willing to give that up for me. No, don't stop me; take the money! I can give up something too! I went down to Mr. Larrabee to scrub the office, and I told him all about how mean and proud I was, not thinking it was anybody's concern but mine if I lived or died, and how you was so noble, and I said, 'If she can give up her visit to the World's fair for me, I can give up my pride for her, and if the ladies will be kind and take me in for what I've got and the work I can do they can call it a charity patient or anything else they like. And he was that good he's got me in, and I'll go gladly!'"

She went. Mr. Larrabee managed it. But Mrs. Tilley was not quite to be cheated out of the luxury of self sacrifice. When she went to the fair, Eliza went with her for a day of paradise, and they have talked about it together ever since.

First Names.

In 1379 more than half the men were called John or William, while more than three-quarters were called either John, William, Thomas, Richard or Robert, which in common parlance must have been Jack, Will, Tom, Dick or Rob, since among the commonest patronymics are Jackson, Wilson, Thompson, Dixon and Robson. Other names are less usual. Henry and Adam being each 3 per cent; Roger and Hugh are only 2 per cent, while Walter, Simon, Ralph and Nicholas are 1 per cent. Still fewer are Geoffrey, Alan and Stephen. Denis and Jacob occur only once in 400 names. Martin and Peter once in 800.

In the thirteenth century William is the commonest name. In the fourteenth and following centuries John is first, with William second. Thus in Bishop Hatfield's survey 40 per cent of the men are named John, followed by William with 23 per cent, while if we add Robert and Thomas 80 per cent of all the men's names are accounted for.

From the wills it appears that in 1636 John heads the list with 16 per cent. William follows close behind with 15 per cent. Thomas is 12 per cent, followed by Richard and Robert with 8 per cent each. Henry and George are only half as numerous. Still fewer are Roger, Ralph, Nicholas, Edward, James, Charles, Francis, Humphrey, Anthony, Gilbert, Lawrence and Joseph.—Notes and Queries.

Unneighborly London.

London life drives people in upon themselves. The first thing that strikes a newcomer from the provinces, particularly from the north, is the unneighborliness of London. Among the millions here you can live a more lonely life than in a remote country town. People don't know their next door neighbors and don't want to know them. Not only that, people dwelling in the same house are frequently strangers to each other. Often you knock at the doors of houses and find that the occupier of the first floor doesn't know the name of the family on the third, though both may have lived there for years. When the spirit of neighborliness is absent, the spirit of citizenship suffers.

In the slums it is different. The slums of London represent about the only place where neighborliness prevails. In the back slum courts you will find a more genuine neighborly spirit than anywhere else in London. The little community knows itself thoroughly. They quarrel one day and help each other the next. They pull each other through hard times, they nurse each other, feed each other, clothe each other, shelter each other.—London News.

Pleasant For Mamma.

"We expect to educate Mabel very highly," said a clever matron recently to a visitor. "But I don't want to be educated," came the unexpected voice of Miss Mabel, a tot of 4, from an adjoining room. "I want to be jess like my mamma is."—Chicago News.

The Streets of Gibraltar.

In Gibraltar fans old and new, silk and laces, are the principal staples of the native trade. Streets are thronged with Spanish, English, East Indians and Moors. Follow these last across the narrow strait to their homes, and you are in a different world. From Gibraltar to Tangier takes you back centuries. But these centuries do meet in Tangier, where Europeans jostle orientals, and the scarlet uniform of Tommy Atkins appears amid a crowd of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, whose profession flourishes as of yore.

The first sound that smote the ear of our traveler from this part of the world was the strain of a hand organ grinding "Sweet Marie," and only a step beyond a performance by native musicians carried one into the very heart of Africa. The fish in the markets of Algiers make one think of the fish which the princess fried in "Arabian Nights." Such gorgeous colors were never seen, nor such queer assortment of remarkable creatures. Their gold...

silver scales and their rainbow lines light up the dark old arches of the market places, and literally all's fish that comes to the net of the Algerian fisherman. Limpets, snails, mussels, horse-shoe crabs, toadfish, sea anemones—in fact all things that come from salt water—are bought and eaten, principally by the French population.—Donahoe's Magazine.

France and Colonizing.

The French cannot colonize, and they know it. Their population is, to put it moderately, stagnant. In 50 years' time the laws of nature will have reduced them to the rank of a second rate power, unless they meanwhile adopt and act upon the device, "Liberte, Egalite, Maternite." Meanwhile they have not a surplus population to be employed in colonization. Their colonies are not even self supporting. Leaving out Algeria, they cost the republic 100,000,000 francs a year.

And concerning Algeria, one of the few Frenchmen who regard these questions in the light of plain facts, G. Garreau, writing in the Siecle a few days ago, makes the painful confession: "During well nigh 70 years we have failed to make Algeria pay. Have we even striven to make it? During 20 years we have been pursuing Ahmadou or Samory. What have we done with the Sudan? We have contributed to depopulate it, we have made waste, directly or indirectly, immense territories, on which a rich population formerly lived; we have extended the desert instead of reclaiming it. Our soldiers have labored so well that they successfully thwarted all useful beginnings and blocked the road to the pioneers of our commerce."—Contemporary Review.

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