

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Try to be Content--That is the Advice Arp Gives During Troublous Times.

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The best thing for a man or a woman to do in these troublous times is to try to be content with our situation and surroundings.

I was ruminating about this because a Singer sewing machine agent visited my house to-day and when he found we didn't want another machine he sat in the veranda and we talked about the war and about the beautiful region and the lovely weather and about inventions and progress and the restlessness and discontent of the people.

That is true. What a good idea it would be for a man to keep a debtor and credit account with his Maker, and charge himself with every good thing--his health and strength, his sunshine and shower, the pure air and the trees and fruits and flowers, the picturesque views of hills and valleys, the fast flowing streams, the songs of the birds and the music that cheers the hearth and home.

Well, of course, there would be some things to put down on the other side--such as sickness, a death in the family, or some afflicted child, or what is worse, some son or daughter who has disappointed our hopes or brought grief to broken hearts.

There is more sunshine than cloud in our life if we will only look at it right, for we are the most helpless creatures on earth, and a helpless man ought to be thankful for everything he gets.

Valuable Information. The visitor at the business man's desk might have been a tramp, and he might not.

"Do you want to know how to make a dollar?" he inquired, politely. "Yes, I'd like to know how to make several," replied the puzzled business man.

"You can, sir; but, of course, you must know how to make one first." "That's so. Tell me how."

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will be the outcome of this old war. "You'll know by waiting," and the days are coming this way. But the eager people don't want to wait.

We are having birth days and other episodes at our house nowadays just like there wasent any war. My wife has been saying for a long time that she owed some social debt to our good neighbors, and was just obliged to give a dining--and she did.

The prophet Isaiah tells us of a time coming when seven women shall take hold of one man, but there were thirteen after me, and I felt as meek as Moses and as humble as a dead Indian.

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And our little oryan grandchild had a birthday. She rose up to nine years and gave a little out-door party to her little cousins.

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A Shabby Record.

Not since the battle of Lepanto in 1571 has Spain given a good account of herself in naval warfare. In that battle Spain, with the aid of the Genoese and Venetian fleets administered such a crushing defeat to Turkey that it destroyed the power of the sultan on the seas for all time to come.

In 1704 Spain lost Gibraltar and England has held it ever since. Three months after its capture the allied forces of Spain and France tried to retake the fortress and lost 10,000 men in the endeavor.

In 1781 Spain once more attacked Gibraltar and suffered the loss of 40,000 men. France again aided her in 1782, but the allies were utterly defeated.

Spain since that time has given up hope of recapturing Gibraltar. On July 31, 1718, Spain lost to England twenty-nine battleships at Messina. In 1780 Rodney administered a severe defeat to the Spanish fleet off Cape Vincent, where her warships were recently gathered.

A far worse thrashing was given her by that greatest of all sea-fighters, Horatio Nelson, at Trafalgar, where with a far inferior fleet he almost annihilated the combined naval strength of France and Spain.

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Commodore Dewey and his gallant men have added another to the long unbroken and dismal list of Spanish defeats at sea. Admiral Sampson will soon add another.

Sand in War.

Admiral Irwin, in the course of his testimony before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, was asked what he thought of the defenses of Porto Rico. He said that the fortifications of San Juan were "magnificent pieces of masonry," impregnable in their day, but now "of no more value than a wooden fence" against the 12 or 13-inch guns of the Indiana.

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All Sorts of Paragraphs.

There are more than 200 excellent ports in Cuba.

Teach your children to help themselves--but not to what doesn't belong to them.

Men will refrain from evil-speaking when their fellow-men refrain from evil hearing.

A coquette is a rose from which every lover plucks a leaf--the thorns are left for her future husband.

Why is the letter S likely to prove dangerous in argument? Because it turns words into swords.

There is a boy in Boston so bright that his mother has to look at him through a piece of smoked glass.

A man who is not at heart ashamed of himself, need not be ashamed of his early condition in life.

At sea level an object 100 feet high is visible a little over 13 miles. If 500 feet high, it is visible nearly 30 miles.

Minds of great men may run in the same channel, but somehow the channel seems never to become overcrowded.

Although the flap of skin which covers an elephant's ear is of considerable size, the ear itself is very small in proportion.

It's pretty hard for some people to distinguish between what they think they know and what they know they think.

The general-in-chief of the Cuban revolutionary army in the field is Maximo Gomez. The lieutenant-general is Calixto Garcia.

A very nice imported fan, plenty good enough for a woman whose husband earns \$12 per week, can now be purchased for \$500.

We don't just see why a woman should like her mirror better than a man, for the man will flatter her and the mirror will not.

When a laboring man undertakes to support a family and a saloon at the same time, the saloon will grow rich and the family grow poor.

Wieden, a suburb of Vienna, has the largest dwelling house in the world. It contains 1,400 rooms, divided into 400 suits, and affords shelter to 2,112 persons.

"Well, my little man, aren't you barefooted rather early this season?" said a benevolent gentleman to a youngster. "Guess not. Wuz born barefooted."

You are a coward if you fear to tell the truth when you should do so. You are a coward when you insult the weak. You are a coward if you are afraid to die right.

Bricks made of plaster of paris and cork are now used in the construction of powder mills. In case of explosion they offer slight resistance, and are broken to atoms.

Yellow fever prevails each year in the seaport cities of Cuba, beginning toward the end of June and disappearing in September. Foreigners only are attacked by the disease.

The rainy season in Cuba begins in May or June and ends in November. The most rain falls in September and October. The average number of rainy days in a year is 102.

"These is terrible hard times," said Meandering Mike. "You bet they is," replied Plodding Pete. "A fellow can't go nowhere lookin' fur work nowadays without havin' some offered him."

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A Funny Burglar Story.

An elderly woman and her daughter, living on Walnut street, have been spending the last few days in recuperating from a nervous shock they recently received, each blaming the other as the cause of the trouble.

The elder woman is slightly deaf, and lives in constant dread of burglars, and to additionally fortify her room at night she has taken to standing a stick between the lower sash of her window and the casing above, so it cannot be opened.

In the meantime the daughter had been awakened by the same noise, and, fearing that a burglar had entered her mother's room and would frighten her to death, she hurried to investigate. Reaching the door, she saw to her horror, that her mother was lying, head down, over the machine, evidently dead or unconscious.

A Detroit clergyman who before war was settled upon spent all day in prayer that it might be averted is now holding meetings every two hours throughout the day in his church devoted to prayer for the success for the war.

He--"There are at least a dozen women who would be glad to get me if you were to die." She--"I don't doubt it. They know I have got you pretty well trained."

Scrofula, a Vile Inheritance. Scrofula is the most obstinate of blood troubles, and is often the result of an inherited taint in the blood.

My son, Charlie, was afflicted from infancy with Scrofula, and he suffered so that it was impossible to dress him for three years. His head and body were a mass of sores, and his eyesight also became affected.

For real blood troubles it is a waste of time to expect a cure from the doctors. Blood diseases are beyond their skill. Swift's Specific.

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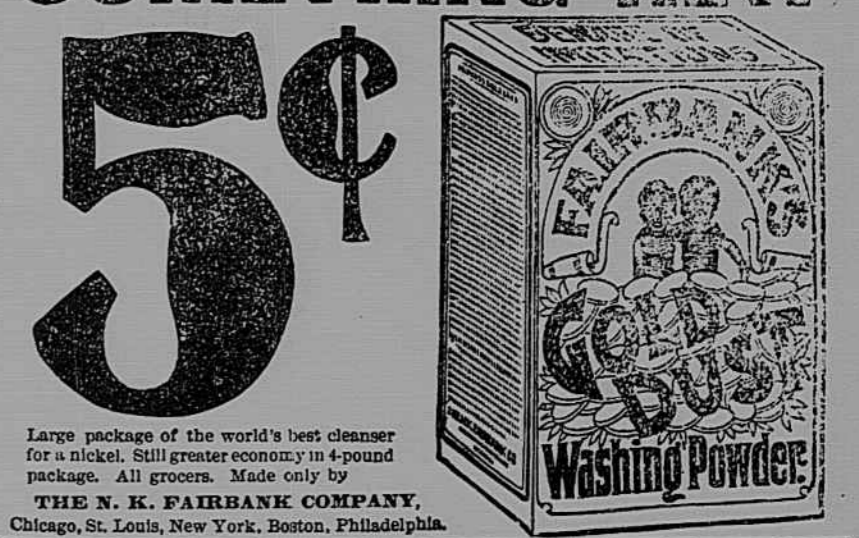
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