

BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE. Makes the food more delicious and wholesome.

A BACHELOR'S ENCUMBRANCE

I, Paul Particular, went West late last autumn, and when I returned it was in company with my encumbrance. My paternal patronyme was not a misnomer, I am therefore particularly particular. I was particularly particular in my childhood. I grew up particularly particular. My ideas grew with my growth, and strengthened with my strength. I would not tell the comfortable little country estate left me because a farmer must sometimes wear overalls; so I arranged Primrose cottage as nicely as any other elegant furniture could render it. I had Dorcas for a housekeeper and Joe Telford as gardener, and went into town, entered into the commission and brokerage business, and remained in the city of Los Angeles.

My business was not wanting. I had a working partner, and my own capital procured me the greater share of the profits and an easy life. I had a sister, but she was married, and a colony of little encumbrances grew up around her, and filling nursery, hall and drawing room with their noise; hence I went less and less to Ellen's as to her home, and finally I had more demonstrative of her love and strength of juvenile juncos. Primrose cottage was twenty miles from town; and though pleasant enough for summer's vacation, when I entertained a party of choice guests of autumn and winter, mine host of Easy's hotel had the preference.

But for the journey I set out upon last autumn, whereas I am about to relate; for the story may show you what unlooked-for means I took to myself an encumbrance for life. An long time back my old friend and college chum, Dick Avery, being sent the letters describing of his happy farmer life in Montana. "Whenever you get the blues and dyspepsia, or grow sick of business, come out for a month through the glorious, great West, and to my old friend Dick Avery, Miss Gertrude Bird, a pretty sort of young creature with dark blue eyes and a wealth of brown hair. Miss Bird had been West four years teaching school, and was getting to be homesick; so that it was only after much persuasion that she consented to stay a month or two longer with the Averages.

A bachelor still, Paul, said Dick, while Mrs. Avery and her pretty cousin were preparing supper. "Why, ma, you ought to have been settled down in life these ten years! You add up the number of years, believe, Paul, and I'm getting pretty old, you know, and my hair is turning gray." "Just then Gertrude Bird came into the room and summoned us to supper. Candidly, I don't remember the time that Dick Avery ever got up such a tempting meal. And then my appetite so conflicted with the tyrant that had hold it in abeyance. Upon the whole, I was decidedly pleased. After supper I proposed having some music. "We always have a little ring of evenings," said he, "and to-night I propose 'Auld Lang Syne.' Come, Gertrude." Miss Bird sang down to the piano, and Dick Avery, who was followed by a dozen other melodies, and then Dick read a chapter in the Bible and we all retired for the night. And I must say that such calm sleep and dreamless rest, as I had, was not to my handsomely furnished bed-chamber at Easy's hotel as came to me there in the plain little bed in which I lay down to rest that first night in Montana.

That I have not time here to recount all the events of that month in Dick Avery's home. Suffice it that each was a typical rest. And all this time the tyrant, dyspepsia, had been growing feebler in his way, till finally he entirely abdicated the throne. And then I began to think of coming home, and then it was that my encumbrance came to me after this wise: "Easy, Dick, one day, coming to me with a serious face from a long talk with Gertrude Bird, 'how would you like company to the East? Gertrude is thoroughly homesick and longs to see her mother again, and through we shall lose half the sunshine of our home, I cannot urge her to stay another month. Your going back offers such a capital chance for her to travel in company with Gertrude's deputed me to ask you if she'll have my encumbrance or not.'"

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

A TALK ABOUT GOOD ROADS. POINTS ABOUT THE NEW SOUTH.

Prof. Holmes' Valuable Address to the Legislators—His Lecture Commanded Close Attention from a Large Audience. The State, 27th Inst.

The Legislature of South Carolina last night listened to an enjoyable and much enjoyed common sense talk on the subject of good roads. This theme was the subject of the entire time of Prof. J. A. Holmes of the University of North Carolina and State geologist, but he referred briefly to many latest resources which should be developed, looked after and maintained.

Mr. Holmes is a native of South Carolina, and though a young man, is among the foremost of those who are elevating time and brain to the up-to-date South in the development of their natural resources. His remarkable career of a remarkable man, Mr. Taylor had been in the field for some time, but he realized his condition, and his desire to come to the North. He died while sitting in his chair, and there was no one in the room with him when he died. A member of the family had just left him, and he was alone in his room.

Mr. Taylor, or "Uncle Wash," as everybody affectionately called him, was a very capable and able man in many respects. He had the genius of an Edison, and spent his entire life working out inventions, some of them wonderful, and which will bring him a great amount of money. His name has been forgotten, and he is now being called after him, and he is doing well everybody who knew him is doing to-day.

Mr. Taylor's invention of the fire extinguisher, which is a general use by the South by ginners and compressors of cotton. This alone has been of incalculable benefit not only to the ginner in the protection it furnishes for his machinery, but to the farmer in that the ginner was enabled to do the work at a much lower rate, on account of less fire and lower insurance. We suppose the inventor of the cotton gin would not be fit to die with this simple little attachment that will extinguish a flame in the gin house almost instantaneously.

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AN ADMINISTRATION PLAN. A CAUCUS MEASURE DEFEATED.

He was opposed to all the provisions of the Mayfield substitute. He was glad that the whole question could now be considered on its merits. He reviewed the question of a dispensary law in favor of strict regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors and referred to legislation in 1882, when liquor could only be sold in towns.

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THERE'S TOO MANY SMITHS. A GOOD DEAL IS IN A NAME.

Bill Arp Tells of Perplexity Growing Out of Same Name—His Son Traveled a Long Distance and Found He Had Another Man's Telegram.

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