FIGHT THE FILTHY FLY.

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Poison That Is Not Dangerous to Human Life.

To warn people of the dangers of flies, and to show them how to get rid of the pests, the Chicago health department has issued a bulletin, in which the pesky nulsances are called all sorts of bad names. "Files are the dirtiest and filthiest of vermin," the bulletin says: "They are born in filth. live in filth and carry filth around with them, only to be scattered upon those whom they touch. Now is the time to build your lines of defense. Prepare to fight them as you would wild beasts seeking your life."

A good fly poison, not dangerous to human life, the bulletin adds, is a solution of bichromate of potash, one dram dissolved in 2 ounces of water and sweetened with a little sugar. Put me in shallow dishes and place throughout the house. Another is cobalt chloride, one dram dissolved in 3 ounces of water, placed in shallow dishes as above. To clean fooms in which there are large numbers of files burn pyrethrum pewder or blow black has into the air of the room. These do not kill the flies; they are merely stunned and fall to the floor. They must then be gathered up and de-

Seven different varieties of files are found in our houses, 98 per cent of which are represented by the common house fly. Flies lay their eggs only in fermenting or decaying sub--by preference in horse manure. Hence, says Harper's Weekly, every stable is a center of infection less periodically disinfected. The magget is hiso hatched out in latrises and ssh-pit refuse, such as bedas straw, rage, paper, scraps of meat, fruit, etc., on which substances the larvae subsist after they hatch. which occurs in about twelve days after the egg has been laid. It is estimated that a single fly, laying '120 ergs at a time, will produce a progeny amounting to sextillions by the end of the season.

The number of bacteria upon a single fly have been proved to range all the way from 550 to 6.600,006. The average for 414 files which were examined at the agricultural experiment station at Storrs, Conn., last year was 1,150,000 bacteria aplece. This repthat enter the human system when one swallows a glass of liquid into which some fly has perhaps fallen, to be removed by a slovenly walter without the liquid being thrown away.

The Meek Man Retorts.

"Fountain pens," snapped the nagring wife, "remind me of some hus-"What is the resemblance?" ven-

tured the meek little man. "Expensive, can't be depended up-

on, won't work, and half the time they are broke."

"That's pretty rough, Martha, but you couldn't compare a fountain pen

with some women."

"I guess not."

"No, a fountain pen will dry up and some wives won't."

And then he made for the suburban trolley and made a bee line for town.-Chicago News.

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, of Denver, and the newly formed Public Service League of Women have succeeded with their protests against an ordinance passed by the Denver alderman, to permit the feeding of brewery swill to milch cows.

Attorney General Lyon was named by W. H. Townsend, of Columbia, as the representative of the State to go over the books of County Treasurer Langford, of Hampton, who was found short in his accounts by the comptroller general about \$24,000. Treasurer Langford was bonded at \$20,000.





The Bedtime Story.

Half-past buttercup, half-past clover

blow over; Half-past nid-nod, half-past noddy, Oh, what a tired little, dear little ple looked forward with considerable body.

wild fairy glory;

Half-past Riding Hood, half-past eight,

Down to the bars, and the dream's at the gate!

Half-past Jack-And-The-Bean-Stalk,

And the bedtime folk are a-hovering Peterkin, Putterkin, Puck and all,

Peas bloom short and Mustard Seed | ici."

Half-past ding-dong, Pussy's in the well. The little lady's garden of the cock-

leshell; Ships on the sea and wind on the

Home again, darling, in the dreams of home!

Half-past dandelion, half-past daisy. Half-past little feet growing awful

Half-past sandman sitting on the sill And the gray, gray mists on the far green hill;

Half-past Sinbad and Captin Kidd. And the click-click of the katy-did:

Half-past cuddle in the arms of love With the dear, dear God keeping watch above!

Half-past story of the bedtime, sweet: Rest, little arms, and rest, little feet; Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle go the dreamland bells

Where the sheep of the stars climo the hills and the dells. Half-past buttercup, half-past clov-

Down come the dreams, and the trip's all over;

Rest as the rose rests, sleep as the

And dream as the deep dreams all night through!

Passing of the Indian.

A hundred years ago the great Misresents about the number of bacteria sissippi valley and West were given up to the Indian. When the settlers came the Indian had forced upon massacres. But back of it all was the iron hand and the inexorable law of progress. The Indian was expected to acquire in a few years what the white race took centuries to acquire. The load of civilization was too heavy; he broke down under it. This is the story of his going, and only the utmost care will avail to prevent extinction.

Had Been Anticipated.

A London composer was one summe engaged on the score of an opera, anas the weather was very hot h worked with the windows of his stud; open. This fact was taken advantag of by his neighbor, a lady, an accomplished musician, with a very quiel and retentive ear, to play upon him a harmless practical joke.

One morning he completed and tried over a new march, and the lady on the same afternoon seated herself at her grand piano, opened her windows and rolled forth the air fortissimo. The composer rushed distractedly into hi garden to his wife and, tearing his hair in anguish, cried out:

"My dear, I give it up! I thought I had composed an original tune, but it must be a delusion, for my grand march-my chef d'oeuvre, as I thought it-is only a reminiscence and is already the property of some music pub

When Boston Shuddered.

"The superior intelligence of Boston continues to excite the envy of her sis ter cities," recently observed a promi nent Bostonian, "and I prepose to adfuel to the fame by citing the newes instance thereof. A little boy in the Back Bay district, at whose house oc cur many meetings of a certain liter ary club, was asked not long ago by a returned Bostonian what had become of a family named Deering.

" 'The Deerings?' said the boy. 'Oh they're not asked here any more They're no longer on mother's list.' "'No longer on the list? What's th

"'Why, haven't you beard? Drusilla Deering sent a sonnet to the Atlantic that contained twenty lines!"-Lip-

A witness in an Irish court talked so loud that Charles Philips, who was counsel on the other side, said, "Fel low, why do you bark so furiously?" "Because," said the man, looking hard at Philips, "I think I see a thief!"

Retribution.

Tommy-Pop, what is retribution? Tommy's Pop-Retribution, my son, is something that we are sure will even tually overtake other people.-Phila delphia Record.

called attention to a remark made to The total wages paid in 1906 amounthim years ago by the Chinese Prime ed to over \$240,000,000, or an aver-Minister, Wen Hslang: "You had bet- age per head of \$211.68. The aveter let us sleep on; if you will awaken rage for men per week was \$6.83, for she said: us, we'll go farther and faster than women \$3.75, for boys \$2.53, and for you'll like."

Dr. Eliot's Five-Foot Library.

Some time ago Dr. Charles W. Eliot Dreams of the night where the winds announced that the books necessary to give a liberal education could be placed in a five-foot book case. Pcointerest to his announcement. Read-Half-past goldilocks, half-past story ing the list suggests an old Latin quo-Of the Prince and the maid and the tation about mountains and mice. Here is the list:

"Autobiography of Benjamin Frank-

"Journal of John Woolman." "Fruits of Solitude," by William

Penn. Bacon's "Essays" and "New Atlan-

Milton's "Areopagitica," and "Tractate on Education." Sir Thomas Brown's "Religio Med-

Plato's "Apology," "Phaedio" and

"Golden Sayings of Epictetus." 'Meditations of Marcus Aurelius."

Emerson's "Essays." Emerson's "English Traits." The compete poems of Milton. Johnson's "Volpone."

Beaumont and Fletcher's "The Maids' Tragedy." Webster's "Duchess of Malfi."

Middleton's "The Changeling." Dryden's "All For Love." Shelley's "Cenci." Browning's "Blot on the Scutch-

Tennyson's "Becket."

Goethe's "Faust." Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus." Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations. "Letters of Cicero and Pliny." Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." Caucer's "Canterbury Tales."

"Imitation of Christ," by Thomas

Dante's "Divine Comedy." Darwin's "Origin of Species." "Arabian Nights."

Now what do you think of it? Did you ever see all the books mentioned? Would you read them if you had them? A reporter of the New York American visited the public libraries of the city and found that the books mentioned were mostly covered with

For instance, in the month of April. there were 25,105 readers at the Astor and Lenox libraries, but for only four of the forty books on Dr. Eliot's list was there any considerable demand. They are Goethe's "Faust." "Arabian Nights," Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations" and the "Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin."

The books Dr. Eliot has chosen for his 'five-foot shelf' are certainly surprises," said Leon Nelson Nichols well known author and assistant librarian at the Astor library.

"There is absolutely no demand for any of the books in Dr. Eliot's list," declared William Rickey, director of the Booklovers' library. 'We formerly carried some of the volumes; but there are none now among our 10,000 titles. People, and New Yorkers especially, will not stand for heavy classical reading matter any more."

"There is no demand for Dr. Eliot's books here," said a Lenox librarian. 'Of the total number of volumes called for at our library last year almost sixty per cent. were American genealogies and local histories, so, you see, there was not much room for Dr. Eliot's books. Although the demand here for Browning and Tennyson was greater than the Astor library, still is was trifling."

Marches and Marches.

A schoolteacher in a small town saw some of George Eliot's works displayed in the window of the "general store" and went in to inquire if they had "Middlemarch."

"No, we haven't that," said the red cheeked girl who served as clerk, "but we have lots of others. Will one of Sousa's do?"

Considerate.

Mr. de Club-My dear, a great German physician says women require more sleep than men. Mrs. de C .- Does he? Mr. de C.-Yes. My dear-umer-you'd better not wait up for me tonight.

No Mystery This Time. Mr. Popp-By gosh, for once in my

life I know where my cuff links are Mrs. P.-Where are they now? Mr. P. -The baby's swallowed 'em!-Cleveland

It is all right to vote for the country's prosperity, but you must work for your own.-Atchison Globe.

A Conscientious Sentry.

An officer, at a State camp, decided to see for himself how his sentries were doing their duty. He was somewhat surprised at overhearing the fellowing:

"Halt! Who goes there?" "Friend-with a bottle." "Pass, friend. Halt, bottle."-Ev-

erybody's Magazine.

Textile workers in the United Kingdom are 1,171,000, of whom 482,-In a recent speech Sir Robert Hart | 000 were men and 689,000 women. girls \$2.17.

WOMAN'S FIRST DUTY TO MAN.

A disquieting dispatch from New York reaches us. Fifty unmarried members of the Progressive Woman's Suffrage Union of that city have signed a pledge not to marry any man who will not formally agree not only to support woman's suffrage but to take an active part in the fight for it. The movement is expected to grow. and its promoters are convinced that the pledge will be signed by 100,000 girls. The lady who favors us with this property says that a man who does not believe in woman suffrage will beat his wife. This last proposition is going just a little too far. It always gives us acute pain to differ frem our friends of the Suffrage Union, but we really do think that there are men who do not believe in weman's suffrage who have never habitually beaten their wives. These men may be misguided, but if they ever beat their wives, it is not habitual, but only casually and from time to time. Whether women who do believe in female suffrage are in the habit of beating their husbands is another matter.

But the threat of refusal to marry is a serious business, and if we believed that these ladies would decline to make any concessions, we would be really worried over it. But there is a story, with which some of our readers are doubtless familiar, that serves to illustrate the kindly and conciliatory nature of women. A certain lady promised to marry a young man upon condition that he would prove his worth by some achievement. "Go West," she said to her suitor, "and earn \$20,000 and bring it back with you. Then I will marry you, but under no circumstances will I marry you until then." In a few years the young man returned, and his flance isked him whether he had made his 320,000. "Not all of it," he said, "but have \$150." Then the lady declared that she would not hold off on a mere technicality and that \$150 was near enough to it.

And so we are disposed to hope that these ladies in the Antimatrimonal League will also make some concessions when the hour and the man arrive. It is woman's duty to reform keep. She must save the never-dyng soul of some man and fit it for the sky. The accepted and perhaps the only way for her to accomplish this is to first marry her man and then ave him. To refuse to do this would e a refusal to perform a duty, and a weman is a slave to duty-of this character. It is not one of her characteristics to stand aside like a broken bow, even as the children of Ephraim who turned themselves back in the day of battle and became as Zeba and Zalmunna and the men of Succoth.

There are in the United States not less than 6,752,892 unmarried ladies including widows. If an election was held giving them the choice between husband and duty on the one side and the ballot on the other, we are ready to wager that the Antimatrimonial Suffrage League would suffer 1 defeat so pronounced that in the returns they would figure only in the column of scattering votes, or at the best they would be classed as those who "also ran."

Our faith in woman is unimpaired. -Baltimore Sun.

Conscientious Bill.

"Bill had charge of the animal tent," said the old circus man, "and among his pets was a leopard, the only one we had with the show, and quite enough too. This leopard gave Bill more trou ble than all the rest of the menagerie put together. It was certainly an ugly

"Well, one day when we were showing in the Midlands I had come up to London to arrange about some advance business. I was eating my dinner in the hotel when a telegram was handed to me. It was from Bill and read 'The leopard has escaped. Prowling about town. What shall I do?

"That was just like Bill. He had to have explicit directions, even in an emergency like this. He didn't want to make a mistake.

"I immediately wired back to Bill 'Shoot him on the spot.' I didn't think any more about it until a couple of hours later, when I receive I another telegram from conscientious, careful Bill, asking. 'Which spot?' "

Cornered. Five young men went into a shop

recently to buy a hat each, says Bystander. Seeing they were in a joking mood, the shopman said: "Are you married?"

"They each said "yes."

"Then I'll give a hat to the one who can truthfully say he has not kissed any other woman but his own wife since he was married."

"Hand over that hat," said one of the party. "I've won it."

"When were you married?"

"Yesterday," was the reply, and the hat was handed over. One of the others was laughing

heartily while telling his wife the joke, but suddenly pulled up when "I say, John, how was it you didn't

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