

WEARY.

Yes, the mother's arm is weary Where the baby's head has lain, And the daily round of duty ceases, to begin again.

ASBESTOS AND ITS USES. A Queer Mineral That Serves Not a Few Vegetable Uses.

"Here is a towel that is never washed and yet it always kept clean," said a chemist to a reporter handing to him at the same time what appeared to the eye and touch to be nothing more or less than an ordinary piece of coarse cotton toweling.

"What sort of laundry do you send it to?" was the natural query. "This kind," replied the man of science, going over to the corner of his laboratory and staffing the towel into a small stove that was burning brightly there for chemical purposes.

"I understand" said the visitor. "You never use such a towel more than once."

"You are very much mistaken there," responded the chemist. "I use such towels almost forever and they almost never wear out."

With that he lifted off the lid of the stove again and took out the towel with the tongs, dipping it in cold water, and then handing it once more to the newspaper man.

"Why," exclaimed the latter, "it is not even injured! What is it made of?"

"It is made of rock," answered the chemist; "but a very peculiar kind of rock—so peculiar, indeed, that the ancients supposed the stuff of which this towel is woven to be of a vegetable nature. They used to wrap bodies that were to be burned in cloths made of the same flax-like substance in order to keep the ashes from being lost among the charred wood of the funeral pyre."

"But what is it called?" "You have often heard of it under the name of 'asbestos,' though very few people apparently have any notion as to what it really is. Enormous deposits of it exist in Canada and elsewhere. It is a form of a very hard rock called hornblende, and is found in strata of a fibrous consistency readily divisible into silky strands resembling flax. This likeness has given it the name of 'earth flax.' You can see for yourself from this towel how much it looks like a vegetable fabric when worn. An asbestos towel may be used for pretty nearly the same purposes as an ordinary towel, and, when it is dirty, all you have to do is to throw it into the fire and rake it out after a little while perfectly clean."

The Burden of Big Houses.

An ideal of earthly comfort, so common that every reader must have seen it, is to get a house so big that it is burdensome to maintain, and fill it up so full of jim-cracks that it is a constant occupation to keep it in order. Then, when the expense of living in it is so great that you can't afford to go away and rest from the burden of it, the situation is complete and boarding-houses and cemeteries begin to yawn for you.

Of the housemaid's brush and broom, Than to have the nest all empty, All the darling nestlings flown, And to sit in idle quiet, But to sit and mope alone.

Angel forms that watch above us, O'er our lives that vigil keep, Often look in pitying wonder— Wonder that we sit and weep; Knowing that our Father gives us Rarest treasures, richest joys; Much of earth and some of heaven— In our baby girls and boys.

—Elizabeth Schirmer, in N. Y. Mail and Express.

Keeping at it. It is a great mistake to suppose that the best work of the world is done by people of great strength opportunities. It is unquestionably an advantage to have both these things, but neither of them, quoting from the Manufacturer and Builder, is a necessity to the man who has the spirit and the pluck to achieve great results.

He accomplished his great work by having a single aim, and putting every ounce of his force and every hour of his time into the task which he had set before him. He never scattered his energy, he never wasted an hour, and by steadily keeping at it in spite of continual ill health and of long intervals of semi-invalidism, he did a great work, and has left the impression upon the world of a man of extraordinary energy and working capacity.

Success is rarely a matter of accident; it is always a matter of character. The reason why so many men fail is that so few men are willing to pay the price of self-denial and hard work which success exacts.

Elevator Sickness. The elevator in modern big buildings has only one drawback—the sickness it causes when the car is suddenly stopped. The people of a delicate constitution this sickness is often such a serious matter that to them the elevator is a dangerous blessing. This sickness, says a contemporary, can be avoided by observing simple physical laws.

Elevator sickness is caused by the same law that throws a person to the ground when he gets off a moving car in the wrong way. The stoppage of the elevator car brings a dizziness to the head and sometimes a nausea at the stomach. The internal organs seem to want to rise into the throat. All this comes from the fact that all parts of the body are not stopped at the same moment of time. The feet being next to the car floor stop with the car, while other portions continue moving.

FRESHMAN—"Do you consider Greek one of the dead languages?" Junior—"Yes, don't you?" Freshman—"Well, I don't know. It's making things mighty lively for me."—Burlington Free Press.

If all the good there is in thought were put in deed, earth would soon be a paradise.

"It's thyme you rosemary," as the florist called to his daughter in the early morning.

WHETHER you enjoy the night depends upon how well you have spent the day.

THE dirt shoveler makes a queer choice of a profession, considering that he has his pick.

CONSCIENCE is that within us that tells us when our neighbors are doing wrong.—Epoch.

WHEN malaria is in the air it is easy to catch it. The same can hardly be said of the mosquito.

THE employee may not be a meddler, but he is always minding somebody else's business.—Washington Press.

A correspondent asks how to avoid losing his hair. We would advise him to fasten it to his head by locks.

"There's one thing certain, if the Jordan is a river then—"

"Well?" "Then Palestine can't be Holy Land."—Harper's Bazar.

"I know why it's so hot in summer," said Willie.

"Why?" "Because the ministers all go to Europe and the devil just turns the heat on."

IRATE politician—"Look here, you published a lie about me this morning—an infamously lie. I won't stand it." Serene editor—"But just think where you would be if we were to publish the truth about you."—Terre Haute Express.

They All Lost It. An old gentleman, evidently a gatherer of statistics, but with a kindly face which shaded off to something like philanthropy about the edges, stood at the junction gazing abstractedly down the street.

Suddenly he stepped up to a gentleman who was awaiting a cable train and touching him lightly on the shoulder, said:

"Excuse me, but did you just drop a twenty dollar gold piece?" at the same time holding out in his hand a coin of the denomination mentioned.

The gentleman questioned then looked a moment at the coin, assumed a look of excitement, made a hasty search of his pockets, and said, "Why, so I did, and I hadn't missed it," holding out an eager hand.

The old man slowly drew a note book and said: "I thought so." It then took the name and address of the loser, and dropping the coin in his pocket, turned away.

"Well," said the other, "do you want it as a reward?"

"Oh, I did not find one," said the benevolent old man, "but it struck me that in a large city like this there must be a great deal of money lost and upon inquiry I find you are the eighty-first man who has lost a \$20 gold piece this very morning."

This is For The Ladies. You want to keep your skin nice all the summer? Well, then, here are some rules for you:

Don't bathe in hard water; soften it with a few drops of ammonia or a little borax.

Don't bathe your face while it is very warm, and never use very cold water for it.

Don't wash your face when you are traveling, unless it is with a little alcohol and water or a little vaseline.

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