### SOME GOOD SHORT STORIES.

BY SMITH D. FRY.

mountain amana amana amana amana amanana

ASHINGTON, Dec. 1,-"When. ever I read or hear of the socalled 'Knock-out drops,' I recall the time when chloral was prescribed for and used by my family, says former Congressman William D.

Bynum of Indiana. "Our baby girl would not steep nights. She kept me walking the floor might after night, until she incapacitated me for business. She would sleep a bit in the mornings, and, occasionally in the afternoon. But, her fits of sleep were so diregular that she kept wife guessing all the time, until she also was completely worn out. Both of us were on the point of discussing the "You are welcome to my name and diress, so that I may do something for you some time," "You are welcome to my name and the man are my name and the my name are my name and the my name and the my name and the my name are my name and the my night after night, until she incapacitatwere on the point of discussing the question: 'Is marriage a failure?' when our physician prescribed chloral for wife and baby,

"I could sleep well enough, if only given the opportunity. The drug put my small family to sleep and when I ame in late, I was very careful not o arouse the slumberers; particularly the wee one, for she was the holy ter-

"You know from observation that I m a heavyweight. Since 1 was 20 years old I've not weighed less than 180 pounds. Usually I weigh 200. Well, one night when I crept up stairs and found wife and baby sound asleep, they were separated by the width of the bed. They had left me half of the bed;

but, like Bob Burdette, I had to take my half in the middle.

"Not for all the wealth in the state of Indiana would I have awakened either one of the sleepers. I undressed, either one of the sleepers. I undressed, turned down the oil lamp, and stepped over the footboard of the bed. I stepped lightly, but, I couldn't lessen my weight. The whole bed creaked and groaned; but the chloral was getting in its work. When I put my whole weight on the bed, one slat then another gave away, and I stumbled out of bed, but lost my balance, fell against the little table, overset the lamp, which fortunately did not explode, and then I fell full length on the floor. The whole house shook and the panes rattled.

on the floor. The whole house shook and the panes rattled.

"As rapidly as a tall, lanky fellow could do it, I got on my feet, picked up the lamp, righted the table, and began to look after my frightened family. Neither one of them had whimpered. They had folled together in the middle of the bed, baby on top. They were snoring away for dear life, and I let them sleep. They may have been dreaming things; but I made no psychological inquiries. I covered them over, put on my cloths, and went down stairs, where I slept on a lounge.

"And what do you think my wife said to me? She found me sleeping down stairs, with all of my clothes on; and she was disposed to doubt my story about having come home in proper condition, until I showed her the broken

dition, until I showed her the broken slats, and the dented table, as well at the battered side of the lamp. Neither she nor the baby had heard or even dreamed that a cyclone had struck the house. Chloral must be a pretty strong

"The people of the northern section of our republic have the mistaken belief that southern ladies know nothing about housework, says Senator Daniel

of Virginia. As a matter of fact, even in slavery As a matter of fact, even in slavery days, our young ladies were taught housework and management. Without such teachings, our homes could not have been such models of comfort and neatness. Southern hospitality has long been famous throughout the length and breadth of the land. Did any one ever hear of any southern gentleman apologizing to a friend concerning the con-dition of his home? Did any one ever hear of a southern lady expressing regret that a guest had come to her home un-expectedly, and found her house not in order? On the contrary, our southern ladies have always been moust nouse er; and they have been so, because they have done housework with their own hands, learning all about it practically, "Moreover, in slavery days, although

we had black hands to do our work, southern gentlemen were never unwilling to put their shoulder to the wheel when occasion demanded. Dudishness was not fostered. Consequently, it is an erroneous idea that our young men of the present generation sacrifice pride when working or attending to business.
"There is a story long current in Virginia, to the effect that a young man made a very small purchase at a store in Richmond, and asked to have it sent to his house. The storekeeper told him he had no wagon going that way, and

sneering remark at a man in trade wh couldn't deliver goods. Thereupon slender man garbed carelessly, said: "'Give me the package. I am going that way, and will deliver it this after

"The young man handed it over, and walked out of the store. In the after-noon the tall, slender man drove up in a buggy and delivered the small packuge to the small man, and the latter

Weil, my good fellow, you have

"'You are welcome to my name and address,' was the answer. 'I am John Randolph of Roanoke."

Col. John A. Joyce, the poet, is one of the most genial of companions; a lovable man in fact. But, there was a lovable man in fact. But there was a time when he was shunned by his best friends. That was previous to Jan. 1. 1905, however; for, on that date, the gray-haired veteran took a temperance pledge and has kept it ever since. When he was addicted to the habit of bibulous conviviality, he was an ugly, disagreeable, quarreisome, querulous fellow; the exact opposite of Col. Joyce normal and sooer. However, whether sober or otherwise, he is alwhether sober or otherwise, he is al-ways a genius, epigrammatic, senten-tious. One evening in Chamberlin's once famous club room, reference was made to the bar-keeper, and Joyce interrupted with:

"You are no dialectician, or you would not refer to that young man as a bar-keeper. He is a bar-tender, not a bar-keeper." I cannot see the difference," was the

"Well, this is the difference, said Joyce, "He who maintains and sustains is the keeper. We drunken loafers here are the fellows who sustain and maintain this bar. This young man who waits on us and attends to our alleged wants, is a bar-tender. We boozy fools are the bar-keepers."

The father of Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, was a Methodist preacher of great power. He lived to a good old age, spending the last 10 years of his life with his distinguished and affec-tionate son. He was a good story teller, nearly all of his narrations, how-ever being concerning churches and Sunday school episodes. One of them Sunday school episodes. One of them was concerning the obnoxious fellows who have themselves invited to address the children, after the little ones are all tired out, and anxious to go home. One of these peripatetics talked to the children for 15 minutes about the missionaries in India. Then he talked for almost a half an hour about the missionaries in China, and, stopping for a little breathing spell, he said:

"And now, children, I have told you all about the poor dear little heathen, what more can I say?"

"Please, please, Mister," exclaimed a little girl in the front row, "please, sir, please say, 'Amen,'"

Mr. Dolliver also tells a story illustrating the lack of diplomacy of the average schoolboy. When it comes to fighting, or lying, or playing marbles "for keeps" the school boy is an artist, but never a diplomat. Two boys were fighting during recess, and both were fighting during recess, and both were taken before the lady teacher, who ask-ed first for the cause of the difficulty, "He said I stole his knife and I hit him," said one little fellow, defiantly,

I never said nothin of the kind," blubbered the other boy, "I said that somebody stole my knife."
"But you looked at me, and you

meant me, when you said it," was the reply, in a defiant shout.
"Tut. tut," said the teacher. "You Jimmy, If he did not use your name. Now, if he were to look at me and say that somebody stole his knife. I would not suppose that he meant to accuse me of stealing his knife."

"Well, but you don't steal," was the incriminating reply.

Then he gave up the knife, Doctors Could Not Help Her.

incriminating reply.

in Richmond, and asked to have it sent to his house. The storekeeper told him he had no wagon going that way, and the young man, who was exceptionally dudish for that section, uttered some

THE THE PARTY OF T

## Many Uses for Old Newspapers.

gramman announ announ announ announ ang Many persons think that when a | into the wood box and is used toward

newspaper has been read its mission has been accomplished, and that it is good for nothing but the rubbish bin, or at most for kindling fires. Yet in the kitchen old newspapers

are the greatest of labor savers. One housekeeper who makes the most of everything, wipes out her skillets with a piece of newspaper before putting them into her dish water. The greasy paper is then dropped

## The Health

of your children is involved; no family is justified in buying an inferior cereal food.



is the only food from which all the irritating fibre

is removed, Survey without di- CALIFORN minishing its nutritive value. The latest triumph of scientific milling.

Pacific Cereal Association San Francisco, California

kindling the kitchen fire For cleaning the range after meal

cooked nothing answers so well as old newspapers. When vegetables are to be prepared for cooking or a fewl joint-ed spread several thicknesses of newspaper over the work table and save both time and labor in the way of leaning.

When the weather is inclement spread newspapers on the floor and pick your fows indoor.

Old newspapers, spread on the floor about the work table, when bread is in process of making, serves to keep the floor clean and if one is pinned across the dress, apron fashion, it protects from the floor, which has a way, no matter how careful one is of service. matter how careful one is, of getting on the front of one's clothes.

When it is desirable to feed the cat or the pet dog indoors, an old news-paper should be placed under the dish of food.

To protect canned fruit from the light, one of its worst enemies, wrap each can in an old newspaper. Newspapers afford excellent protec-tion against moths, which have a de-cided aversion to printer's ink. Wrap ach garment in newspapers before

Bags, made by sewing newspapers Bags, made by sewing newspapers together, are just the thing for holding seeds, and dried herbs, keeping out the dust and insect life.

The very best chest protector possible is a folded newspaper, the cold cannot penetrate it. Persons who suffer from cold feet need but line the shoes with newspaper to obtain reliations. shoes with newspaper to obtain relief. On a cold night, if a layer of news-papers be spread between the blankets,

the extra warmth, without the extra weight of more covering, will be se-A comfort made of newspapers, with an outer covering of calico, or similar materials, and tacked here and there to hold the papers in place, will prove one of the most useful articles in the

Old newspapers torn into bits, make a most restful filling for an invalid's pil-

To put under carpets, nothing takes To put under carpets, nothing takes the place of old newspapers, and it is well worth one's while to save them for this purpose, if for no other.

To the flower and vegetable grower, a goodly store of old newspapers is a bon, by using them in the form of a covering, plants may be transferred from hotheds and gold frames, to the open, several weeks earlier in the open, several weeks earlier

If we know anything, we know tea. Hold us respon-

TEA

sible! Write for our Knowledge Book, A Schilling &

Company, San Fran

in the same manner.

While affording necessary protection gainst the cold, they are light and do ot weigh down or bruise the plants a heavier covering so often does, A bed of fish geraniums, bloom outdoors until nearly Christmas, in return for the protection afforded them at night, and on blustering days, by being pinned up in newspapers. Roses and chrysanthemums may be preserved in the same manner.

Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar. Firsting Foley's Honey and Tar.
Foley & Co., Chicago originated Honey
and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and
on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imtations are offered for the genuine. Ask
for FOLEY'S Honey and Tar and refuse
any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It
is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates
and is safest for children and delicate persons. For sale by F. J. Hill Drug Co.

### PITY THE POOR LOVER!

Alas and alack! She will go to the ball, And of course she expects me to hire a And of course she expects me to hire a hack,
But I can't raise the price of the carriage A lass and a lack! —Catholic Standard and Times.

A I .. rful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Plies. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protuding Piles, Buck-len's Arnica Saive, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

### HODGE-PODGE.

Camels are the only animals that can-

sold annually.

No one can recognize his own voice in a phonograph.

Mahomet's ton tomb is covered with jew-

Jealousy causes cancer.
A kangaroo can leap 70 feet.
The brightest opals come from Mex-Dufosse, a French savant, says fish

married men.
Over 5,000,000 copies of the Bible are

Two or three young women in New York wear anklets of gold. In Germany it is the newcomer's duty o make the first social call. The manuscript of Swinburne's "First Book of Ballads" has been sold for \$1,000.

A avert a sneeze, press the upper lip against the teeth with the forefinger. Prisoners, in Morocco must pay the policeman for his work in taking them to jail.

The government runs the pawnshops of Italy, and no interest is required on

The Germans give worn-out horses a onic of roasted coffee beans mixed with Queen Christina of Spain is the only sovereign who has ever made a bal-

sovereign who has ever made a bal-loon ascension.

A year on the planet Neptune is a little longer than 166 earth years—it is 60,000 days' long.

At Fulbourn, England, the poor are paid sixpence aplece for régular church attendance.

Actors are never stranded in Russia because, when a manager takes a com-pany touring, he must deposit with the government enough money to bring all safely home.

On the opening of the first French railway, in 1837, a French reporter wrote excitedly: "He snorts! His prodigious tail of vapor floats in the firm-ament. Noble and intrepid horse, which nothing can stop! Job's horse."



Made Her Young Again 🕱

beauty of youth to gray heir. Stops heir for ing. Positively removes dandruff, kills gorm. Makes hair soft, glossy, luxuing Alded by HARFINA SOAP souther and he Are You Staying Up destroys microbes, stops itching motes fine hair growth. Mrs. M tellburgh, W. Va., says of Hay's

# Has it some distressing skin affection? No HAIRHEALTH need of it. Hosts of happy mothers daily use HAIRHEALTH

No animal fats. Medicated, Antisptic, Deodorizing, Refreshing, Hesling, Fragrant.

"A Breath of Pine Balsam in Every Cake."

"Harfina Soap, medicated, both for Loc, regular price 75c. No free soap given without

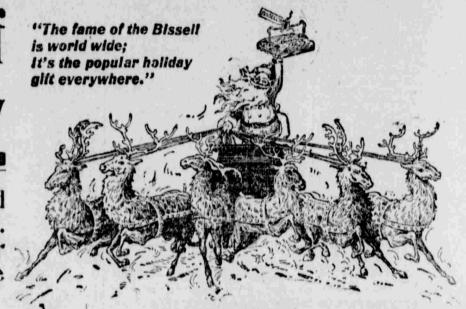
Large 25c, cakes. Bot. 3 cakes. 65c. Drug-tire adv. with name and address, and 50c for

Cints. Made by Philo Hay Co., Newark, N. J. Haithealth.

Save this coupon, see Tues. Descret News for list of druggists who re deem it with cake of soap free

# Don't Put It Off Until The Last Day

Pick out you Holiday Gifts now, we will hold them and deliver them any day you want. You can please anyone from Grandfather to Baby with Gifts selected from our Store of good goods.



## TOYS! TOYS!

NEVER SO MANY BEFORE.



Swinging Platform Rocking Horses Cyclone Wagons ..... \$4.50 Iron Express Wagons .... 98c to \$4.50 Velocipedes ..... \$2.50 to \$5.50 Boys' Sieds ..... 75c to \$2.00 Girls' Sleds ...... 75c to \$2.50



Red Chairs 25	e to 750
Red Rockers 40c	to \$1.00
Children's Rockers75c	to \$5.00
Highchairs \$1.25	to \$7.00

### FURNITURE HINTS.

Library and Den Tables in weathered oak, fumed oak, polished golden oak, waxed oak and mahogany. Mission chairs in fumed oak and weathered oak.

Mission Rockers in fumed oak and Mission Settees in weathered oak,

Morris chairs in golden oak, weathered oak and mahogany. Music Cabinets in mahogany, walpolished golden oak and waxed

golden oak. Reed Rockers finished in Shellac green and weathered shaving stands in

Sideboards in golden oak and weath-Tabourettes and Pedestals in golden

oak, mahogany and weathered oak, Tea Tables in mahogany, Wardrobes in polished golden oak. Children's cribs in brass, wood and

Couches in biscuit tufted and plain Davenports and Davenport Beds in

Hall Seats and Mirrors; Hall Trees; Ladies' Desks,

200

COMPLETE

CREDIT

House

Furnishers.

golden oak, weathered oak and mahog-any upholstered with leather and asorted fabrics. Desk chairs in dark mahogany, tuna mahogany, birdseye maple, waxed golden oak, pollshed golden oak, weathered oak and fumed oak.

## MORRIS CHAIRS.



Chair. It will make father, brother and son feel more cheerful and cozier at home; the kind we sell are the best; ide of quarter-sawed oak or mahog any, upholstered seat and cushion; high back, adjustable to any position; high spindle arms; large and comfort-

We are showing one with foot rest. making the chair still more comfort-

\$9.85

Solid Oak Tabourettes.



Parlor or Hall Tabourette, solid oak

\$2.85

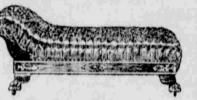
Dressing Cases.



Ladies' Dressing Case; are furnished either in solid oak, walnut or mahoganized birch, highly polished, has drawer at top and an exceptional value in the way of medium priced Ladies'

\$14.50

## **VELOUR COUCHES.**



Best Velour Couch. Has deep biscuit tuftin and beautiful oak frame.

\$18.75 Combination Bookcase



This is an elegant solid golden oak or birch mahogany combination Bookcase, and Writing Desk, has a beautiful French bevel plate mirror, neat hand-made carvings, with four adjustable shelves in the bookcase and large book closet under the desk, neatly finished throughout and is more than a

\$18.90

PARLOR ROCKERS. **CHRISTMAS** 



Beautiful genuine selected quartered sawed oak, hand polished, large arm Parlor Rocker, spindles and legs are all hand turned and extra well braced throughout and a rocker that is a big

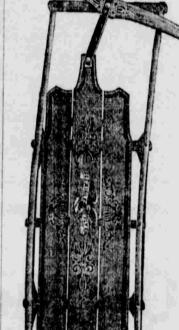
\$5.50

FURNITURE & CARPET STORE

## FLEXIBLE FLYER.

"The Sled That Steers" Is the fastest sled that files and runs

ther than any other. The coasting



The Best Sled For Every Boy.

The turning of the steering bar as you would the handle of a bicycle curves the spring steel runners of the sled, enabling you to steer it easily and acurately. There is no retarding of the sled by dragging your feet in the sone or from the plowing effect as of other sleds in turning, as the runners follow their own track. Steering makes it safe from accident. It saves its cost in shoe-leather in one winter, and prevents wet feet and colds.

The Only Sled Girls Can Properly

Control. The spring steel runners, pressed steel standards and second growth white ash seat and frame make the Flexible Flyer practically indestructi-ble. It will outlast three wooden sleds, is so light that it draws up-hill or on the level easily

SIZES and PRICES.

No. 1. Length 38 in., height 6 in .-\$2.50

\$3.00

No. 4. Length 50 in., height 8 in., including one pair of foot rests.)-

\$4.50 No. 5. Length 62 in., height 8 in. (including one pair of foot rests.)— \$6.00

42 Madsen

COMPLETE CREDIT House Furnishers.