

St Peter's Gate.

St. Peter stood guard at the golden gate With solemn mien and air sedate. When up to the top of the golden stair A man and woman ascending there, Applied for admission. They came and stood Before St. Peter so great and good. In hopes the City of Peace to win, And asked St. Peter to let them in. The woman was tall, and lank and thin, With a scraggy beardlet upon her chin, The man was short, and thick, and stout, His stomach was built so it rounded out, His face was pleasant, and all the while He wore a kindly and gentle smile. The choir in the distance the echoes awoke— And the man kept still, while the woman spoke. "Oh thou who guardest the gate," said she, "We come meekly hither, beseeching thee To let us enter the heavenly land, To play our harps with the angel band. Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt; There's nothing from heaven to bar me out. I've been to meeting three times a week, And almost always I've risen to speak; I've told the sinners about the day When they'd repent of their evil way; I've told my neighbors—I've told them all About Adam and Eve, and the primeval fall, I've shown them what they'd have to do If they'd pass in with the chosen few; I've marked their path of duty clear, And told them the fate of their sinful career. "I've talked and talked to 'em, loud and long, For my lungs are good and my voice is strong; So, good St. Peter, you'll clearly see, The gate of heaven is open to me. But my husband, here, I regret to say, Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way; He smokes and he swears, and grave faults he's got, And I don't know whether he'll pass or not. "He never would pray with an earnest vim, Or go to revival, or join in a hymn; So I had to leave him in sorrow there, While I, with the chosen, united in prayer. He ate what the pantry chose to afford, While I in my purity sang to the Lord, And if cucumber pickles were all he got "Tis a chance if he merited them or not. "But oh, St. Peter, I love him so, To the pleasers of Heaven please let him go. I've done enough—a saint I've been; Won't that atone? Oh, pray let him in. By my grim gospel teachings I know That the unrepentant must fry below; But is there not some way you can see, That he may enter, who's dear to me? "It's a narrow gospel by which I pray; But the chosen expect to find some way Of coaxing or cajoling or bribing you, To let their relatives amble through. And say, St. Peter, it seems to me, The gate isn't kept as it ought to be, You should stand right by that opening there, And never sit down in that easy chair, "And say, St. Peter, my sight is dimmed; But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed; They're cut too wide, and outward too; They'd look better narrower, and cut straight across. Well, we must be going, our crown to win, So open, St. Peter, and we'll pass in." St. Peter sat and stroked his staff; But spite of his office he had to laugh, Then said, with a fiery gleam in his eye, "Who's leading this gate, woman, you or I?" And then he arose in his stature tall, And pressed a button upon the wall, And said to the imp who answered the bell, "Escort this lady around to hell." The man stood still as a piece of stone— Stood sadly, gloomily there alone. A life-long, settled idea he had That his wife was good, and he was bad; That he would certainly have to go— That if she went to the regions dim, There wasn't a ghost of a show for him. Slowly he turned, by habit bent, To follow wherever the woman went. St. Peter, standing on duty there, Observed that the top of his head was bare. He called the gentleman back, and said, "My friend, how long have you been wed?" "Thirty years," he said, with a weary sigh, And then he thoughtfully added, "Why?" St. Peter was silent, with head bent down; His brow puckered into a frown; Then seeming a different mood to take, Slowly, and half to himself he spake; "Thirty long years with that woman there; No wonder the man is minus his hair; Swearing is wicked, smoking not good; He smoked and swore—I should think he would. "Thirty years with that tongue, so simble and sharp! Ho! Angel Gabriel, give a harp! Good air, pass in where the angels sing. A jeweled harp with a golden string! Gabriel, give him a seat alone— Call up a cushion—up near the throne. Call up some angels to play their best; Let him enjoy the music and rest. "See that on finest ambrosia he feeds; He's had about all the hell he needs. It isn't hardly the thing to do To roast him on earth, and the future, too." They gave him a harp with golden string, A glittering robe and a pair of wings. And he said, as he entered the realm of day, "Well, this beats cucumbers, anyway." And so the scribes had come to pass, That "the last shall be first, and the first

LOCAL NEWS

From Tawas City and East Tawas.

Next Wednesday is St. Valentine's day. A fine line of gloves and mits at Mount's. Bear 25 cent Sox, all colors, at Prescott's. CUTTERS. A fine line for sale by G. S. Darling. Smoke the D. & M., a strictly Union made cigar. Circuit court convenes one week from next Monday. Miss Maggie Murphy spent last Saturday at Bay City. H-K., Climax, and Key Soap 10 bars for 25 cents at Prescott's. Dr. C. A. Wakeman, of Whittemore, was in the city Wednesday. New Plads, Camels Hair effects, 35 cents and 50 cents per yard, Prescott's. John Phelps left Wednesday for Marion, O., where he will join a Western Union-line gang. The first train load of logs for Prescott's mill arrived Friday from their camps at Styles Lake. The State Round-up Farmers Institute will be held in Ann Arbor lasting four days, Feb. 27-28 and March 1-2. It is said that a man's declining years begin at 50; but a woman's never begin while there is an eligible man in sight. The Boers have no objection to the open door, but they don't want the whole world coming in and sleeping in the best bed. Mrs. Orlando Elliott, was called to Milwaukee, Wis., Monday by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Grant McCowan. A curious man bent over the swiftly flowing Chicago river so fondly that he fell in. Free baths should be strictly prohibited. The second issue of the Michigan Sentinel, of Detroit, is another "warm number" and should be read by every taxpayer in the state. The seventh annual May Festival of the Musical Society of the University of Michigan will be held in Ann Arbor Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 17, 18 and 19. Joseph Burt, of Black River, a D. & M. breakman, had his right leg so badly crushed by getting caught between two logs at Millersburg, last Saturday, that amputation was necessary. Alpena has lost the Maccabee convention, the executive committee of the Knights and Lady Maccabees having decided the convention will be held at Grand Rapids, commencing June 13. W. S. Philpot, Albany, Ga., says, "DeWitt's Little Early Risers did me more good than any pills I ever took." The famous little pills for constipation, biliousness and liver and bowel troubles. Dr. G. S. Darling. A Saginaw bachelor merchant, who had been feeling miserable for some time, called on a physician and applied for treatment. The doctor wrote a prescription in Latin. He took it to a druggist and when translated it read: "Seventeen yards of best silk with a woman in it." The receipt of an advance copy of geography issued by the American Book Co. of Chicago is acknowledged by the HERALD. The copy is the elementary book of the "Natural Series" issued by this company and the authors are Jacques W. Redway, F. R. G. S., and Russell Hinman, author of the Electric Physical Geography. A special feature of this book is its treatment of the earth as the home of man. The natural features are studied from the standpoint of human interest, and it is shown how man has taken advantage of nature, what railroads, water communications, etc., have done to connect the individual

Cavalrymen scouting in Luzon the other day killed thirteen Filipinos. And yet some scientific people say that the number thirteen is not unlucky. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for piles, injuries and skin diseases. It is the original Witch Hazel Salve: Beware of all counterfeits. Dr. G. S. Darling. The Scientific American gives this recipe, which is invaluable to all, "At the first indication of diphtheria in the throat of a child, make a room close, then take a tin cup and pour into it a quantity of tar and turpentine, equal parts. Then hold the cup over a fire so as to fill the air with fumes. The little patient on inhaling the fumes, will cough up and spit out the membranous matter, and the diphtheria passes out: the fumes of the tar and turpentine loosen the matter in the throat and thus afford the relief that has baffled the skillful physicians." "After doctors failed to cure me of pneumonia I used One Minute Cough Cure and three bottles of it cured me. It is also the best remedy on earth for whooping cough. It cured my grandchildren of the worst cases," writes Jno. Berry, Loganton, Pa. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup and throat and lung troubles. It prevents consumption. Children always like it. Mothers endorse it. Dr. G. S. Darling. An old railroad man was converted and was asked to lead in prayer. "O Lord now that I have flagged The, lift up my feet from the rough road of life and plant them safely on the deck of the train of salvation. Let me use the safety-lamp known as prudence, make all the couplings in the train with the strong link of Thy love, and let my hand lamp be the Bible and, Heavenly Father, keep all switches closed that lead off the sidings, especially those with a blind end. O Lord, if it be Thy pleasure along have every semaphoor block the line show the white light of hope, that I may make the run of life without stopping. And Lord give us the ten commandments for a schedule; and when I have finished the run on schedule time and pulled into the great dark station of death, may Thou, the Superintendent of the Universe, say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; come and sign the pay roll and receive your check for eternal happiness.—Ex

Fit the Food to the Physical Task Feats of strength require a diet in accordance with the needs, that is, prolonged or otherwise. If you want to perform for a short time the greatest possible amount of muscular labor, as in playing a game of ball, rowing, running, bicycling, lifting or accomplishing any unusual feat of strength requiring an extraordinary effort, always select a diet rich in protein. If, on the other hand, you want to take a great amount of steady exercise daily, or perform great amount of uniformly heavy work every day, but at no time of a very intense character, you should partake of a diet containing little protein, but rich in carbohydrates that is, starches and fats.—February Ladies' Home Journal. Stood Death Off. E. B. Munday, a lawyer of Henrietta, Tex., once fooled a gravedigger. He says: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice. I persuaded him to try Electric Bitters, and he was soon much better, but continued their use until he was wholly cured. I am sure Electric Bitters saved his life." This remedy expels malaria, kills disease germs and purifies the blood; aids digestion, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney troubles, female complaints; gives perfect health. Only 50c at G. S. Darling's and J. E. Dillion's drug stores. A frightful Blunder. Will often cause a horrible burn, scald, cut or bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures fever sores, corns, boils, corns, all skin eruptions, Best Pile cure on earth, Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by G. S. Darling and J. E. Dillion druggist. "I had bronchitis every winter for years and no medicine gave me permanent relief till I began to take One Minute Cough Cure. I know it is the best cough medicine made." says J. Koontz, Corry, Pa. It quickly cures coughs, colds, croup, asthma, grippe and throat and lung troubles. It is the children's favorite remedy. Cures quickly. Dr. G. S. Darling. TAKE NOTICE. All subscribers, advertisers and those who had job work done in the Tawas Herald, previous to Mr. L. J. Patterson assuming charge, and as proprietor of same, are requested to pay me on or before April 1, 1900, or all delinquent accounts will be placed in the hands of a collecting agency for collection. The amounts are small but will aggregate about \$3.00. Yours truly, MICHAEL MURPHY, Ex-Publisher of The Herald. FARMERS AND STOCK OWNERS. I have secured the agency for the WONDERFUL JAPANESE OIL, the best remedy for man or beast. It will cure all diseases of Stock or poultry. Try one bottle and you will never be without it. Price 50 cents. I have a lot of second-hand shoe lasts for sale cheap. Wm. Barker, Hoard Building, Tawas City, Mich. JOSEPH BOOMER Wishes to announce that he is prepared to do all kinds of MASON WORK in a work man like manner. Had short notice, by the day or job TAWAS CITY, - MICHIGAN DENTIST Dr. J. H. BOTZ, D. D. S. Graduate of Philadelphia Dental College. Office next door to Emery's Photo Gallery, East TAWAS, MICH. Gas, Ether, Chloroform, and a local Anesthetic given for the painless extraction of teeth. Plates made that will fit. Prices moderate. BAY SIDE HOUSEWOMEN A. G. VANWEY, Prop. Centrally located. Best of accommodation. Reasonable Rates. TAWAS CITY - MICHIGAN Tawas City Bank - OF - WHITTEMORE & PHINNEY We do a general banking business, paying especial attention to collections. We have a perous SAVINGS DEPARTMENT. We pay four per cent. interest upon savings account. :: :: Whittemore & Phinney. MONEY To PATENT Good Ideas may be secured by our aid. Address, THE PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md.

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