









## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

NUGGETS OF LOCAL NEWS, WITH GRAINS OF FREE-LANCE COMMENT.

As one who believes in the privileges that nineteenth-century civilization accords to the gentler sex in these United States, the Paragrapheer hastens to plead with Plainfield's excellent Mayor concerning the proposed dog-muzzling ordinance which he has asked the Common Council to pass. The Paragrapheer values his flesh as much as the Mayor values his, and is sufficiently solicitous about having his anatomy decorated with the imprints of the fangs of raving dogs, but who can chide him for expressing the opinion that in his contemplated law "to muzzle all dogs, male and female?" Mayor Gilbert seeks to muzzle an infringement of canine rights? It is proper enough to put muzzle-guards on the saucy quadrupeds of the sterner sex, and it might do no harm to clap a permanent seal over the lips of some of the impudent two-legged fellows who spend their days and nights loafing about the streets insulting women and other passers-by with their coarse jokes and foul remarks; but who ever would have suspected gentle-hearted Mayor Gilbert of a desire to muzzle females, even when the dear creatures are of the dog species? Well, may all female dogs, as they read the proposed ordinance, feel that the act of muzzling them is a reflection on their kindliness of temperament, an intimation that they have an ugly temper and will bite people undeservingly; well may they take the insult deeply to heart; and who shall not say that in resentment of the prospective outrage they will be thoroughly justifiable in starting out immediately on a crusade of rabies and revenge, to teach the ungallant Mayor and the unfeeling Councilmen who are indorsing him the lesson that the gentler sex has rights which are not to be trifled with? Can the canine world be blamed for considering the proposition "to muzzle all dogs, both male and female," a heartless one? Mankind has long made fun of woman's fondness for displaying her conversational abilities, but the man who proposed to muzzle a talkative woman would be exiled to Somerville, or would be visited with some other living death. And does the Mayor wish Plainfield to be put on record as being a town where the entire female world may not be trusted? Perish the thought! Rather let the Mayor and Council decide to a man, that for them they would rather suffer in silence, from the bite of one misguided and wayward female dog, than that the whole race of female dogs should undergo the privation and hardships of being muzzled merely because of the suspicion that they have teeth and the fear that they may bite!

The subject of street railways for Plainfield is something the Paragrapheer has this far left for wiser heads to consider, and as those who have authority in the matter are getting along finely he does not purpose saying anything now that savors of intrusion. But, without going into the merits of the electric trolley as a desirable system of rapid transit, he would like to make a few remarks, "if," in the language of ex-Councilman Engstrom, "he may be allowed," concerning the enthusiastic eagerness with which people in the borough view the coming of the proposed electric road.

The citizens of North Plainfield have far more of a spirit of enterprise slumbering in their bosoms than most Plainfielders give them credit for, and some fine morning the residents on the city side of the brook will awake to find that the borough has taken a gigantic stride forward of which Plainfield never dreamed it capable.

In the street railway matter the boroughites see a great opportunity. Already they are laying shrewd plans. The Broadway obstructionists have succeeded in shutting the railway out from Netherwood. The railway people are disgusted with the stubborn and unreasonable opposition reared up on that side of the town, and will not cheerfully turn their road in that direction even after the people now fighting against it recognize the desirability of the road and pray to have its benefits, at present refused and scorned, extended unto them. The company is naturally desirous of benefiting most those sections which earliest receive it with favor. Netherwood is going to lose the boom that was surely coming with the extension of the rapid transit road to the foot of the Heights, and it won't be the borough's fault if North Plainfield isn't the gainer. Already negotiations are pending looking to the construction and equipment of a road by the same company through the heart of the borough to the foot of the Watching Mountains and up the mountain-side, itself. The people of the borough don't give much thought to the plan till they learned how the East Plainfield residents were blinding their eyes to their own interests and how ready the railway company was to step in and make itself a help to a community willing to have mutual interests developed. The borough is very ready for the road, and the road will not be long in getting ready for the borough. The plan now being perfected is to run the electric palace cars through Somerset street all the way to the mountain. Those who have seen the Rapid Transit Company's cars glide up the steep hills at Newark know of what superb railroading the cars are capable, and see no difficulty in the way of their climbing up to Johnston's drive and depositing people at the doors of the beautiful suburban homes that are to be built all along that thoroughfare as soon as the road is an assured success. The pre-

diction has been made to the Paragrapheer that within a reasonable time after the completion and perfected operation of the borough branch of the road the mountain-top will be covered with houses all the way from the Somerset street "Notch" to Scotch Plains, with electric cars running along the mountain-side the whole stretch, and with other electric cars in constant connection with the Jersey Central railway stations. The scheme is being carefully manipulated, and assurance is given that one of its speedy results will be the extension of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad to North Plainfield and farther west, with steam cars plying back and forth from New York and Newark all the way to the foot of the mountain just beneath Washington Rock, where charming villa sites abound. North Plainfield's mountains afford better advantages for such upper-air suburban homes than even the mountains at Orange, and the very near future will add an immense amount of practical proof of this superiority developed. Shrewd real-estate men who know of these plans, and some of whom have had a hand in their formulation, are quietly acquiring possession of land to be developed, and will make some very snug sums from their investments. But the hoped-for speculations in Netherwood real estate must be deferred because of the Broadway obstructionists, and if the people down that way are not very careful they will very soon find some enraged holders of big tracts of land in the fashionable quarter on the Heights, which was to have been improved by the shut-out road, sold at auction at such disastrously low prices that as a result, tenement houses will there be built for poor people who don't mind a long walk and for persons who are not entirely unobjectionable neighbors.

The bringing of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad into the borough isn't the only thing contemplated by the people who are going heart and pocket-book into this rapid transit "cross-town business. Before many moons have passed, it is said, Plainfield people will find the road running to Dunellen and New Market and also to South Plainfield, thus making two very desirable connections with the Lehigh Valley Railroad. One of the immediate results will be beneficial competition for Plainfield in steam railway service, and another will be the development of the suburbs in these directions.

It may be, the Paragrapheer is informed, that the Somerset street feature of the route through North Plainfield will be abandoned, and that instead the proposed North Broadway will be the thoroughfare utilized. The borough is very determined about the extension of the present Peace street, and is bound to have the new street to be known as North Broadway opened. It finds that certain interests in Plainfield are opposed to the Peace street extension and are doing all in their power to kill the enterprise. These interests are fearful that the opening up of the borough in that direction will result in rivalry between city and borough in which the borough will be too much the gainer, and they will seek to restrain the Common Council from assisting in the opening. But the North Plainfield people are going to have that new street, whether Plainfield consent or not, and if they can't have a regularly accepted municipal thoroughfare they will purchase sufficient land to control as a private driveway that part of North Broadway on this side of the brook, and care for it as well as for the public continuation beyond the stream.

Some wide-awake people in Netherwood who were disappointed about the abandonment of the Broadway route for the electric cars are now seeking to have the road extended through East Fifth street and other thoroughfares so that the Heights may still be reached. They may succeed, and they may not. Time alone will tell. As the Paragrapheer has already said, the Company is disgusted with the obstructionists of that side of town, and have had their sympathies enlisted more by the projectors of the borough mountain scheme.

In THE PRESS of April 3 the Paragrapheer gave his opinion of the new county excise law. "I will evidently not be long before he has something to say concerning the men who are to be appointed under it for Union county. The first appointments in the State will be made for Middlesex county this week. The three men who have been selected by the Governor are men who have the liquor dealers' interests more to heart than the interests of the people. One is a politician who depends altogether on the New Brunswick and Amboy saloons for patronage and success in his aspirations. Another is himself a liquor dealer. The third is a warm personal friend of one of the biggest brewers in the State. Already a few dollars have been handed out to the trio for receiving hospitable invitations from the hotel and saloon men in the county, and they probably never have to complain that it is a long time between drinks. There is going to be but one result of the appointment of these excise boards: through them the brewers and retailers will manipulate the license system to suit their own sweet will, and the people will have no option in the matter whatever.

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The prettiest sight in the world is a pretty woman's feet in Jersey Lilly boots, and since Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures all sorts of colds and coughs but 25 cents, all women can wear them.

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## DR. HURLBUT ON THE WOMAN QUESTION.

Lively Argument Over His Attempt to Shut Off Debate.

At the Newark M. E. Conference at Washington, yesterday, the question of admitting women to the General Conference caused a lively discussion. The Rev. Dr. J. L. Hurlbut of this city, tried to shut off debate by moving that a vote be taken without discussion. The Rev. J. I. Boswell was on his feet in a moment objecting to gag law. His eyes sparkled with suppressed excitement as he argued in favor of free debate. Other conference members—some said debated the matter in a manly way, and he hoped the Newark Conference was not going to shut its mouth. If that were done he should feel much ashamed of it. He proposed that twelve five-minute speeches be allowed, making an hour in all. That would enable six men on either side to ventilate their views.

"And what will the others do?" asked the Rev. Mr. Mosker, soft of voice.

"This question has been thoroughly talked over from all sides," said Dr. Hurlbut, "and nothing new can be said on it."

"Why should we have any gag law?" queried the Rev. Dr. Freeman. "Why not have the matter dealt with in the ordinary way without limitation?"

"I hope," said the Rev. J. A. Guttridge, "that opportunity will be given for full and fair discussion."

The matter was finally laid over until this morning.

For the purpose of showing the workings of the Epworth League a "model cabinet meeting," as it was called, was held on the platform, and was participated in by these prominent Epworth Leaguers: Pastor, the Rev. J. R. Wright, Newton; president, James R. Joy, Plainfield; first vice president, R. N. Collier, Bayonne; second vice president, Miss Carrie Hough; third vice president, Miss Margaret Brownfield, South Orange; fourth vice president, the Rev. George P. Eckman; secretary, Miss Lottie E. Johns, Bound Brook; treasurer, Miss Josephine L. Baldwin. Reports of the various departments were presented and discussed in an entertaining manner. There was some humor in this "model" cabinet, too, and at times was absolutely funny.

While the subject of instrumental music was being discussed Mr. Joy remarked that there was an amateur cornetist at the Windsor House who might be pressed into service. It was evident that the a. o. had made his whereabouts generally known, for everybody laughed. Some one else suggested that ex-Mayor Beatty might present the league with a cabinet organ, and instantly a reply came from another that the league had received one from the ex-Mayor, but it didn't go. Then everybody laughed again.

## Amazon Gorgeous in Gold.

That well-known spectacular comic opera, the "Corsair," will be seen in all its splendor for the second time at Music Hall, Thursday evening of next week. It would take an able fashion writer to describe the costumes used in this production; they are said to have cost \$30,000, and some of the goods \$20 a yard in Paris. All burlesques have a gorgeous Amazon March, and the "Corsair" has been likewise so provided. The costuming is splendid. The first four who lead the procession are attired in pink and gold, glittering with pendants and are encased in gold armor; the second four are trimmed with nickel ornaments and wear metal helmets surmounted by waving plumes. The third four are all dressed in green, lemon and silver; they carry spears and crescent shaped shields of burnished silver, and on their heads they wear lofty silver helmets. The last four appear in assorted colors of blue and gold, green and silver, purple and white and gold and crimson, and the captains of the entire march wear a dazzling uniform of pure white satin literally alaze with sparkling chrystals. The effect of this march, as seen under the powerful light of the calcolums, is quite fine.

## Dining Cars on the Royal Blue Line.

The Pullman company is now operating a dining car service via the Royal Blue Line between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington on the famous 5-hour train leaving Plainfield daily except Sunday at 12:39 p. m. arriving in Washington at 3:30 p. m. and on the fast Express leaving Plainfield daily at 4:14 p. m. arriving Washington at 8:55 p. m. On Sunday morning dining car train leaves Plainfield at 9:48 a. m. and arrives at Washington at 3 p. m. These cars were built expressly for use on the Royal Blue Line and the high standard of service, for which the Pullman company is celebrated, will be fully maintained.

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## APOLLO IN DISGUISE.

The Man Who Delights in Riding Before Passengers in Horse Cars.

"Do you see that man standing in the center of the car?" asked a conductor on the Columbus avenue line, to a Boston Herald reporter the other day while on a down-town trip about ten o'clock in the morning.

"Yes; anything unusual about him?"

"Only that he is stuck on himself."

"How does he show it?"

"By declining to take a seat when a passenger leaves. I have been watching him now for three or four weeks. If there are a number of ladies in the car when he enters he insists on standing, notwithstanding the amount of vacant space at his disposal. From his actions one would believe he did not see it, and frequently it happens that some kind-hearted old gentleman who never loses an opportunity to be of service to his fellow man will poke Mr. Vanity in the back with his cane and direct his attention to a seat. He always makes a solicitation of this nature with 'No, thank you; I prefer standing, as I intend getting out shortly.'"

"If there is a pretty girl in the car he manages to get as near her as possible, so that when the car ways in taking a curve he can jostle against her and go through the street-car etiquette of lifting his hat and begging her pardon."

"If he enters a car that is sparsely occupied, and no ladies are present, he takes a seat as close to the door as he can, in order to be the first one to rise when a lady does come in. The 'thank you' he receives for his disguised courtesy he interprets as a recognition of his personal attractiveness, and his actions during the remainder of the trip are based on this presumption. If the lady should by chance happen to look toward him it adds strength to his false supposition and additional height to his mountain of conceit. When she leaves the car he follows her with his eyes, until she is out of sight, with the hope that she will turn and give him some sign of recognition."

"It makes little difference to men of this character how often they are made to feel the sting of their own conceit, as it is without apparent effect."

## SUED FOR STOLEN TIME.

How an Old Proverb led to an Innocent Man's Conviction.

A rather striking case has just been brought before a Viceburg justice of the peace, says the Arkansas Traveler. A man named Rathbone sued one Jackson for time.

"Well," said the justice, when the case was called, "you have brought an action here for time, but you do not specify. Did you give this man Jackson so much of your time and has he refused to pay you for it?"

"Your honor, this man has had my time and does refuse to pay me. I will explain. I live on the floor just above him, and some time ago bought a fine clock on the installment plan. The other day the fellow came around to collect the installment, and it occurred to me that, as Jackson could hear the clock strike, he ought to help me pay for it. I looked into the matter and found that he had no clock and I also learned that his hours were regulated by my timepiece. Then I told him that he owed me for my time and explained to him, but he refused to entertain my claim."

"Mr. Jackson," said the judge, "have you no timepieces of your own?"

"I have not, your honor."

"And have you been telling the time of day by listening to the striking of Mr. Rathbone's clock?"

"Well, yes, but I did not think that it was wearing on the clock. I thought that while the clock was striking for him it could just as well strike for me, especially as one set of strikes would do for both families."

"But had you intended to get a clock before Mr. Rathbone bought his?" the justice asked.

"Well, yes."

The justice reflected a moment and then said: "Your delay in buying a clock makes you the victim of this action, for the law plainly says, as every schoolboy ought to know: 'Procrastination is the thief of time.' You have, therefore, stolen this man's time and will have to pay for it or suffer more serious consequences. I assess the damages at ten dollars."

## Behind the Times.

Nancy (to her cousin from the city)—Can you climb trees?

Maudie (first visit to the country, in primed surprise)—Haven't you an elevator?—Puck.

## A Live Issue.

"Do you believe our ancestors carried tails?"

"Botheration! Who cares? Why don't you ask if they carried pocketbooks?"—Puck.

## Educational Jealousy.

First Yale Man—Harvard has just secured a fossil ten thousand years old.

Second Yale Man—Which professorship has been appointed to—Jury.

## Very Naturally.

McLamb—Yes, I want to work a little booby, and the boss discharged me.

Jiggs—No doubt he fired you because you were loaded.—N. Y. Spirit.

## It Turns Up, Too.

Dolley—Halt! There's Miss Roxyl!

She's always turning up. I told her to go. She can't help it, you know. She merely follows her nose.—Jury.

## The First Question.

Fat Lady—You advertise that you reduce people.

Quick Doctor—We do, madam; are you very wealthy?—N. Y. Spirit.

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