



RICHEST HEIRESS IN THE WORLD.

To Inherit \$10,000,000 If Her Grandfather's Will is Carried Out.

Little Mlle. Lucienne Promio-Hirsch who, on the death of her grandmother, the widow of the late Baron Hirsch, comes into the possession of her colossal fortune, said to amount to a hundred and thirty million dollars, will be the greatest heiress in the world. It is not strange that her tremendous inheritance has excited the cupidity of rival claimants. Her mother was a governess in the dead millionaire's family—a remarkably clever and pretty Parisienne. Her father was the Baron's only son, who, it has always been understood, was clandestinely married to the good-natured governess. It is now asserted that no ceremony was ever performed, or that if there was a marriage, it was not one recognized as valid by the laws of France. The result may be an interesting and profitable opening for the lawyers.

Mlle. Hirsch, who is in her early teens, has inherited from her mother a remarkably attractive face, and gives promise of being as rich in beauty as in fortune. From the time when the late Baron Hirsch legally adopted her as his daughter and heiress, the girl has not been allowed to live with her mother. She has been brought up by her governess and guardian, Mme. Hatime Montefiore Levy, a sister of Baroness Hirsch, and one of the ablest women in the remarkably gifted family of the Belgian-Belgian families. The heiress has been reared in the Catholic faith by the special request of her mother. She has her own chapel, her private chaplain, and her confessor. The sum of \$200,000 has been set aside for her maintenance and education. According to a clause in the late Baron's will, whoever fills the position of governess is to receive half the income from this amount, and shall not be called upon to render any account of same.

A LITTLE PRINCESS' BIG CAKE.

Made for the Christening of the wee lady weighed seventy pounds.

England's newest baby princess, little Victoria of York, had the largest christening cake ever baked. It weighed seventy pounds, was built upon a silver stand, and measured thirty-six inches in height and twenty-six in diameter. The cake was pure white. The design, which was conventional, was relieved by bunches of lilies of the valley and daisies, of lace and white ribbon. On the top was a white toy, in the form of which reposed the figure of an infant. Over the child rose a canopy of lace, fringed with lilies and supported by columns, and above all waved a banner bearing the royal coronet and the initials of the little princess—"V. A. M." Altogether it was a monument of the confectioner's art. The cost of the cake is not told—probably it amounted to half as many pounds as it weighed. It seems almost a pity that such a thing of beauty could not be a joy forever, and kept in a glass case until her small ladyship was old enough to appreciate it.

The child's name is Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary, and she has eight sponsors: Queen Victoria, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Dowager Empress of Russia, the King of Greece, Princess Victoria of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

Famous Superstitions.

Wesley was warned of his doom by a cross-headed, Satanus by a flight of crows. Dr. Johnson objected to going under a ladder. Montaigne avoided giving his left foot priority in putting on his stockings. Alexander was believed to have untied the gordian knot with a slice of his sword.

For good luck's sake Augustus wore some portion of a sea calf. Charlemagne some trinket of unknown value. Mohammed was all fate. Bonaparte all star and destiny. Cromwell believed in September 2d, and Louis Napoleon in December 2d. Sulla called himself Felix, the favored child of fortune, and Timoleon turned his house into a temple of chance.

Alexander, if we may credit the account given by Quintus Curtius, was terrified by blood flowing from inside his soldiers' bread during the siege of Tyre, in 332 B. C. His son, Aristander, foresaw in this crimson efflux of the vital stream out of the commissariat a happy issue for the Macedonians, and the warriors, thus nervous, took Tyre.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Church Nursery.

It will no longer be possible for the women of Akron, Ohio, to give as an excuse for their non-attendance at church the plea that they "must stop at home and mind the baby." The young women belonging to local guilds have established a nursery in connection with their church. A large, airy room has been provided, and capable attendants are always on hand during services.

Although public and promiscuous care of infants is not desirable, this new Ohio idea has met with great success, and it has been suggested that the same sort of place might be added to halls and theaters, not so much for the sake of increasing the attendance of women at such places, but for the benefit of those irascible people who object to having a favorite song or a thrilling bit of drama interrupted by the shrieks and screams of babies in arms.

Interesting Information.

"The reason they make so much fuss over my birthday," explained Kitty to the young man in the parlor who was waiting for somebody else, "is that I've only had six. Sister's had thirty-two and she's so used to 'em she don't even mention 'em. How many birthdays have you had, Mr. Spoonsmore?"—Chicago Tribune.

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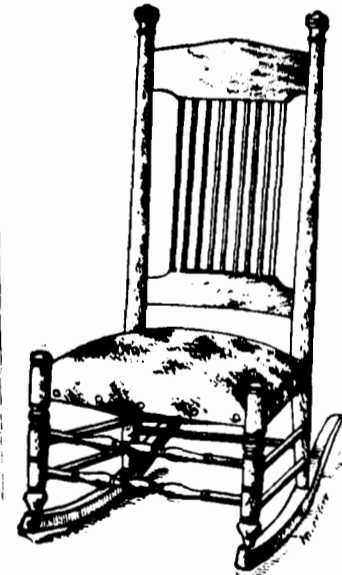
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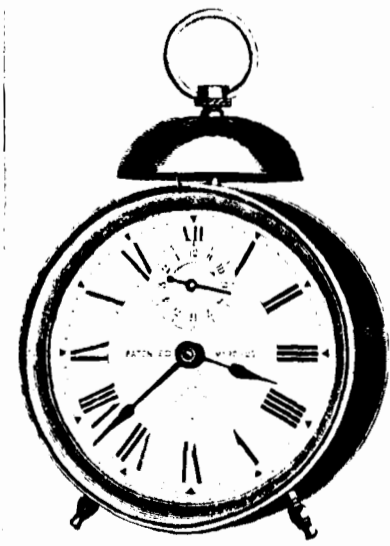
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A NUN LOST; A WIFE GAINED.

Pretty Romanesque of a Young Novitiate In a Nuncio Ottawa Convent.

Mlle. Baudoin, who afterwards was known as Sister Bonsecours, was only sixteen years old when she professed herself a postulante of the Order of the Gray Nuns. She was the daughter of a narrow minded, bigoted tradesman who like many of his class among the French Canadians imagined that to have a son or daughter in religious orders was to have a sort of patent of nobility.

So Mlle. Baudoin started in on her probation, a probation of five years, the vows being made only from year to year. At first things went admirably. Everybody loved the girl; they couldn't help it. She herself was mod'ly happy. The post-up situation in her nature had to find some outlet, and it bubbled out in music. The fame of Sister Bonsecours' skill and genius in music soon crept out beyond the convent walls. People in Ottawa and from a distance began to send their daughters to her for instruction. She became more popular than ever with her superiors; she grew to be a source of substantial money revenue to the convent. A brilliant musician, an accomplished artist, possessing a neat little wit of her own, Sister Baudoin became something of a rage among the pious matrons of Ottawa, and quite the idol of the pupils the matrons sent her.

But in the meantime something was happening to Sister Bonsecours. It dated from the day when a handsome young physician called at the convent with his sister to see a friend. It was observed by the lily eyed sisters that the physician had occasion for a number of days after his visit to go by the convent very frequently, and furthermore in connection with this fact a coincidence was observed. This was that whenever the physician was passing Sister Bonsecours was always playing the piano with a verve and dash which was remarkable even in her, brilliant musician as she was.

Of course the Gray Nuns were scandalized at this. Then came entreaties, threats, appeals to the bishop. But it was all in vain until the aid of Sister Bonsecours' father, Baudoin, was called in. Baudoin in substance pronounced sentence of parental excommunication upon his daughter unless she renounced her profane purposes.

Poor Sister Bonsecours had braved all the artillery of the Church; had endured all the humiliation and disgusting penances that were heaped upon her without once shrinking in her resolution. But under the paternal wrath all her fine spirit gave way. She continued in the convent, drizzling out an unhappy, wearisome life until liberty at last came with the death of her father. Then she shed the gray gown forever and flittered away like a bird out of a cage.

In Montreal she began giving music lessons, until by the strangest of strange chances that handsome physician reappeared upon the scene. And well, they were married, and have been living happy ever afterwards.—New York World.

HAWAIIAN WOMAN 122 YEARS OLD.

Still Has Most of Her Faculties. Can Talk of Happenings 100 Years Ago.

The oldest inhabitant of Hawaii, and probably the oldest human being in the world who has retained most of her faculties, is a native woman residing in Honolulu the story of whose life became known through the efforts of Alatau T. Atkinson, editor of the Hawaiian Star and general superintendent of the census just completed. Her name is Kopelele Apan, and her age, from the most authentic reckoning, 124 years. This ancient specimen of humanity can chat intelligently about events that occurred more than a century ago, can see a coin in a prospective donor's hand clear across the room, and can patch clothing as deftly as any of her great-great-grandchildren. She is getting purlind, but her general health is good and her appetite fair. She volunteered the information that she remembered the digging of the well in Kau, and that she was a child at the time, similar to a child running about the house, a child of between 6 and 7 years. This event occurred in 1781, and is described in Fornander's History. This would make her 122 years old, according to exact calculation.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Why George Was Not First.

Scene—American schoolroom. Teacher—Who was the first man? Little Boy (at rear of class)—George Washington, ma'am. "Why do you think George Washington was the first man?" "Because he was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Another boy raises his hand. "Well, Johnny, who do you think was the first man?" "Don't know what his name was, but I know George Washington wasn't the first." "What makes you so positive?" "Well, my history says he married a widow, so there must have been a man ahead of him."—Exchange.

A Duck-Proof Hon Comp.

A man in Carterville purchased the gallows on which a man was hanged and built a henry of the lumber. He has never had a chicken stolen from it, and it is said that the colored brother won't go within a block of it if he can possibly avoid doing so.—Atlantic Constitution.

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Books Which Come High.

A writer in a critical review says that one-half of the book-buying public does not know what the other half buys. All the books that are published are by no means to be found in the book stores.

Clarence Catches Himself.

I believe I'm getting to be a bigger fool every day I live! I got smart a few days ago and told pa that when I grew to be a man and had to whip my little boy I wouldn't use a strap on him, but would get a flat paddle, and cut square holes in it and whale him with that, because every one of those holes would raise a blister.

Well, yesterday pa invited me out into the woodshed to dress me down for something I'd been doing, and I'll be darned if he didn't lay it onto me with the very same kind of a paddle that I'd told him about! Gee-whillikins!

I haven't taken a meal at the table since, and expect to do all my eating off a shelf for a week. The puddle worked just as I thought it would.—New York World.

Buried With His Money on Him.

Not long ago a miserly person, who had been teased almost to death by his heirs, endeavored to cheat them out of his money. Before he died he left positive instructions that he should be buried in a certain suit of clothes. His wish was carried out, but after the funeral his surviving relatives could find no will and no money.



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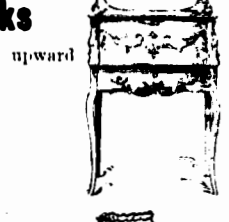
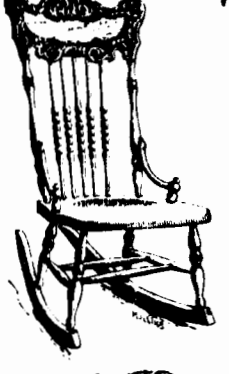
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A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

pleases Owe Much to the Men of the Holy Orders. It is a remarkable fact that the cure of the world should be so largely indebted to the French clergy for the luxuries they enjoy.

The monks and cures of France have done as much for their country in the preparation of savory delicacies as the most renowned chefs. One of the largest oyster parks in the country was started by Abbe Bonnetard.

The elixir of Gains is the invention of the Abbe Garnier. The Bizirs sausages were first prepared under the direction of the Prior Lamoureux.

THE BELL RING CONTINUOUSLY.

Regulations Governing a Colored School in Georgia. The citizens of a Georgia town were greatly annoyed by the incessant ringing of the bell of a schoolhouse where colored children were taught.

"Dat's what it is, sir," replied the principal. "Dat's one or de regulations of de school."

"Will you please explain?" "Certainly, sir. You see, when a new pupil comes in, we rings de bell according to his age. Ef he's nine years old, we rings her nine times, of he's twenty he rings twenty, en so on, up ter sixty."

Food That Makes Brain. According to a celebrated health report, blanched almonds give the higher nerve or brain and muscle food.

Apples supply the brain with rest. Prunes afford proof against nervousness, but are not muscle-feeding. They should be avoided by those who suffer from the liver.

Passports for All. In Russia a child of ten years of age cannot go away from home to school without a passport, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

Puzzling Actions. Interested Observer—What ails that young woman who is about to seat herself at the piano.

Only an Old Man's Notion. "It's a woman, not a man, you see in the moon," shouted the female orator.

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What would you give to be a child again, just for to-night, and have once more a child's dream of Christmas?

A Cranford girl told him that she intended to hang up her stocking, just as usual. "What do you expect to find a piano in it," he inquired.

Our childless dreams of Santa Claus and the reindeers have been rudely disturbed by pictures of the old gentleman astride of a bicycle and, latterly, delivering his goods in a horseless wagon.

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Irrevocably committed" — William McKinley's message to congress, December 6, 1897. Bosh! Wm. McKinley. The three quotations above prove you to be a traitor to your party and to your country, if not to your country's laws.

We once read an interview between Mark Twain and Artemus Ward, in which Ward was supposed to give a concise explanation to Twain of how one is found in the mines and how profitable veins can be found.

Twain said:— "Oh hang my wooden head. . . . the plainer you get it the more I can't get the hang of it." The reader will see that it was only a string of plausible sentences so put together as to mean nothing.

A Charming Musical Evening. R. J. Jose, the great contralto, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foster since last Monday.

A Home for Comic Opera. Andrew A. McCormick, president and manager of the Broadway Theatre Co., New York, announces that the first opera by the Broadway Theatre Opera Co. will be "The Highwayman" Monday, Dec. 13th.

Shooting and Fishing in the South. "Shooting and Fishing in the South" is the title of a very interesting little book issued by the Southern Railway company.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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The clerk informed the board that he had bills to the amount of about \$1,300 on hand the board agreed to let them lay over another month at which time it is expected the tax collector will be in a position to honor all drafts for school purposes.

Miss Sara Curry, manager of the Little Missionary Day nursery, 355 East 10th St., New York city, wishes to thank the friends for sending her turkeys so she could give the children a real Thanks giving dinner.

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The Standard Designer. For January is one of the handsomest fashion periodicals of the month. Its publishers have made a new departure which will be greatly appreciated by stylish women and their modistes.

W. C. T. U. Calendar for December. 7—Business. 14—Mother's meeting. 21—The Princeton Inn. 28—Current events.

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WOMAN'S SPHERE.

Notes from Volney D. Cushing's lecture on A Modern Telemachus. Prohibition may be a forerunner of something better, but it is the best political gospel preached in our country to-day, and should be stood by.

That good men are indifferent to their public duties makes boys endeavor the disposition of one man, everywhere a hotbed of corruption.

The liquor business of the United States feeds English syndicates richly. Any business that represents money and depends upon government for protection represents political power.

Though the cause of evil prosper, only truth is strong. The latest word in temperance reform is when the men who do not want the saloon get together and act politically.

A missionary tea was given by the Woman's Association of the Congregational church on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs Sever, Central Avenue.

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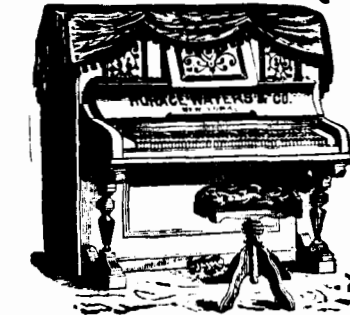
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The Union club gave a table d'hote dinner last night.

There was a card party, or a meeting of a whist club, at J. C. Miller's residence last night.

The Athletic club announce an invitation "Smoker" for next Tuesday evening, December 14, beginning at 8.15. A good array of talent has been secured.

There is to be a bowling match to-night at the Athletic club between 5 man teams from the Elizabeth Bowling club and the Athletic club of Cranford.

W. D. Bolch, who has been visiting friends in Cranford, left this morning for Maine, where he is to superintend the construction of a new railroad from Ellsworth to Calais.

An organ recital to last about half an hour will be given at the close of the service at Trinity Episcopal church next Sunday evening by Mr. Lowe, the organist. Miss Grace Irwin of Brooklyn will render a solo.

Trinity church Sunday school will have a Christmas tree on Holy Innocence eve, Tuesday, December 28. All the children will get presents. Those who are to take part in the entertainment are making good progress with their carols, etc.

Professor Southwick, botanist and entomologist of Central park, New York, will lecture at the Cranford school next Tuesday afternoon. The Wednesday Morning and Progress clubs, the teachers in the public schools, and the pupils of the school and their parents are all invited.

Judge Mendell, Mrs. Lily Mendell, the Misses Mary, Marguerite and Julia Ham, Miss Hart, Lewis Bush, Harry Fox and Charles Johnson attended a reception at Elizabeth Wednesday evening given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Caythorne.

Officers of the Royal Arcanum council for the coming year were elected Tuesday evening as follows: Samuel T. Marshall regent, Chas. S. Littell vice regent, Edward Everett orator, Charles A. Clark chaplain, J. M. P. Josephs secretary, John J. Rosencrantz treasurer, William J. Hart collector, E. G. Woodling guide, Frank Swackhamer warden, Theo. A. Crane scribe, Geo. W. Littell trustee. Edmund B. Horton was elected representative to the grand council, and D. H. Cardozo alternate. The new official staff will be installed in January. A public meeting will be held at that time.

The Building & Loan association will hold a regular monthly meeting next Monday evening.

T. A. Crane and A. H. Miller are to be petit jurors from Cranford for the January term of court.

Charles H. Day's son, Clifford Day, christened the new American steamship Merrimac, 3,000 tons, at Brooklyn Wednesday.

The town committee meet next Monday evening, at which time it is expected the Westfield and Elizabeth Street Railway company will apply for a franchise through Cranford.

It is announced that the Hoboken Fencing club, of which Dr. Roesler is president, will visit Cranford and the Royal Arcanum on the Doctor's invitation, on Tuesday evening, December 21, and give some sort of exhibition. Professor Generosa Pavese, champion fencer of the world, will exhibit his prizes, won in different parts of the globe.

Application was made to Judge McCormick to admit George B. Seward to bail, and the Judge fixed his bail at \$1,000. The bonds were not immediately forthcoming, and on Tuesday he was again brought before McCormick on an old charge. About six years ago he was adjudged guilty of having stolen some blankets, in Scotch Plains. That trial was before Judge McCormick, who suspended sentence and released him. Taking up this old conviction the Judge sentenced Seward to three months in jail. This sentence will hold him for the grand jury as effectually as if he had been refused bail.

THE V. I. A. PUBLIC MEETING.

A Good Audience and a Very Satisfactory Meeting Wednesday Evening.

The public meeting of the Village Improvement association, announced for some time past, was held Wednesday evening of this week in the Presbyterian chapel. There was a good audience present, the proceedings moved smoothly, and the affair proved very satisfactory from all points of view.

A low stage had been erected, over which were laid new brooms, supporting the stars and stripes, and brooms were in evidence in various other places. The stage was decorated with flowers and plants. In the rear, behind the curtain, were one of the green covered boxes of the V. I. A. and a pony cart full of children carrying brooms.

Mrs. Fannie E. Bates, president, acted as chairman, and gave a brief address of welcome.

Mrs. Percy Griffin, chairman of the Crescent branch (children) reported the work being done by the children in a very interesting manner.

Then the curtains were raised and a party of boys gave the society's rallying cry.

"Rah! rah! rah! V. I. A. Are we in it? I should say!"

Then the children in the pony cart recited the Crescent pledge, which is as follows:

"I promise not to litter the streets with paper or fruit skins, or anything that will make the place untidy, not to mutilate or deface fences, trees or shrubs, not to kill birds or rob their nests, or to wantonly torment or injure any dumb animal."

This was followed by piano music by Miss Mabel Huston, a solo by Miss Torush, and Mrs. Benedict recited "Mrs. Maloney."

Then Mrs. Roswell P. Benedict, the secretary, read the annual report, containing a summary of the work done during the year by the association.

Mrs. Geo. Damon, treasurer, read her annual report, showing a balance of \$15 on hand.

Mrs. Crum of Plainfield, secretary of the Plainfield Town Improvement association, and Mrs. Patton, chairman of the children's auxiliary there gave a report of the work done in Plainfield.

This was followed by reading of letters, telegrams, etc., including a telegram from Railway, explaining the failure of the delegation from that town to be present, and a letter from Mayor Hunt (who had been asked to be president) regretting his inability to be present. The president read the following from a letter from the Hon. B. G. Northrop of Pennsylvania.

"An improvement society should exert a moral influence. It should not only cultivate flowers, but a friendly spirit among all grades of society, and obliterate caste, jealousies and dissensions. Mutual work will imbue all classes of our people with a common purpose, only possible of accomplishment through harmony and unselfishness. Confidence in each other and an earnest desire to do each other good, in order that we may appear to outsiders as well as we know ourselves to be, a model community, will lead us eventually into that material state of cleanliness which is next to Godliness, and ultimately lead us near to that Godliness which is above cleanliness."

J. Halsey Sanford sang a topical song composed by Harry Sanford for the occasion, to the tune of "There'll Come a Time-Some Day," of which the following is the chorus.

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