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In two days the great Xmas Day will be here. To the people in Plainfield, best wishes and MERRY CHRISTMAS are most heartily extended by all Fanwood, including your SUBURBAN SAUNTERER.



## WASHINGTON NEWS

### PROGRAMME FOR THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

Senator Stanford Makes the Pages Happy  
The Samoan Correspondence—No  
Man's Land—Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The official programme for the president's reception on New Year's day is already announced.

The reception will begin at 11 a. m. and terminate at 2 p. m. The custom that has prevailed for years will be observed again. The president, assisted by Mrs. Cleveland and the ladies of the cabinet, will first receive the members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps and then the members of the supreme court of the United States. Senators, members of congress, the officers and judiciary of the district of Columbia, the officers of the army and navy, the civil service commissioners, department officials, veterans of the wars of 1812 and 1846, and G. A. R. members will follow in the order named.

Mrs. Cleveland's Saturday afternoon reception—from 3 until 5 o'clock—will begin on Saturday, Jan. 7, and continue on alternate Saturdays throughout the winter.

After the adjournment of the senate yesterday the fourteen pages began celebrating the beginning of their holiday rather noisily. After a few minutes they were summoned to one of the cloak rooms, to which they went reluctantly, expecting, of course, to receive a lecture upon decorum. They were drawn up in line and Capt. Bassett, the doorkeeper, handed to each one a bill, which he told them was a gift from Senator Stanford. The little fellows gave a shout in unison which startled the loungers in the corridors, and then ran away to celebrate the day.

Naval Constructor Horner, who is supervising the work on the cruisers being built at Cramp's shipyards, has been in the city for several days. In consultation with navy department officials. It is inferred from his statements that he does not think the vessels can be completed within the contract time.

A resolution has been reported by Mr. Dolph from the senate committee on foreign relations in secret session of the senate, calling upon the secretary of state for the correspondence relating to the German occupation of the Samoan Islands and Apia.

A bill was introduced yesterday by Senator Voorhees to extend the laws of the United States, except those providing for pre-emption, timber culture and desert land entries of the public lands, over the public land strip south of the Indian territory. It also creates the land district of Cimarron.

Tea senate has removed the injunction of secrecy from the following confirmations of the 21st inst.—Samuel T. Williams, of Maryland, to be secretary of legation in Brazil, and O. S. Strauss, minister to Turkey.

### A TIMELY RESCUE.

The Schooner Pharo Abandoned and the Crew Saved After Great Suffering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Capt. N. B. Pharo and four destitute seamen of the American schooner W. W. Pharo, have just arrived here from Philadelphia. Their vessel, which was bound from York river to Wilmington, Del., with poplar wood, was abandoned at sea in a sinking condition on Monday morning last. All hands were rescued, after great suffering, by the British steamer Ethelbald, from Binefields, and landed at Philadelphia yesterday. The Pharo left Chesapeake bay on Friday morning. The day following she was caught in a hurricane off Chincoteague Island. The seas took away all the deck fixtures, flooded the cabin, washed the provisions overboard and set the cargo adrift. Then the hull began to leak.

The weather was intensely cold and all hands were badly frostbitten, the sailors being compelled to abandon the pumps. At daylight of Sunday there were eight feet of water in the hold and the storm was still at its height. The vessel was drifting helplessly about, the men being unable to navigate her. At midnight Sunday one of the sailors, named James Lemhart, went mad from cold, hunger and exposure. He begged the captain to shoot him. The men clung to the dismantled hull and were rapidly freezing and starving when at dawn of Monday the Ethelbald hove in sight. Capt. Smith, of the steamship, rescued all the hands in the steamer's boats. Shortly afterwards the Pharo sank. Lemhart remains in Philadelphia, under the care of the Ethelbald's surgeon.

### Bought His Chariot.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—Some days ago an old man named John Benson came to this city and found work in the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western railroad shops, but his age was such that he could do but little. He applied to the county commissioners for permission to go to the poor asylum. The commissioners haggled over the matter and presented objections and finally the old man produced a receipt from a safety deposit company in St. Louis showing that he was the owner of \$8,000 in government four per cent bonds. He then proposed to give the interest to the county and at his death to bequeath the whole sum to the county for the care of him during his remaining days. This presented a new phase of the question and the commissioners admitted him. They suggested that he place himself under the care of a guardian, but the old man refused, saying that he had no confidence in humanity and did not intend to be robbed. He has been transferred to the asylum.

### Fatal Duel Over a Love Affair.

WATERLY, Iowa, Dec. 23.—M. E. Billings and W. P. Kingsley, two prominent lawyers, quarreled last night over an old love affair. Both drew revolvers and fired simultaneously, Kingsley being killed instantly. Billings was severely wounded. He was promptly jailed. Kingsley was county attorney, and the feeling is intense against his slayer. There are threats of lynching.

### Killed While Loading His Gun.

WESTHAMPTON, L. I., Dec. 23.—John W. Newton, a resident of this place, accidentally shot himself yesterday while reloading his gun. The charge passed through his heart, and he died instantly. He was out quailing with a party of friends.

### Costly Pitchfork Exercise.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 23.—A verdict for \$3,750 has been given to a hired man named Stevenson, who was some time ago stabbed by his employer, R. W. Smith, with a pitchfork. His injuries are of a permanent character.

### Escaped Prisoners Recaptured.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—John Williams and William Leach, the cracksmen who escaped from jail here a fortnight ago, have been recaptured, the former in New York and the latter in Yonkers.

## ROCHESTER'S SEWER BLAZE.

Another Victim of the Explosion—The Lost Will Reach \$300,000.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 23.—An investigation into the causes of Wednesday's explosion of naphtha show that the sewers in two wards were filled with gas coming from the burning fluid, and had the walls of the sewers not been of extra thickness the entire streets would have been blown up. Experts estimate the damage to the sewerage system of the city at several hundred thousand dollars. The fire department was kept at work on the three burned miles until last night. In them were over 6,000 barrels of oil and 20,000 bushels of grain, all of which were destroyed. The losses are estimated to-day in the aggregate at \$300,000 with less than \$100,000 insurance.

Thousands visited the scene of the explosion yesterday. Barrels of flour were thrown a distance of over 200 feet.

Scientific experts say that the accident was an extraordinary one. The main sewer on the west side of the city was a sheet of flame for four hours. This afternoon the pipe which carries the naphtha from the Vacuum Oil company's works to the Municipal Gas works was found to be broken. It is believed that another break occurred at a point over a sewer which connects with the tunnel sewer, and in this way the 15,000 gallons reached the point where it caught fire and exploded. The city committee yesterday appointed a special committee to investigate the cause of the disaster. Lawyers say that it is possible that the Vacuum Oil company is criminally liable for piping such dangerous fluid.

John Lee, who was missing in the ruins of the Clinton Mail, this makes three killed and twenty-six injured. Some of the injured will probably die.

### Mutilated by a Hawk.

GREENVILLE, Pa., Dec. 23.—William Horn, living near this place, shot a large hawk on Monday. The shot broke one of its wings, and Horn captured the hawk alive. He took it home and tied it by one leg to the leg of the table in his kitchen while he rigged up a cage to keep it in. Mrs. Horn was busy in the kitchen and her 8-month-old baby was creeping about on the floor. The baby was attracted by the appearance of the hawk in the corner and crept up to it, unobserved by its mother, who suddenly heard her child screaming in agony.

Turning around, Mrs. Horn saw the child lying on its back on the floor, while the hawk was on top of it tearing at the baby's face and breast with its talons and beak. Mrs. Horn ran to the rescue of her child, and in getting it away from the hawk her right hand was gashed to the bone by a blow from one of the hawk's claws. The flesh on the baby's face was torn away on one cheek until the bones were exposed. One eye was gouged out and the under lip nearly severed from the face. The child's breast was also badly lacerated. The hawk would have killed the child but for its prompt rescue by its mother. The ugly bird was taken out and shot. The child's injuries may prove fatal.

### Dartmouth's Land Grant.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 23.—The governor and council and President Currier and Speaker Burleigh, of the house of representatives, as a committee representing the interests of the state and the trustees of Dartmouth college, representing that institution, held a meeting to-day at which several propositions were considered relative to the disposition of the Dartmouth college grant. This grant was voted the college by the legislature and is located in Coos county. It consists of 24,000 acres of land, much of it heavily wooded. There were several proposals made for leasing the land in order to remove the timber, and one for purchasing outright for \$50,000. The offers were referred to a committee.

### The Yellow Label of the Knights.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The national convention of cigarmakers has completed its work. The constitution and by laws were adopted without dissent, and special legislation was enacted concerning the yellow label of cigars made by Knights of Labor, which was adopted at this convention. The yellow label will hereafter be placed on all cigars made in factories where Knights of Labor are employed, and a resolution was adopted before adjournment requesting all other trades to give preference to goods manufactured by members of the new organizations which will bear their trade mark.

### A Knight Gets a Life Sentence.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 23.—On April 3, 1895, five knights of labor attacked a coal train on the Missouri Pacific and Richard Townsend, an officer, was murdered. It was during the strike. Henry Henning, one of the five men, while drunk, boasted in Hill county that he had fired the shot which killed Townsend. He was arrested and given a life sentence. The case went to the supreme court and the judgement has just been affirmed.

### Plenty of Cider.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 23.—So far this winter one hundred thousand gallons of cider have been made at Youngsville and vicinity. The product of cider brandy and apple whiskey in portions of Sullivan and Orange counties between now and spring will be large.

### Tying to Play With the Philadelphians.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—James A. Tyn, the well-known Harvard college player, who recently pitched for the States Island club, has been signed and will play with the Philadelphia national club next season.

### Sporting Notes.

Harvey McKenna, the wonderful billiard player who won the world's 2,457 point in a three ball event at rail game. This beats all records, and McKenna as the emperor of the cue.

George Young of this city and Abstin Gibbons fought ten rounds Wednesday night in a purse of about seventy spectators. Gibbons had the best of the mill from start to finish and was awarded the victory.

There is said to be a fight in the match between Paddy Smith and Mike Daly. The latter says he will fight fifteen rounds for \$500. Winner to take all, but that Smith now demands that the loser get one-third of the purse. Mike will not consent to this demand.

Jake Kilrain, in accordance with instructions from his backer, R. K. Fox, claims the title of champion of the world and the stakes in his recent fight with Jim Smith. Neither will be accepted. It is doubtful if he will be able to get another fight with Smith. Jim is willing, but he can't get backing now.

Jimmy Carroll, who was the light weight star of John L. Sullivan's last American combination, has challenged Mike Daly for the light-weight championship of America, or will fight any other man for the title for a purse. He says justly that he believes fighting for stake money is too factory, inasmuch as backers are too prone to take unfair chances in such matters.

## LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS.

REMAINING IN PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 23, 1897.

Adams, J. H. Layton, Henry  
Barnes, Miss Louie Lewis, Miss Carrie  
Banke, Jr., E. W. Morris, Mrs. E. J.  
Barber, Mrs. Chas. H. McNamee, Mrs. E.  
Cawson, Miss Mary R. O'Connell, Joe  
Carman, Mrs. Harry B. Found, Jackson S.  
Dady, James Parks, Miss Kate  
Dodge, Jas. Runyon, A. S.  
Doty, Miss Arthur B. Rowland, Miss Addie  
Fielding, Mrs. Hewitt Fargent, H. J.  
Green, Mrs. Ellis Sayre, Mrs. Julia  
Harris, Mrs. B. S. Sillb, G. W.  
Holmes, Miss Annie M. Scott, Miss B.  
Hudnot, Jas. Geo. Smith, Miss Sallie  
Hunt, Mrs. Geo. South, Miss Jane  
Johnson, Miss Laura Tomson, Miss Delure  
King, Miss Lillie A. Turner, Alice  
McKintosh, Augustus Wells, E. H. H.  
Kane, Andrew White, Miss Amy  
Persons calling for above please say advertised.

W. L. FORCE, Postmaster.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

NEW YORK MAILS.

CLOSE—8:00 and 10:00 a. m.; 2:00 and 5:30 p. m.  
ARRIVE—7:30, 8:50, 11:45 a. m.; 2:30, 3:30 p. m.  
SOMERSETT, EASTON, ETC., MAILS.

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Arrive at 5:10 a. m. Office open from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Mail closes at 7 p. m.

Mail for Warrenville closes Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 12 m.

Post Office opens at 7 a. m. and closes at 7:30 p. m. Saturdays closes at 8:00 p. m. Open every evening until 8:30 p. m., to owners of lock boxes.

Owners of lock boxes coming without their keys will please apply for their mail at the Sub-Library Windows.

Office closed after 10 A. M. on all National Holidays.

Money order office open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturdays to 4 p. m.

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## DEATHS.

MCINTYRE.—In this city, December 23d, 1897, Francis McIntyre, of Castle Blarney, County Monaghan, Ireland, in his 75th year. Funeral services Monday, Dec. 28th, at 10 o'clock, from St. Mary's R. C. Church, where a solemn requiem Mass will be said for the repose of his soul. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited.

RANDOLPH.—Netherwood, N. J., Dec. 23d, 1897, Ed. Evans, daughter of Col. Thos. I. Evans, of Richmond, Va., and wife of Wilton Randolph.

## WANTS AND OFFERS.

Advertisements under this heading, one cent for each word, each insertion.

BRICK! BRICK! BRICK!—The report of having been circulated in Plainfield that there were no BRICKS to be had, the public are hereby notified that we have a large stock of first-class brick on hand, which we are selling at the lowest market prices. BOSTON Brick-Yard, Somerset, N. J.

TWELVE SECOND-HAND PARLOR STOVES for sale cheap. R. THORN, No. 2, Park Ave.

24 East.

TWO PLEASANT ROOMS TO LET WITH board. Apply at 59 E. 6th St.

12-14-10

TO LET—HOUSE CORNER SIXTH AND DIVISION STREETS, furnished or unfurnished; for boarding or private use; in good order; all improvements. Rent very low to responsible parties. Apply to Mrs. E. D. Eaton, Division Street, between 5th and 6th.

12-6-11

TRY THE "O. A. F." CIGAR; MADE FROM the finest Havana filler, without a particle of artificial flavoring. The best 5-cent cigar in the world.

11-16-11

FURNISHED ROOMS, FOR GENTLEMEN only, over the Post Office. ELIZABETH SCHORE.

12-22-11

FOR SALE—MY PROPERTY ON WEST SECOND STREET. Price Moderate. Terms easy. T. H. TOMLINSON, M. D.

20-6-11

FOR SALE—A SECOND-HAND, TWO HORSE DRAY, in good order. This grant was voted the college by the legislature and is located in Coos county. It consists of 24,000 acres of land, much of it heavily wooded. There were several proposals made for leasing the land in order to remove the timber, and one for purchasing outright for \$50,000. The offers were referred to a committee.

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Catalogues containing full description of the articles, with a description of the process of making Cloisonne Enamel, for sale at the Gallery. PRICE 15 CENTS.

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## MUSIC HALL!

Monday Evening, December 26th.

THE POWERFUL ROMANTIC ACTOR.

Frederic Bryton

In "FORGIVEN."

A drama of intense human nature. "The consummation of all that is great in dramatic instruction is perceptible in 'Forgiven' as the attainment of absolute perfection in romantic characterization is obvious in Mr. Bryton's performance."

Tickets on sale at J. G. Miller's and Field & Randolph's Drug Stores, Thursday, Dec. 23d.

Prices as usual.

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## EUROPEAN WAR CLOUDS

### KING MILAN SAYS SERBIA WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL.

**Analyzing the Crown Prince's Blood.**  
**Father Ryan in Jail—Bristol Treatment of David Sheehy, M. P.**

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—It is semi-officially announced that no communications have been exchanged by the Austrians and Russian governments concerning the present situation in Bulgaria, nor has Russia made any intimation regarding the movements of her troops on the frontier. It is considered still possible to arrange for the resignation of Prince Ferdinand and the subsequent appointment of a regent of Bulgaria who will be agreeable to Russia.

The *New Free Press* says that King Milan of Serbia, replying to an address of congratulation presented to him by the chamber of deputies, said the present moment was fraught with danger to Europe. If a conflict between German and Slav ideas should ever occur, he said, Serbia would not participate, but should remain a spectator. It would be impossible to Germanize Serbian individuality, but it might be Slavized. Then it would disappear. The Chamber of Deputies (his family) have only for the Serbian idea. My desire, he continued, is to follow my family tradition, which are the secret of my foreign policy.

The Warsaw correspondent of the *Political Correspondence*, who was the first to announce the military movements in Russia, repeats his former statements, and gives precise details regarding the various bodies of troops which have arrived in the Dublin district since the autumn. If his statements are correct the *Irish Free Press* version of the movements was intentionally misleading.

Herr Viennes, the Austrian tenor, who is under an engagement to sing in St. Petersburg, has received from Prince Bulgorovich a note informing him that it is undesirable at present for him to appear in Russia.

The Russian government has prohibited the exportation to Prussia of stone used for building forts.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—It is semi-officially denied that Russia has informed the powers that the movements of Russian troops in Poland have ceased. It is a fact, however, that no further displacement of troops is expected during the present winter.

Russian diplomats seriously expect some action on the part of Germany, Austria and Italy to induce Prince Ferdinand to withdraw from Bulgaria.

BUCHAREST, Dec. 23.—All vessels, pontoons, and boats belonging to the Austrian navigation company have been ordered from the lower Danube to Turnseverin for the winter. This is an unusual precaution.

### THE CROWN PRINCE.

**His Blood Being Analyzed to See if it Contains Too Much Sugar.**

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—A despatch to the *New Free Press* from Milan says that on the advice of English physicians the German Crown Prince's neck has been cupped, and Dr. Krause is having his blood thus obtained analyzed at the Milan laboratory in order to ascertain whether it contains an excess of sugar or whether it is in a healthy state. If it proves to contain too much sugar the physicians will decide to adopt the treatment advised by Dr. Freund of Vienna, which has in view the reduction of the sugar in the blood to its normal quantity.

Dr. Freund's theory is that the blood of patients suffering from cancer contains an abnormal quantity of sugar, and that cancerous growths may be destroyed by a reduction of the amount of sugar.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The *Tagblatt* says that Dr. Teichow, the court dentist, who went to San Remo to operate on the Crown Prince's teeth, has returned to Berlin, and reports the most favorable improvement in the prince's appearance and also in his voice, which is stronger and clearer. He says the Crown Prince refused him down, tied his hands and forcibly removed his clothes. They then went away, leaving Mr. Sheehy in his underclothes. One of the warders threw him the prince's clothes. The bedclothes were also removed.

### Father Ryan in Jail.

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Father Matthew Ryan of the town of Hospital, county Limerick, one of the projectors of the plan of campaign, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment without hard labor for inciting the people to commit illegal acts. Father Ryan declined to dress himself in his clerical attire in prison, and the Catholic wardens assure him in his refusal.

### The Alleged Dynamiters.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A warrant has been granted in the Bow street police court for the arrest of Gen. Milen, the head of the Clan-na-Gael society, and McVitie, formerly agent of the society in London, who are charged with being connected with the dynamite conspiracy in which Colan and Harkins are alleged to have been engaged.

### Smith and Kilrain Call it a Draw.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Kilrain and Smith met in the office of the *Sporting Times* today shook hands and confirmed the decision of the referee that the fight between the two was a draw. No conclusion has been arrived at as to who shall take up Sullivan's challenge.

### Reorganization of the Canadian Militia.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The government has communicated to the war office its intention of reorganizing the militia forces of the dominion, and asks for the advice and assistance of military experts.

### Sullivan Deposits a Portent.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Champion John L. Sullivan has deposited £500 pounds at the office of the *Sporting Times*, in order to bind either Smith or Kilrain in an agreement to fight.

### Russian Students a Dispute.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that an emeute is imminent among the students of the university in that city.

### Turkish Negotiations Fail.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The *Standard* says that the negotiations between the Turkish government and Baron Kirsch have collapsed.

## NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

**One Dead and Three Terribly Injured Through a Plumbers Carelessness.**

FINDLAY, Ohio, Dec. 23.—A fearful natural gas explosion occurred here last night, which resulted in the death of one person and the probably fatal injury of three others, all members of the same family.

A cottage on West Front street had been piped for the use of natural gas, and a plumber in making the connections with the stove carelessly permitted a large quantity of gas to escape, of which the family were ignorant until they attempted to start a fire. Then the gas ignited and a fearful explosion followed, blowing the house and its contents to pieces and throwing the inmates, James Lundy, his wife and three children, bleeding upon the pavement on the opposite side of the street. Lundy will probably recover, but his wife cannot survive, and one little two-year-old girl is already dead. Her two sisters, aged four and six years, respectively, are meaning the hours away in the greatest agony, but it is thought they will recover.

The family had only moved into the house a few hours before the accident occurred. This is the worst explosion of natural gas that has ever occurred in this section.

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### Wool Growers Defending the Tariff.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 23.—The State Wool Growers' association yesterday adopted a platform of principles condemning as "unstatesmanlike, uncalled for and unfair, that part of President Cleveland's recent message practically recommending the placing of wool on the free trade list," also deprecating the train of evils to wool growing which have followed the tariff changes made four years ago, denouncing as demagogic recent efforts of congress to reduce the tariff, and avowing that without a measure of tariff protection sufficient to secure the American market, the business of wool growing cannot be successfully carried on.

### Parcel Post With Canada.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 23.—Postmaster General McLean has returned from New York, where he went to confer with Mr. Bell, superintendent of foreign mails at Washington, on behalf of the American government regarding the establishment of a parcel post service between Canada and the United States. All arrangements were satisfactorily concluded and the proposed service will be inaugurated on January 1. There has been no previous arrangement covering this class of mailing matter.

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 Leave Plainfield 3:27, 5:43, 6:29, 6:59, 7:29, 7:58, 8:00, 8:19, 8:35, 8:40, 9:02, 10:37, 11:08, a. m.; 12:38, 1:21, 2:25, 2:57, 3:51, 5:25, 5:32, 6:05, 6:32, 6:55, 7:03, 8:39, 8:18, 11:23, p. m. Sunday—3:27, 8:01, 8:57, 10:35, 11:32 a. m.; 1:27, 3:30, 5:15, 7:01, 7:29, 9:23, p. m.

Leave New York from Foot of Liberty Street, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:00 a. m.; 1:00, 1:30, 2:15, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:30, 11:30, 12:00, p. m. Sunday—4:00, 8:45, 9:00, a. m.; 1:00, 1:30, 1:40, 4:00, 5:30, 6:30, 9:30, 12:00, p. m.

PLAINFIELD AND NEWARK.  
 Leave Plainfield 5:43, 6:29, 6:59, 7:29, 7:58, 8:00, 10:37, 11:08, a. m.; 1:21, 2:25, 2:57, 3:51, 5:25, 5:32, 6:05, 6:32, 6:55, 7:03, 8:39, 8:18, 11:23, p. m. Sunday—3:27, 8:01, 8:57, 10:35, 11:32 a. m.; 1:27, 3:30, 5:15, 7:01, 7:29, 9:23, p. m.

Leave Newark 5:27, 7:03, 8:35, 9:05, 10:35, 11:00, a. m.; 1:05, 1:35, 2:35, 3:40, 4:00, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35, 5:54, 6:10, 7:10, 7:35, 8:20, 9:30, 11:15, p. m. Sunday—8:50, a. m.; 12:20, 1:45, 4:10, 5:35, 9:15, p. m.

Passengers for Newark change cars at Elizabeth. Leave Plainfield 5:10, 8:05, 9:27, 11:30, 11:41, a. m.; 2:02, 3:30, 4:34, 5:16, 6:31, 6:02, 6:38, 6:58, 7:29, 8:08, 8:17, 9:25, 10:45, 11:41, p. m. Sunday—5:10, 10:14, 11:41, 12:04, 12:45, 3:45, p. m.

Leave Newark 5:10, 8:05, 9:27, 11:30, 11:41, a. m.; 2:02, 3:30, 4:34, 5:16, 6:31, 6:02, 6:38, 6:58, 7:29, 8:08, 8:17, 9:25, 10:45, 11:41, p. m. Sunday—5:10, 10:14, 11:41, 12:04, 12:45, 3:45, p. m.

PLAINFIELD AND EASTON.  
 Leave Plainfield 5:10, 8:05, 9:27, 11:30, 11:41, a. m.; 2:02, 3:30, 4:34, 5:16, 6:31, 6:02, 6:38, 6:58, 7:29, 8:08, 8:17, 9:25, 10:45, 11:41, p. m. Sunday—5:10, 10:14, 11:41, 12:04, 12:45, 3:45, p. m.

WESTWARD CONNECTIONS.

Leave Plainfield 5:10, a. m.—For Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg and Mauch Chunk connecting at High Bridge for Schooley's Mountain, etc. Sundays to Easton.  
 8:05, a. m.—For Flemington, Easton, Wind Gap, and Mauch Chunk.  
 9:21, a. m.—For Flemington, High Bridge, Reading, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, etc.  
 4:34, p. m.—For Easton, Wind Gap, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Shamokin, Drifton, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, &c.  
 5:02 and 5:16, p. m.—For Flemington, High Bridge, Reading, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, etc.  
 6:02, p. m.—For Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, &c.

Long Branch, Ocean Grove, &c.  
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 Leave Plainfield for Philadelphia and Trenton, 8:17, p. m., 1:15, night. Sunday—5:10, 9:30, a. m.; 6:24, p. m.; 1:22, night.

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 Ninth and Green streets, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 11:00, a. m.; 1:15, 3:45, 5:15, 6:45, 12:00, p. m. Sunday—8:30, a. m.; 5:30, 12:00, p. m.  
 From Third and Berks streets, 8:30, 9:05, 10:30, a. m.; 1:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, p. m. Sunday—8:30, a. m.; 4:30, p. m.

Leave Trenton, Warren and Tucker streets, 1:25, 8:00, 9:10, 10:10, 11:35, a. m.; 1:54, 4:15, 5:35, 7:25, p. m. Sunday—1:25, 9:10, 9:40, a. m.; 6:15, p. m.

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## CHINESE IN NEW YORK.

### How Gotham's Fourteen Mongolian Women Live.

Celestial Cookery and Domestic Life—An American Lady's Visit to Madame Lee Chick San Chong—Hou-Pecked Oriental.

So far as known there are only fourteen Chinese women in New York City, writes Nelly Bly, in the Philadelphia Press. Of these, nine are married, one is a widow, one an unmarried girl, one a nurse and two anonymous. Although residents of the United States, they obey to the very letter the strange system of law and custom which obtains in the Flowery Kingdom. The system which strongly resembles the treatment of the queen bee in an apiary by her drones and workers. The moment she marries, the Mongolian damsel becomes the property of her husband—a little more so than they do in America. Her spouse has the privilege, as all husbands the world over, to chide, scold and chastise her for her faults, and they assert that in cases of grave crime he has the right to kill her. In his punishment he may put her on what we would call bread and water diet, keep her locked up in a bed-room, closet or cellar, or beat her with his hand or a bamboo rod.

In New York the Chinese family lives in the same flat or building as that in which the pater familias dwells in Rome. To the wife are allotted one, two or three rooms, according to her wealth. From these she practically never stirs. Either her husband or servant does all the marketing and shopping. Still worse, she must not receive calls from the other sex, excepting in rare cases when the husband presents an intimate friend. On such an occasion the visitor bows repeatedly, shakes his own hand vigorously for a minute or two, utters the usual stereotyped remarks about the health of herself, family, cousin and friends, and departs without once having looked at her face. She goes to no places of amusement and never walks upon the street. She reads but little, and that love stories, love poems and religious books. But she can generally cook, weave, crochet, embroider and "keep house" miraculously.

A dinner with Mo Kee, a leading importer and banker at No. 8 Mott street, or with Fung Hong Long at No. 5 is an event which will bear comparison with a banquet at Delmonico's or the Hoffman House. The wife will take a dozen eggs, pierce them at either end, blow out the contents, refill them with vari-colored and vari-flavored custards and jellies, seal the apertures and then when cooked paint the shells until they are a nightmare of dragons, flying griffins and impossible trees that look like men and men that look like trees. She will open and steam a fish until the skin can be removed without losing a scale and the bones without breaking the flesh. It is stuffed with an aromatic and pungent mass of meats and spices. Then the skin is put back and the eyes and head touched up so as to be half natural and half grotesque. Most of her culinary genius is expended on stews and made dishes. Here she uses every article known to the Persian chief and President Blackford, of the Ichneumon Club, and a host of food substances, spices and condiments, for which there are no names in any of the European languages.

Her skill in weaving and embroidering silk is equally great. With a needle no finer than which her occidental sister uses she will construct a dragon an inch long and a half inch high, of which not only the teeth, eyes and claws are perfect, but even the pupil, iris and cornea and the difference between the incisors and canines are clearly and naturally defined.

Lee Chick San Chong, a merchant at 25 Mott street, captured by my smiles, consented to introduce me to his wife. His store was in the basement and his wife lived on the first floor above. I followed my guide through a dirty, uncarpeted hall to a door at the farthest end. He rapped rather vigorously with his knuckles on the portal, which had no outside knob or latch. After awhile it was unlocked on the inside, he pushed it open and we stood on the inside. Almost in the rear of the room, with some sewing in her hand, stood a woman I had come to see. She smiled at her husband and looked at me without fear or surprise, but as a babe looks at a new object held before its innocent eyes. Lee Chick San Chong spoke to her in his peculiar language, and then turning to me said: "My wife." Another moment and the little brown fingers covered with rings were placed in my gloved hand and we were looking at each other as only two women can.

A little woman, no more than five feet high, with the blackest of eyes, which were larger and more open than those of the average Chinaman. She had the typical Mongolian face, with a complexion that from the exclusion of sunlight resembled bleached golden wax. Her blue black hair was combed back without a part, dressed over the ears like a half oyster shell and down the back of the head in a long oblong puff. Gold rings kept it in place, but it had the appearance of being soaped to make it smooth and stiff. The forehead was extremely high, and the eyebrows had a habitually surprised curve. The cheeks were round, dotted with charming dimples, the nose a little inclined to flatness, but without piquant, the teeth exquisitely white and beautifully shaped, and the lips either artificially dyed or naturally a rich carmine. With the air and look of childish innocence, Mrs. San Chong was not bad to look at.

"Is your wife satisfied?" I asked Lee Chick. "No, she is not. She is perfectly happy in her home life, having no other desires, but she is childless, the greatest affliction that can befall a Chinese wife." Lee Chick is also very much dissatisfied at the rate his family refuses to increase. After trying unsuccessfully to adopt some American child, he has decided to take his wife back to China and leave her there. He will then procure himself another. He has already one wife in China and two children, but she refuses to come to America. Lee Chick wants an American for number three, and he made the writer a proposal. He was told that Americans were allowed but one wife, and that if they were found to have more in Brooklyn and elsewhere in Harlem they would get into serious trouble. "Two wives in one room in China no trouble," was his reply. This is inconceivable, but it is true. With all their addition in wives, divorce and infidelity are very rare. We drank a social cup of tea from china cups about twice the size of a thimble, and after wishing one another a "Kung He Fa Tai," the equivalent of "I wish you great prosperity," the interview was over. It would seem that women never wear the breeches in the Celestial Empire, but when I asked Lee Chick, he sighed and said that there were just as many hen-pecked husbands in the Orient as "Alice sambo America."

A Silver-Mounted Leg. There is a young man in Hartford, Conn., who has had the bone of one of his legs mended with a silver rivet, and will soon be out on crutches.

A Dutch Texas Editor. A Texas country paper announces: "The editor put on his hard-boiled shirt and scissor-tailed coat, and split the wind for Dallas Tuesday."

## A FEW CHURCH NOTES.

There are, it is estimated, ten million church members in this country.

There are in this country and Canada over eleven hundred Young Men's Christian Associations.

Mexico is fixed upon as the city in which a General Assembly of Evangelical Missions is to be held in January, 1888.

Wales is said to be the most Protestant country in the whole world. There is not a known Welsh-speaking congregation in existence.

Rev. Charles D. Tenney, a missionary of the American Board to China, has been appointed private tutor to the sons of Viceroy Li Hing Chung.

The Y. M. C. A. of Liverpool have the largest gymnasium in the world. In it hundreds of street boys are trained in the use of their muscles.

A fleet of five vessels is employed by the London Missionary Society between stations in Africa and Polynesia. The young people raise the money for their support.

Missionaries in Dakota and Montana report receipts for their work for the year reached in one month the sum of \$23,197.81, and the number of Bibles issued for six months at 1,503,987 copies.

In a building erected in Tokio, Japan, for the purpose of delivering lectures hostile to Christianity, an audience of fifteen hundred recently assembled to hear a sermon by an American minister.

Wuester, O., has the oldest Reformed minister in the world in the person of Rev. D. Kemmerer, who is eighty-six years of age, and recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his wedding.

American missionaries are arrested, fined and misused by the Spanish authorities in the Caroline Islands. The Protestant churches and schools are also closed and all Protestant property confiscated.

There is a new missionary movement afoot in Germany among so-called advanced theologians, who have an organization the object of which is to avail itself of the elements of culture and morality found in educated heathens, and on this basis build up a Christian culture according to advanced ideas.

The "ragged Sunday-schools" are becoming an important factor in London. They are increasing in number and widening in influence. Late statistics show no less than 40,000 scholars and 4,000 teachers. They are the great means by which the poor boys and girls of that vast metropolis are being reached and improved, and through which moral ideas are communicated and Christian influences are thrown around them.

## A GRIST OF GRINS.

Big words in a short letter are like large bones in a small skin; they are too prominent.

An enthusiast on the subject of flowers expressed a desire to obtain some "Christian anthers."

Sandy accepted the gude wife's invitation with the reservation: "If I am spared." "Well, well," said the lady, "if ye're dead I'll not expect ye."

A horse-doctor has no show in this world; it is only the veterinary surgeon who can win with impunity, and that "hossy" odor, enter the ranks of the "very best."

The fellow who was telling how he had seen a barn swallow was somewhat taken down by another fellow who said he could show him a cow's lip that grew without any roots.

Tommy—"Say, Bobby, did you ever see a chicken-hawk?" Bobby—"Well, I should say I did! One of our chickens swallowed a straw the other day, and the way that chicken hawked would raise the hide on a ally-gater!"

It is thought that the people of New Zealand are of a lively temperament, and are possessed of an unusual amount of vigor. This may be accounted for by the fact that they always have New Zealand air, which is said to be very invigorating.

A woman need never fear being out of work. She has always got work. When she wants to lay off a short while, she need have no fear of her work running off. It will always be right there waiting for her. It is the man who has to stick to his job or he is apt to lose it.

Some ministers are complaining against the factitious newspaper paragraph, which is seriously interfering with their annual supply of slippers. When this paragraphic joking becomes so pointed as to necessitate a minister's buying his slippers, something should be heard to drop.

The wife of a Parisian, returning home, rang at her own door. Nobody came, so she rang again. Still nobody appeared. Finally, at a longer and longer ring, the man-servant concluded to show himself. "Pray, are you deaf?" said the lady. "I hear, madame," said he tranquilly, "but I heard only the third ring."

## FROM ALL SOURCES.

The buyer of a large Cincinnati tobacco house, who is paid \$10,000 a year to know good tobacco when he sees it, neither smokes nor chews.

A street gamin unhooked the clasp on the door of the "Black Maria" while going along the streets of Boston recently and eight prisoners escaped before the driver knew what was going on.

A French woman living at Lathrop, Mo., gave birth to twins Tuesday, their combined weight being two pounds and two ounces. They are regarded as great curiosities. The little ones occupy two cigar boxes as cradles. Both are very lively, and are expected to live.

There is living in Buffalo a young man who has a young wife. She has an insurmountable hobby. Whenever she gets a new dress she insists that he shall have a necktie made of the same cloth. He thinks so much of her that he can't help carrying out her wishes. He has plenty of nice neck-ties.

A pasteur six feet long, weighing two hundred pounds, poached down with a yell upon an engineer while in his cab near Minden, Neb., Sunday night. The animal boarded the train while at a standstill. The fireman dazed the brute with a wrench and the engineer shot him with a revolver. Both men were badly injured.

Evidences of immoral traffic in Chinese women for San Francisco are being found. This week an old hag brought over a score of women from China and was arrested for perjury in trying to get them through the custom-house. The old procuress was bailed by two wealthy Chinese merchants, suspected of being her partners in the trade.

A Negro boy was recently born in Florida whose color was distinctly divided, representing the white and black races. One side from the center of its forehead down is as black as coal, while the other is equally white and fair. Another monstrous freak of Dame Nature is shown by the fact that the Caucasian side has thick lips and flat nose, kinky hair; and black eyes, in fact, all the African characteristics, while the dark side has thin lips and good features, blue eyes, and soft, silky hair. Its arrival created a terrible hubbub in the settlement, and then the negroes were inclined to regard it as an omen of evil.

## ALL ABOUT SPONGES.

### Where and How These Queer Animals Live and Grow.

The Different Qualities Known to Dealers and the Prices They Command in America's Leading Markets—How Cheap Goods are Doctored.

Although an article commonly used very little is known by the general public about the production of the sponge. The facts concerning it are interesting and instructive, and show some strange features in the lower forms of animal life.

A New York Telegram reporter visited a well-known importer of sponges exclusively, and obtained from him the necessary information regarding the manufacture of sponges, the extent of the industry, and many other points about them not generally known. He said:

"I can not tell you when the sponge was first used in this world, but it has been known ever since the Christian era began. American sponges were first used in this city by the old Dutch settlers, and the Greeks introduced the Mediterranean sponges here thirty-five years ago by hawking them about the streets, since which time the trade has grown into millions of dollars annually, and the industry is an important one."

"Is the sponge of vegetable or animal growth?" asked the reporter.

"An exhaustive scientific discussion in this city a few years ago resulted in the conclusion that the sponge is of animal growth, in its original state, of the lowest type, and resembles the blow fish in its appearance. It is first taken from the water with a pulpy flesh on, and it is laid on the shore and covered with rushes until the sun burns the flesh off. Then it is 'cradled' in salt water. The bleaching is done by the use of magnate of potash, and afterward the sponge is placed in oxalic and muriatic acids, next washed in salt water, and finally tinged or colored with a solution of common washing soda."

"Where and how are they first obtained?"

"Of the Florida Keys in this country, around the islands of the West Indies and in the Mediterranean Sea, principally in the Greek and Turkish archipelagoes. The natives dive for them, sometimes in forty fathoms of water, where the finest cup sponges are found. These divers are very short-lived, and in five or six years become deaf, blind and rheumatic, unless eaten by sharks, as is sometimes the case. The natives run their own vessels. It is untrue that the sponge dealers own and manage the fleets of small craft used in sponge fishing, as is generally claimed, for it is a notorious fact that the native divers, after getting their vessels well provisioned, will not work, but will lazily loaf about until their supplies of food are exhausted, when they will fish until a good cargo is obtained, and then dispose of it on the outer islands. Every vessel is manned by from five to six men, who live on fruit and drink wine, and are very fond of the society of women."

"What are the different grades of sponges?"

"Our Florida sea coast supplies the sheep's wool, velvet, grass and reef sponges. From Nassau we get the sheep's wool, but it is not as strong as the Florida article, though much like it and with larger pores, and also the grass, velvet, reef and wire sponges, but the latter is not sold to use; the Mediterranean sponge, called the Turkish bath sponge in this country and the honeycomb in Europe. They are brought here in the natural state and bleached. We also receive from the same source the silk, surgeon's, large cup, eye cup, toilet and Zamocka sponges. The dealers in New York, London, Hamburg and Trieste do the bleaching."

"Has any attempt been made to grow sponges in this vicinity?"

"In 1880 it was tried at Bowers Bay beach, on Long Island, but proved a failure."

"Where do you receive the finest sponges from?"

"The Greek archipelago—the cup sponges."

"What are the principal markets?"

"New York for all grades, and London, Hamburg and Trieste for Turkish goods. Nassau has an exchange for the sponge trade, and, in fact, it is the principal business of that place. In this city there are six importing houses, and the aggregate value of their trade is from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 annually. There are five or six jobbers besides who buy in the market here."

"What are the prices of the different grades?"

"Florida sheep's wool sells from \$2.75 to \$3 by the bale of from 20 to 100 pounds; velvet is from 20 cents to \$1.50 per pound by the bale; grass is from 35 to 75 cents a pound by the bale, and reef from \$1.35 to \$1.50 by the bale. Of the foreign sponges the Nassau product is sold for 20 per cent. less than the Florida goods. There is a duty of 20 per cent. on all foreign sponges. Mediterranean bath sponges are sold from 6 cents to 35 apiece, cups from 75 cents to \$15 apiece, Zamocka from 6 cents to 75 cents each, surgeon's from \$1.50 a string of fifty pieces to \$5, and eye cups from 25 cents to 75 cents each."

"The only sponges used in the hospitals are the small surgeon and abdominal, and they are being displaced by the absorption cotton. The article manufactured now for medical use is what is called a sponge tent, made of reef sponges and used for cleaning out wounds and in obstetrical cases."

"What is done with the clippings from sponges?"

"They are used in filling mattresses, and have been found by railroad companies to be better than cotton waste for packing journal-boxes."

"Are there any tricks in the trade?"

"Yes. Sponges are easily 'doctored' by unscrupulous dealers. Common grass sponges are bleached and put on the market as Turkish goods. Houses of this sort are called 'skin' concerns. Even druggists can not detect the cheat, and the customer is, of course, easily deceived by the appearance of the sponge, but a trial soon demonstrates an inferior grade of sponge."

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Visitors at Aix-la-Chapelle may remember the great iron mass, estimated to weigh nearly four tons, in the courtyard of the Polytechnicum, which used to be shown to strangers as one of the curiosities of the city. It was believed to be an ancient and very remarkable meteorite. A recent examination by Prof. Arruzi has reduced it to the rank of mere slag, and shown that it is only a gigantic slag which had accumulated at the bottom of a primitive smelting furnace. But when it came into existence can not be guessed. It was first brought to light in 1762, when a new street was being laid out, and in clearing the site this great mass was found in the soil.

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