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HOUSEHOLD RECIPES.

(We have been requested by some ladies to devote a little corner in our paper for the exchanging of recipes for cooking, baking, etc. Any lady having anything she thinks would be of interest to others is invited to send it to us, and we will give it place under this head.)

PULLED BREAD.—To make pulled bread take an ordinary loaf from the oven when about half baked, pull it in to pieces about the size of an egg, throw them on tins and bake to a rich brown. Leave the oven door open when you take the pan out, and put coal on the fire to deaden it before you begin to work on the bread.

DISINFECTING BY SULPHUR.—To disinfect clothing it should be lightly sponged or sprinkled with water, containing well-mingled milk of sulphur, in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a pint of water, and then ironed with a flat-iron, heated to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the sulphur without burning the clothing.

Embroidery silks should be dipped in weak ammonia before using in order to set the color, and articles embroidered [illegible] in worsted [illegible] never be washed in anything stronger than bran and water. A little ox-gall mixed with the water will keep the colors from running [illegible]

JAMAICA GINGER BEER.—[illegible] of Jamaica ginger [illegible] quarts of water, one ounce of cream tartar, one pound of sugar [illegible]

[illegible]

WHAT A FLY DID.

Mr. James Howard, of Walker, married an interesting young lady named Symonds about a year ago, and they have lived cosily and happily together ever since. But the other morning, at breakfast, an inquisitive and hungry fly dropped down from his perch on the ceiling, and, stretching his legs, began skirmishing around for his breakfast. He crawled slowly around Mr. Howard's coffee cup once or twice, sniffing the delicious aroma and wondering how he could manage to get a drink, when his foot slipped, he lost his grip, and in a moment more was floundering around in the liquid. His struggles attracted the attention of James, and he pushed [illegible] the table. The unfortunate fly alighted in a wet and bedraggled condition on Mrs. H.'s plate. She [illegible] grabbed him and flung him back into her husband's plate. James gazed steadily at her a moment, and seeing blood in her eye, deliberately picked up the fly, and, with a hand trembling with suppressed rage, threw it back on her plate. [illegible] The young wife, bursting into tears, seized her bonnet and rushed from the house to the residence of her parents, vowing she would never come back, and James went out to the barn, swearing to himself. [illegible] and they [illegible] are rendered miserable by the single misstep of a fly. On such small things do our destinies [illegible]

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SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey. [illegible] By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed, I shall expose for sale at public vendue, at the Court House in the city of Elizabeth, on [illegible] DAY OF NOVEMBER [illegible]

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N. K. THOMPSON, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery [illegible]

SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey. [illegible] WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER [illegible]

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SHERIFF'S SALE.—Union Circuit [illegible] WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER [illegible]

N. K. THOMPSON, Sheriff.

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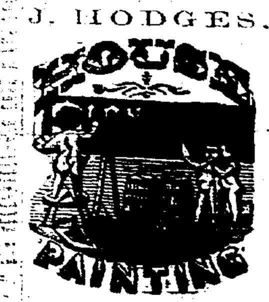

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Ah, nevermore again.

We hear no more a childish voice,
Prattling in baby glee,
We list in vain a rippling laugh,
[illegible]

We hear no more the pattering feet,
Of tiny baby Will,
No tongue can tell how great the void
[illegible]

Oh, weary mother, tired, and vexed,
I almost envy thee.
[illegible]

Oh, empty hands, oh, aching heart,
Oh, void that naught can fill,
More welcome far the trials of
Of little baby Will.

Mishaps of a Picnic Party.

"Why, Tom, what is your serious objection to picnics? I remember it used to be a very favorite amusement with you, and now the bare mention of a picnic throws you almost into convulsions."

"Why, the fact is, Charley, the last picnic I went on, which was some time before last, will last me a life time, and that [illegible] me so dear I have made up my mind never to go on another."

"I have heard something before of a rather queer time you had on that occasion, so, as we have neither of us anything better to do this morning, suppose you tell me something about it."

"Well, Charley," said Tom, lighting a cigar, and handing one to his friend, "I don't know but it will be just as good a way as any of passing away the time until dinner. As you say, I used to be very fond of picnics, and many a rare day's sport I have found at them, but the most uproarious day I ever knew was on the occasion of that last party. As we most always had the luck of having one or more of the disagreeable ones, we were very particular in selecting our number, and a more glorious party was never made up than the thirty-two ladies and gentlemen comprising the party in question. The arrangement was that our four musicians and all the edibles should be taken out by an express wagon, and await our arrival at the old King's Bridge Hotel, while our party should assemble at 8 a. m. at Bill Crawford's house on thirty-first street, and proceed from thence to King's Bridge in sixteen light wagons.

"The morning came clear and warm, and at the appointed hour all were assembled at Bill's house, anxiously awaiting the arrival of himself and Jenny Hanson, whom he had gone for. Half an hour passed, and as the missing ones were not in sight, we concluded to go in different directions in search of them, appointing a rendezvous at the Fifth avenue gate of Central Park. An hour after, we all met at that point, but Bill had not been found, and as Jenny was our star vocalist (she and Dave Morrow having been practising for the occasion), we were in a quandary; but finally concluded to go on, and let Bill and Jennie follow.

"We hadn't gone more than a mile when we saw Bill's white horse coming toward us. He had gone to his own house by some unheard of route, and not finding us there, had started in pursuit. Not finding us at the Boulevard House, he had come back to look for us. We were now all right, and were about as pretty a procession as one would wish to look at. We were all in good spirits; the ladies looked fresh and rosy, and all were bent on enjoying themselves. As the weather was too warm for fast driving, and no one was willing to take the rear and the dust, it was agreed to have just one brush to the Boulevard House, and the order in which we arrived there we were to keep from there to King's Bridge.

"The word was given and off we went. There were some fast nags in that crowd, and it was as pretty a race as could be desired. On we went, thundering along the road, and long before we reached the house we could see the hostlers and waiters in readiness for our company. Bill Jones, with his wife, was the first in, and close on his heels came Mr. and Mrs. Arthurs. Your humble servant, having in company that glorious specimen of womankind—that leader of all 'ton,' Nellie Charles—making the third. The rest came straggling in—Dave Mackey with Miss Stewart, and Charley Edwards with Fanny Lent bringing up the rear. Some champagne disappeared, and then we took the road, again in the order agreed upon, and in due course of time reached the old King's Bridge Hotel, having stopped on the road occasionally.

"Here we found boats in readiness to convey us down to 'Cold Spring,' as Sam Greene designates a most lovely spot on the 'Spuyten Teufel,' belonging to his grounds, and, without exception, the most eligible spot for a picnic within fifty miles of old Gotham. Here on this smooth grass we laid our table, and in a short time were deeply engaged in doing justice to the good things before us. Dinner over, we found seats around upon the rocks, and champagne in hand, the woods rang for an hour with the most exquisite melody, for we had many fine singers among us. Jenny sang us some beautiful Scotch ballads and Dave Mackey regaled our ears with his rich voice in his favorite, 'Would I were a boy again.' Then we had sparkling duets, and wound up with a grand chorus of 'The day when we went gipsying,' which might have been heard over half the island. The musicians having by this time satisfied their appetites, we cleared away the fragments and took our places for dancing, our party being just sufficient to make four sets. We hadn't been dancing more than half an hour before it was evident a heavy shower was about to enliven our proceedings. As we had sent the boats back to the hotel with orders to call for us at five o'clock, there was no escaping that way, and, as it was a rough climb over the rocks to Sam Greene's house, we concluded to seek shelter under the trees and make the best of a bad bargain. In a few moments the rain began to come down in perfect torrents, and in less than five minutes had penetrated our leafy covering and drenched us to the skin. We now considered it safer to abandon the trees and take to the open ground, as the lightning looked rather dangerous. Such a party! A dying man would have laughed to see them. Sixteen women, who, a few minutes before, were looking as if just taken from the band-boxes, were now huddled in the centre of the open ground, some laughing, some crying, some terrified, some enjoying the whole matter exceedingly, but all looking one mass just fresh from the wash.

"Fifteen gentlemen were there, some laughing at the dripping beauties, and [illegible] just for all the world, as if each one was an animated water-spout. [illegible] who was never known to be disconcerted at any [illegible] he was certainly making himself remarkably at home. Bill had discovered that a good glove that was [illegible] feet off the [illegible] and looked [illegible] up the oysters they had planted in the Cold Spring water. [illegible]

"This broke the spell of terror which was over the ladies. [illegible]

"When the last petticoat had disappeared below deck the gentlemen retreated to the woods, and by dint of the wringing process divested their clothing of a number of gallons of water without at all improving the set of either coats or pants by the operation. When we got back to the shore a most singular vision met our gaze. The ladies were there, but where were their fair proportions of such an hour before? One glance shot revealed the secret—the sail was covered with crinoline and flimsy handkerchiefs and hosiery, and a variety of other things, too numerous to mention, had been pinned fast, and hoisted up to dry.

"On our approach the ladies beat a hasty retreat below. A parley was sounded, and an agreement entered into, that the male bipeds should remain on shore, while the ladies disposed themselves behind the sail, in order to suit themselves, or, rather the very small portion of their wardrobes not hanging to the sail. [illegible] now occupied our time until the boats came, and the ladies were declared in a fit state to meet the gallant knights.

"When we arrived at the landing we had about a hundred yards to walk to the house, and on the piazza of the hotel were gathered all the boarders and the numerous parties who had hidden out from the city. We were forced to face the music and march up, but such a queer-looking regiment as defiled along that narrow road hasn't often been seen. [illegible]

"Well, we put the best face we could on the matter, and boldly marched up the steps, and into a private room, where mine host had all waiting for us a meal that would have tempted an anchorite, and, as we were all sharp set after our weary adventures by flood and field, we very soon did ample justice to it. After dinner Charley Edwards came in, bearing a very formidable-looking bottle, and insisted on all hands round partaking, to prevent any of our number from taking cold. This was done, and thirty-two such faces as that party made at the thirty-two doses couldn't well be equaled. When Charley was questioned as to what his wondrous medicine was composed of his answer was [illegible]

"As it was getting quite cool when we were ready to start for home, and our clothing was more or less wet, the landlord suggested the propriety of our taking a number of [illegible] boarders' overcoats to envelope the ladies in and prevent them from taking cold. The coats were kindly loaned, we promising to send them home next day, and away we started for home, but a very different looking set of people from those who arrived there a few hours previous. The ladies' laces and ribbons looked as if they had been worn for forty years, and our collars and shirt bosoms were in a badly dilapidated state, and our coats and pants looked as if they had been made on the cork-screw pattern, the effect of the wringings to which they had been subjected. But our hearts were light, and we were determined to enjoy ourselves, and we didn't mind our appearance.

"We soon found that riding fast in damp clothes was a cool proceeding, so the women were put into the overcoats, and the men of our party were glad to enrobe themselves in the bright red and blue blankets which had been sent with the horses. In this costume we reached High Bridge, and Nellie Charles proposed stopping for a promenade on its top. No sooner said than done, and such a party. I thought we couldn't be beat when we left the boats, but now each fair damsel was enveloped in a huge, great coat, and every gallant knight in a bright-hued blanket. The bridge was filled with visitors, and I am sure we must have been taken for a detachment of wild Indians, and very varied were the remarks upon our appearance, as we made our way through the throng, who opened, right and left, to let us pass, the most charitable of which were certain that we were either 'drunk or crazy.' But we were just at that point when [illegible] for anything, and we passed across and back, enjoying the adventure highly.

"We had some tight racing over the road, and entered Broadway just before dark. Just as we were about separating for our homes, Nellie came forward with a proposition to go down to a fashionable restaurant in our original costume. We turned our faces down Broadway, exciting as much attention as the entrance of a menagerie into town, and many of our acquaintances we saw upon the sidewalks, who seemed strangely puzzled as they wondered where they had seen our countenances before. We arrived at an early hour, when it was thronged, and pulling up at the door, surrounded by a large crowd who had collected to see us alight, we made our way, blankets, overcoats and all, to the extreme end of the room. Not finding seats there, we turned down on the other side of the room, and the first person I saw was Mary Morley, to whom, you know, I was at that time engaged. My recognition was met with the most chilling hauteur, and, out of pure revenge, I sat down and devoted myself to Nellie Charles in the most assiduous manner, until Miss Morley swept by as she took her departure.

"A few evenings after I called upon her, and asked her to set a time for our marriage. I was told that she could not marry a man who saw fit to get intoxicated and masquerade in company with such a hoydenish party as the one she saw me with a few evenings before. Explanations were of no use, her prim ideas had received a shock she could never recover from, and, from that day to this, we have never met, and I was a loser of a clear eighty thousand she had in her own right. That's the story, and now you know the cause of my aversion to picnics."

"Well, Tom," said Charley, at the conclusion, "you have a pretty good reason, but you know the old adage about there being 'as good fish in the sea as ever was caught.' Why don't you find another charmer? Nellie Charles for instance."

"Just you keep your eyes open, Charley," answered Tom, "and see what you will see. My heart wasn't very badly broken by Mary, but I lost too much by her to go on any more picnics."

SPAIN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CATHEDRAL.

There are larger and more massive cathedrals in Spain, but that of Burgos is the most beautiful. No mere outline can afford any adequate idea of its architectural richness. The order is Gothic, the purest, the most harmonious, and the richest of the thirteenth century. The principal facade has three rich ogival portals, and above them two open, graceful towers, not unlike the one at Strasbourg, but of a reduced height. In the centre is the dome of the lantern, and in the rear the tower of the Constable's Chapel, all magnificently ornamented with statuettes of saints, Gothic canopies, filagree pinnacles and other airy elaboration. The interior is in the form of a Latin cross, 341 feet in length, and 213 feet in width in the widest point. The cloisters, the Archbishop's palace, and several chapels surrounding the cross, somewhat complicate the plan. Twenty massive octagon pillars from three naves, but the effect of the full expanse is crippled by the inevitable choir and high altar in the centre. The pre-eminent feature of the interior is the lantern, which, with its four pillars and lofty dome, is grand and rich beyond all efforts at word-sketching. The Chapels of the Constable and of Santiago (St. James the Elder) are gems of the ten, and the former is of especial richness. In all there are sixty tombs in the cathedral, including several of the old royal families and distinguished ecclesiastics of Burgos.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

LIFE IN PARIS.

Many American ladies who are so situated as to be independent now make their homes in Paris. How cheaply ladies can live in the prettiest and merriest city upon earth is a secret known only to some of themselves; but two art students who resided together and clubbed resources in one of the streets near the Luxembourg, managed comfortably on less than three hundred dollars a year till better times came to them. They had their breakfast from a cream and coffee shop (cremerie), a very different place to a cafe, and their dinner from a small eating-house, frequented by artists, where a moderate sized beef-steak cost them only seven sous. Their lessons and lecture on art cost them nothing, and their only professional expenses were incurred for the materials of painting and models. Ladies without special business in Paris, but who yet desire to reside there, may create for themselves a peculiarly quiet and honorable home in such places as the Abbaye-au-Bois. This, like several similar establishments, is a convent where ladies can rent apartments and enjoy the protection of the sisterhood under conditions not too onerous. But cooking at home is much dearer than boarding out or arranging with the nearest hotel or eating house keeper to be served ready dressed. It is difficult to explain the astonishing expense of home life in Paris, in view of the unquestionable fact that hotel prices have not varied for the last thirty years. Thirty years ago, the hotel price of a lady's breakfast of tea or coffee and bread and butter was one franc and a half; it costs one franc and a half now. The price of hotel bed-rooms and the cost of hotel servants also remain stationary.

It is stated that the treatment of melted zinc with from ten to twelve per cent. of chloride of ammonium will harden it considerably.

Eighteen families in New York count up $240,000,000 among them.

SCIENTIFIC.

The inhabitants of the towns and villages along the river Maas, says a Netherlands journal, are dependent on its waters for domestic and drinking purposes—a water which is turbid, does not become clear on standing, and produces, in those not accustomed to its use, a diarrhoea, sometimes accompanied by dangerous symptoms. Singular enough, analysis fails to reveal the cause of this property. Some time ago, however, it was ascertained by an Amsterdam chemist that perchloride of iron added to this water—the same being also found applicable to far more foul waters experimented upon—rendered it wholesome and even agreeable to use. To one liter of the water is added 0.032 gram of the dry salt dissolved in pure water, the liquid, after stirring, being allowed to stand for some thirty-six hours; on a large scale, a small quantity of carbonate of sodium is subsequently added to neutralize any free chlorhydric acid. The precipitate formed by the addition of perchloride of iron and carbonate of sodium contains a large quantity of organic matter; and analysis shows that the only addition to the inorganic constituents of the water is one part of chloride of sodium to 40,000 parts water.

AT a trial of chronometers at Geneva, lasting fifty-two days, some instances of remarkable accuracy were developed. The watches were kept at an observatory, being placed successively for seven days, in different horizontal and vertical positions, and tested with heat and cold. The trials were classed under three heads, namely: First, the mean variation of the watch from day to day, this not to exceed six-tenths of a second; second, the mean departure in each of the positions, this not to exceed two seconds; and, third, the error of compensation produced by the change of temperature, the maximum not to exceed two-tenths of a second by degree of thermometer. Eighty-four chronometers were entered, twenty-nine of which fulfilled all of the conditions. The prize was taken by a Locle manufacturer. The average variation of this prize timepiece was .26 of a second per day; the mean departure in one of the seven positions was .43 of a second, the error of compensation, .61 of a second, and the variation of the running after and before the tests of heat and cold, .33 of a second.

FOR some time past a simple kind of ventilator has been successfully employed in some of the Welsh coal mines, to keep the workings free from firedamp. The apparatus consists virtually of two great blowing cylinders, each of twenty feet diameter, set at each end of a working beam, to which a reciprocating motion is communicated by a steam engine. (Instead, however, of the cylinders being bored and fitted with pistons, they are formed of sheet iron, like a gasholder and gasometer, and are made tight in like manner by water joints. When the gasometer is raised by the beam, the air is sucked through valves from the mine, and, when the gasometer is again depressed, this air is expelled into the atmosphere. By this simple means the foul air is continuously pumped out through a shaft appropriated to that purpose, while the pure air enters through other shafts and openings, and is made to course through all the workings before its final debouch at the ventilator, by which it is removed.

EXPERIMENTS show that the air in contact with the external surface of a cast-iron stove may be come charged with a proportion of carbonic oxide equal to .0007 to .0013 of its volume. Tests made on small animals show that carbonic oxide has the property of expelling a part of the oxygen contained in the blood—in fact, that the small amount of .0004 will cause the expulsion of .45 of the oxygen of the blood. Though the sheet-iron stoves are less dangerous on this account, they are not entirely harmless, as they are open to the objection of a sudden elevation of temperature of their external surface, and of then decomposing the carbonic acid of the air. It has long been known as a fact in science, that iron at a red heat decomposes carbonic acid, takes a portion of its oxygen, and transforms it into carbonic oxide. The amount of carbonic oxide formed is notably less in a moist than in a dry air, thus showing the advantage of vessels filled with water on stoves and furnaces.

THE name "orohellograph" is given to a new and curious panoramic instrument, invented in France. As described, it consists of a camera, the place of the ground glass forming the base, and the lens looking up perpendicularly to the sky; over the lens is placed a silvered mirror, half globe-shaped, completely circular on its plan and parabolic through its vertical section. The result is that an image of all surrounding objects reflected from this half ball-shaped mirror is received by the lens always in focus thereon, and transmitted thereby upon the sensitive plate underneath, with its surface forming a right angle with the axis of the lens and circular mirror; by this means, a circular panoramic view of the horizon is obtained, as seen from the station the orohellograph occupies. It is also stated that the angles and heights can be measured from the views taken at two or more stations by this means.

What a blessing to the household is a merry, cheerful woman—one whose spirits are not affected by wet days and little disappointments, and whose human kindness does not sour in the sunshine of human prosperity. Such a woman, in the darkest hours, brightens the house like a piece of sunshiny weather. The children go to school with a sense of something great to be achieved; husband goes out into the world in a conqueror's spirit. No matter how he is annoyed abroad, at home he is sure to find rest.

A Swiss locksmith has perfected a target which, by means of electricity, shows instantaneously at the firing station the exact spot where a bullet strikes, doing away with necessity of markers.

THE metal potassium, when dropped upon water, liberates hydrogen, which becomes inflamed.

SUNBEAMS.

As a twig is bent the boy is inclined.

A poet without an equal—Shakespeare.

The Indian trouble—To get enough fire-water.

A marked change—A silver quarter with a hole in it.

Best thing with which to open a dead lock—A skeleton key.

To the average Athenian the dearest spot on earth is the Greece spot.

Strange how the average man will clutch at a straw—if it is in a glass.

Never put off till to-morrow what can be done just as well the day after.

Every man is a free moral agent and in addition there are book agents.

It is never too late to mend, but the better way is to avoid getting on a tare.—*Ifrogress.*

"He who wood rize in the world," says Josh Billings, "must pay for the yeast."

Samson was an eminent tragedian in his day, and in his last act brought down the house.

What is the difference between a man and a tired dog? One wears a coat and the other pants.

Herkimer County rejoices in a four-eyed pig. Pigs in these parts have but one I.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

Rome and Naples vie with each other in lying about their population. They get it from Chicago and St. Louis.

Those Western speculators can discover a new gold mine as fast as [illegible] one plays out. They keep 'em booked in regular order.

A Vermont man dropped dead just as he was going to kick a foot-ball. He had kicked his family often—always enjoyed good health.

Old wine is wholesome; old pippins toothsome; old wood burns brightest, old linens wash whitest; old debts are surest, and old maids—what?

Some people are always ungrateful, no matter how much you do for them. It is like striking a fly off a mule's hind leg; you only get a kick for your pains.

The phonograph is like the small but precocious brother of a young lady. It will repeat everything said in its presence without any regard for blushes.

Enthusiastic young lady: "You are fond of music, Colonel?" Colonel F.—: "Music? Aw—yes, I think I may say I like—aw—noise—of—of any kind!"

The minister who said he could preach without notes has been taken at his word by his congregation, which refuses to pay his salary. He sees his mistake.

If you would be clear and forcible don't use foreign words. Be natural. A man never stops to hunt up a foreign word when he is stung by a hornet.—*Cal City Derrick.*

A Virginia woman refuses to marry a baldheaded man, though he is a millionaire. She explained: "We'd have a family fight some time, and he has no hair to catch hold of."

Baltimore is a crafty town; she has 700 schooners in the oyster trade alone.—*Free Press.* Pshaw! Boston has 7,000 schooners in the beer trade.—*Boston Globe.*

A farmer in Warren County writes to us inquiring what he should do for kicking cows. You ought to get five years in the penitentiary if you kick them every milking time.—*Cincinnati Saturday Night.*

The fact that George Washington's wife never asked where he had been when he came home late at night, goes a great way toward accounting for his extreme truthfulness.—*Fulton Times.*

A paper called the Jeweler asserts that brass ear-rings are unhealthy. Whoever has been in the habit of eating brass ear-rings will do it hereafter with his eyes open—and likewise his mouth.—*Buffalo Express.*

Professor—"Can you multiply together concrete numbers?" The class are uncertain. Professor—"What will be the product of five apples multiplied by six potatoes?" Freshman (triumphantly)—"Hash."

"What would you call a model Sunday-school?" asked the superintendent of a malcontent pupil, who had threatened to leave. "Well, one where they pass around apple-pie every Sunday, and don't have no lessons to learn. That's the hair-pin of a school for me!"

An applicant for a position as teacher in a high school recently succeeded himself to the board by saying that he had "been teaching deestrick schools these four year." The board decided not to hire a teacher that didn't know how to spell "fore" better than that.—*Detroit Post.*

Lightning recently knocked a knitting needle out of the hand of a young lady in Montreal. She accepts it as a hint that she most stop knitting, and urgently hopes to have the same experience with regards to sweeping, washing dishes and similar foolishness.—*Buffalo Express.*

The subject was in regard to horse-racing. Said a hack-driver who was present: "Talk about your fast time! I saw a horse trot a mile in 1.56." "Impossible!" said the cigar store proprietor. "The best time I ever heard of was 2.14." "Well," said the hackman, "isn't 1.56 two minutes and thirty seconds?"

The Burlington *Hawkeye* says that if all the peanuts that are crunched and munched at American theatres and concerts during the affecting scenes and the softest passages were placed in a heap, the pile would measure 1,459 miles in circumference at the base, and the apex of the pyramid would go through the sun and stick up a mile and a half on the other side.

Some time back the play of Hamlet was being performed at a provincial theatre. In a scene with Polonius the crafty old courtier asks, "Do you know me, my lord?" and the Prince responds, "Excellent well; you are a fishmonger." On hearing this an old woman in the pit stood up, and, shaking her fist, shouted excitedly, "Well, and s'posin' he is—that's better than play-acting, any day!"

The Governor of Kwang Tung recently applied to the Chinese Government for permission to erect a memorial structure in honor of the filial devotion of a young daughter of a magistrate in Canton. Her father fell ill, and she devoted herself to nursing him. At the end of six months his malady increased, and the daughter cut a piece of flesh from her arm and mixed it with his medicine. The remedy, however, proved ineffectual, so she vowed to sacrifice her life to his, and poisoned herself on the day that her father died. The Government has sanctioned the monument.

There are 80,000 French people in New York.

The National Democrat.

RAHWAY, N. J., OCTOBER 3, 1878.

HOUSEHOLD RECIPES.

APPLE CUSTARD PIE.—One pint of sweet milk and two grated sweet apples, two well beaten eggs, little salt, sugar and nutmeg to taste.

A CURE FOR BUNIONS.—Take old-fashioned black ink and spread it on the bunion with a hair brush. Renew the ink every day.

CIDER BEER.—Two tablespoonfuls of pulverized sugar, one pint of yeast, one pint of molasses, six quarts of cold water; mix well; bottle immediately; in twenty-four hours it will be ready for use.

WHITE CURRANT WINE.—...

TO DESTROY WARTS.—Dissolve as much common washing soda as the water will take up. Wash the warts with this for a minute or two, and let them dry without wiping. Keep the water in a bottle, and repeat the washing often, and it will take away the largest warts.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE.—One pound of sugar, the whites of sixteen eggs, three-fourths of a pound of butter, two cocoanuts grated, one half pound of almonds blanched and sliced thin, two pounds of dried citron cut fine, one teaspoonful of soda and two of cream of tartar dissolved in cream.

ALMOND CAKE.—One pound of flour, four ounces of butter, six ounces of moist sugar, ... to the taste, a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda mixed in half a pint of cold milk ...

EAT ONLY WHEN HUNGRY.—A person never should eat when he is not hungry, because there is no gastric juice in the stomach to dissolve the food, and it can only lie there to ferment and rot, a disgusting mass, pouring forth noxious odors. This is the reason why some people have such bad breath.

RHUBARB WINE.—Four pounds of rhubarb cut up fine; pour on one gallon of boiling water; one hard water; add ... pounds brown sugar; let stand covered twenty-four hours, having added a little cinnamon, ginger, cloves and nutmeg, all bruised for flavoring; then strain; let stand three days; then bottle; keep in a cool place.

GRAPE WINE.—Ripe, fresh-picked domestic grapes ... Put in a stone jar, pour over them six quarts of boiling soft water. When cool enough for the hands squeeze well, after which let it stand three days on the pomace with a cloth thrown over the jar. Then squeeze out the juice. Add ten pounds of nice crushed sugar. Let it stand a week longer in the jar. Then take off the scum, strain and bottle, leaving a vent until done fermenting. Then strain again, bottle tight, lay the bottles on their sides in a cool place.

BAKED TOMATO PUDDING.—Take a deep pudding dish and butter the inside of it well; first put in a layer of bread-crumbs, then a layer of peeled sliced tomatoes; then a small onion cut very thin; dredge on a little flour, pepper and salt; now begin with bread-crumbs again, tomatoes, onions, and seasoning till the dish is full; the top layer must be bread-crumbs, with salt and pepper and a few small bits of butter over it; put this in the oven, keep it covered with a tin plate for an hour, then remove the plate and let it brown. It does not require too hot an oven. It will take at least two hours to bake. Those who wish can add sugar to suit the taste. It is better to send it to table in the dish it is baked in.

"MANY MICKLES MAKE A MUCKLE."—An exchange figures thus: Five cents each morning—a mere trifle. Thirty cents a week—not much; yet it would buy coffee and sugar for an entire family. $18.25 cents a year, and this amount invested in a savings bank at the end of a year, and the interest thereon at six per cent. computed annually, would in twelve years amount to $650—enough to buy a good farm in the West. Five cents before each breakfast, dinner and supper; you'd hardly miss it, yet it is $1.05 a week—enough to buy a small library of books. Invest this as before, and in twenty years you have over $5,000—quite enough to buy a good house and lot. Ten cents each morning—hardly worth a second thought; yet with it you can buy a paper of pins or a spool of thread. Seventy cents per week—it would buy several yards of muslin—$35.50 in one year. Deposit this money as before, and you would have $2,840 in twenty years; quite a snug little fortune. Ten cents before each breakfast, dinner and supper—thirty cents a day. It would buy a book for the children; $2.10 each week—more than enough to pay a year's subscription to a good newspaper; $109.50 a year—with it you could buy a good organ, from which you could produce good music, to pleasantly while the evening hours away. And this amount invested as before, would in forty years produce the desirable amount of $15,000.

A MAN WHO NEVER SLEEPS.—Mr. C. D. Shanders, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, is a tall, straight, robust man, between fifty and sixty. He has not slept for fifteen years; he feels tired sometimes, but never sleepy; though he has tried working continuously for ten or eleven days and nights. Heavy opiates have no effect upon him. At night he goes to bed, "so as to be out of the way," and lies there and thinks, but does not sleep.

At Cannes, in front of a small bootmaker's shop, the English tourist may find the following inscription in his own language:—"Repairs being with stage coach." After long and anxious thought he may arrive at the cobbler's meaning who only wishes to inform his numerous patrons that "repairs are executed with diligence."

SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery ...

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that an assessment upon the lands and real estate ... for the paving of Milton avenue ... has been made by the undersigned ... Hall, Savings Bank Building ...

UNION COUNTY SURROGATE'S OFFICE, August 9th, 1878. ... JAS. J. GERBER, Surrogate.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey—Between Rachel Woodruff and Alvin Woodruff, her husband, complainants, and Washington W. Craig and wife and others, defendants. ... The above sale stands adjourned to Wednesday, the 16th day of October A. D. 1878, at the same hour and place. N. K. THOMPSON, Sheriff. Elizabeth N. J., Sept. 18, 1878.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey—Between The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, complainants, and Nicholas Mooney et al., defendants. ... The above sale stands adjourned to Wednesday, the ... day of October, A. D. 1878, at the same hour and place. N. K. THOMPSON, Sheriff. Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 25, 1878.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—Union Circuit ...

GUARDIAN'S SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given, That the account of the subscriber, Guardian of Minnie McVicar, minor, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate, and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the county of Union, on Wednesday, the Twentieth day of November next. WILLIAM WESTERVELT. Dated September 11th, 1878.

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EXECUTOR'S SETTLEMENT.—Notice is Hereby Given, That the accounts of the subscribers, executors of Ira Campbell deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate, and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Union, on Wednesday, the ... day of October next. ORVILLE D. CAMPBELL, JOHN J. HOYLE. Dated July 30th, 1878.

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The Accidents of Love.

John and Rebecca Redfield had lived many years in the quiet country place of G——, and acquired, by constant toil and unwearying industry, enough of the world's goods to be counted well-to-do people. John had already lived out the allotted time of threescore years and ten, while Aunt Becky (as she was familiarly termed), was approaching sixty-five. Without a child upon earth to take care of, one would hardly suppose the household-work would be much, but they were uncommonly busy this particular morning. Uncle John (for every body called him so) had taken unusual care in completing his toilet, as also had his good spouse; she could be seen occasionally at the door, as if expecting some one; and her white cap, with its benevolent border, and her "new calico" told too plainly that indeed some one was expected. Uncle John, wearied of watching, has taken his pipe for a stroll through the orchard, which was rich with the abundance of fruit. Not long, however, did Aunt Becky have to wait for the anticipated arrival, for a carriage soon drove up to the gate, and a fancy-looking little maiden made herself visible, and was soon kissing Aunt Becky in a style that showed very plainly that she was really very glad to see her. Tilsie Vane, for that was her name, was the child of Aunt Becky's only sister, and the pet of both the old couple she annually visited.

"Come, Tilsie, sit down and tell me all about the folks," said Aunt Becky, who was anxious to hear of her only surviving relative.

"Well, let me see; father is well, mother is well, Charlie is—Charlie is sick."

"Poor boy!" replied Aunt Becky, sorrowfully. "He ort to have come, to; it would have done him a deal of good to get some of this fresh country air! What ails him, Tilsie?"

"Ails him?" replied the roguish little maiden. "Ails him? Why, Aunt Becky, he is past cure—nothing in the line of medicine can cure him."

"La, Tilsie, how you do talk! Is it the same bronchitis, or—"

"No—no aunty, he is in love—really in love."

"Now, don't be fooling, child; but tell me they are all well, and do keep a sober face. I can't tell when to believe you."

"Everybody's well, then," replied Tilsie, pettishly, but relishing Aunt Becky's last speech; "even to Pocket, the horse, and Rover, the dog; and so good-bye, I'm going to find Uncle John."

"Well, dear, I think you will find him in the orchard, and—"

"I can find him if he is on the farm." And away she ran, while Aunt Becky called after her in vain.

"Dear, dear! What a highty she is! I wanted to tell her that Peter Stradspraker was stopping with us, and just like as not she'll see him, and—"

Aunt Becky did not finish the sentence, but went about her housework, while Tilsie went romping through the orchard in search of the good-natured Uncle John. Presently she curbs her steps somewhat, for she espies Uncle John, as she thinks, sitting against a large apple tree, enjoying the green meadows and the bright sky above him. Tilsie creeps cautiously up behind him, and suddenly thrusts her roguish face into his, at the same time hallooing "boo!" She gave one scream, and made good her steps for the house, while the gentleman, who was none other than Peter Stradspraker, was somewhat puzzled at such an unexpected introduction, and ere he could recover from his astonishment, Tilsie was out of sight. But as the old couple had informed him previously that they were expecting a niece there, he soon accounted for the intrusion, and declared (to himself, of course), that it was not a disagreeable little face to have thrust into his own; and all his mind could now conjure up was a rose-bud mouth, deep blue eyes, and pretty little gaiter-boots.

Tilsie reached the house nearly out of breath.

"O, Aunt Becky! I went to find Uncle John, and when I thought I had found him, I stole up behind him to say 'boo,' to surprise him, and—and, and—it wasn't my face, right into a stranger's—and a man's too."

Aunt Becky could do nothing but laugh at poor Tilsie's confusion.

"Tilsie, child, I called after you but you would not give heed. I wanted to tell you that Peter Stradspraker, a young lawyer, and the son of an old sweetheart of your Uncle John's, was visiting us."

"An old sweetheart of Uncle John's? Why, Aunt Becky, I don't think, if I were you, I'd thank any such ones to send their children to see me."

"Ah! child; this was a long time ago; besides, I loved her, too, and we have always kept up the old acquaintance."

"Don't you feel jealous of her sometimes, and fear she might steal some of Uncle John's affections from you?" asked Tilsie, roguishly.

"La me! no! He never noticed her after he became acquainted with me, and I've just said I have no reason to be jealous."

"What an awful-sounding name!—Peter Stradspraker! I would like to see the woman who would be willing to adopt that name. Marry? I hope some day I know that is Uncle John."

...

"Well, Aunt Becky, if Peter Stradspraker don't love me, it ain't my fault," exclaimed Tilsie, on reaching the house.

"Why, what now, dear. What have you done?" asked the good old lady, peering over her spectacles at the speaker.

"I have done enough. In novels, the heroine faints and falls into the arms of her future husband, or he saves her from death, or something else very wonderful, while I have thrust my face into that of Mr. Stradspraker and hallooed 'boo,' thrown myself into his arms, and—and—Aunt Becky, to finish the whole, showed him my foot through a hole in the scaffold-floor. What will it be next, I wonder? I hate myself and everybody else."

"Not so bad," replied Aunt Becky, her sides shaking with suppressed laughter. "I dare say, Peter'll think right about it."

"Think right about it? Mercy, how can he? I never want to see his face again." And then poor Tilsie ran on, while Aunt Becky endeavored to console her.

When tea was ready, Tilsie could not be persuaded upon to participate. Peter imagined he was not ignorant of the cause, as he thought of white stockings and narrow gaiter-boots, for Peter was in love—deeply in love with the wild Tilsie Vane; and although only two days under the same roof, she, in return, felt something akin toward loving the handsome young lawyer.

The next evening, Tilsie, feeling exhausted from the day's exercise, was about to retire earlier than the usual hour, and, as was her custom, kissed Aunt Becky good-night, and went out on the porch to bid uncle John good-night also. The moon had not yet risen, and Tilsie could see distinctly only a short distance ahead. However, she saw Uncle John on the further end of the porch, in his accustomed place in the warm summer evenings, and approaching him, clasped her arms about his neck, and kissed a kind good-night.

"O, Uncle John!" said she. "I'm nearly mortified to death about Mr. Stradspraker. I must tell you before I retire. I don't know what he will think of me, for—"

She stopped short—for, reader, it was Peter Stradspraker whom she was addressing. Her first impulse was to leave, but ...

"O, Mr. Stradspraker! it is an accident, I have—"

She could proceed no further, but buried her face in her hands.

"Tilsie, I will tell you what Peter Stradspraker thinks of you. I love you—passionately love you. Tell me, can I hope you love me in return?"

Well, reader, I shan't tell you any more than they said that night. I know Tilsie did not retire as early as she anticipated; and not many weeks after she said to Aunt Becky:

"I thrust my face into his and hallooed 'boo,' I threw myself into his arms, I showed him my foot through an aperture in the scaffold, and kissed him in the dark, all without meaning it, and won him after all, didn't I?"

"And Peter Stradspraker isn't such a queer-sounding name now, is it, Tilsie?"

"Well, I ... body now, if you ... you wouldn't be for marrying Peter next month," Aunt Becky said, roguishly.

JAMES HOGG, THE ETTRICK SHEPHERD.

The first time I met him was at a dinner of the Literary Fund Club. I was introduced to him by Jordan. He shook me heartily—I should rather say painfully, for his grip was like a vise—by the hand, welcoming me with great fervor, and saying I was an old acquaintance, for he had read my books. He had a particularly merry eye, a "glad blue one." If my recollection of it is correct. He drank no wine, but made up for the short-coming by libations of whisky toddy. Sang, or rather joined in a chorus, with considerably more power than melody; for although his voice, in ordinary conversation was singularly sweet and musical, and he ... telling themes remarkable for its pathos, a cracked trumpet, or a watchman's rattle was a feeble type of his singing. I called on him, at his request, during his stay at Cochrane's, the publishers, in Waterloo-place and spent an hour with him. I met Mrs. Cochrane on the stairs, on my way to the drawing-room, and remained to him on the beauty and grace of his Scotland. "Oh, ay," said the Shepherd, "she is a douce, lady-like, and bonnie creature, but dinna ken hoo it is, but she disna keep her maids for three days, she has changed them five times since I have been here." He complained of the badness of the times, and of the scant harvest he had reaped in the field of literature. Beyond this, what he afterward repeated in his autobiography, that some one had introduced and disguised lines from ... a poem by the *Mirror of Poetry*, for which he and the noble poet had expressly written it, and he added, what he did not state in the autobiography, that Moore was the person who had so interposed. He complained of *Blackwood's Magazine*, for publishing in the "Noctes Ambrosianæ" as his, sentiments which he utterly repudiated, adding that he had frequently remonstrated with John Wilson (Christopher North) on the subject; that the latter had promised to refrain in future, and would again in the very next number. During ... he was once walking with Hogg and Wordsworth on Rydal Mount, when the Shepherd remarked on the coincidence of there being two poets in the company. "Where are they?" said Wordsworth. An intimate friend of mine told me of a dinner at John Murray's, the publisher, when Sir David Brewster gave some account relating to the prismatic colors of mother-of-pearl. "Mither of pearl?" said Hogg. "Murray, what's mither of pearl?" "Oh, I don't know," replied Murray; "there's Hook, he knows everything; ask him." "Well, Hogg," said the humorist, "I don't know, unless it is the venerable Rose."—*Reminiscences of W. H. Harrison, in University Magazine.*

THE PARIS OMNIBUS.

We have our tickets at a little office by the side of St. Denis, checking the order with which such things are managed in France, and thinking how poor a thing poor ... omnibus system is in comparison. ... we found ourselves in the midst of a seething crowd, all holding tickets, all holding tickets, all looking wildly toward the approaching 'bus, as drowning sailors to a life-boat. On the front of the Omnibus appeared the mystic word *Complet*. This was but discouraging. The omnibus drew up, the seething crowd rushed to the door. "Forty-one, fifty," called the conductor. Two eager travelers, brandishing their tickets, struggled through the crowd and clambered into the vehicle. The conductor rang a bell, and another omnibus drove off in triumph. We looked at our numbers—61, 62, 63. The fate of that eager throng must be sealed before we could find refuge from the stony streets. We looked yearningly at the passing cabs; all were full. There was nothing for it but to wait. We did wait, patiently, heroically. Never was patient more lamblike in his demeanor. Was it because he labored under the painful conviction that if he swore no one would understand him—it would be wasted thunder? Omnibus after omnibus drove up, stopped its appointed moments, and departed. Most of them bore the fatal word *Complet*. Now and then the conductor bawled, "One place, one place only," and the steel one in that long-suffering crowd ... of the Black-hole at Calcutta—writhed and wriggled himself free of the crowd, and scrambled to a seat. This was repeated for an indefinite time, and still we saw no hope of rescue. The cry was still "One place, one place only," and what was the use of one place among three people? So we politely returned our tickets to the little clerk in the office, and plodded bravely down the Boulevard in quest of a cab.

A NEW USE FOR SEALS.

There exists an animal which might be trained to render us great service, that is, the seal, which is slaughtered so mercilessly for the sake of its oil and skin. Intelligent and affectionate, it possesses all the qualities suitable for a domestic state. The Director of the Museum at Dijon had so skillfully tamed one some years ago, that though by nature amphibious, its primitive habits were changed, and it rarely went into the water, placing itself during the winter close to its master in the warm corner of the fireside, stretched on the wood-ashes. If pains were taken to teach the seal, it might become to the fisherman what the dog is to the hunter. Nor need we despair of such a result, for the Chinese ... from the records of ... fish to catch turtles, and the heron and cormorant to capture fishes. The coasts of England would be fit places for the education of the seal. The value of such help may be imagined when we think of the great solitude of the sea—so many times larger than the space covered by land—where man has no ally, and can only count upon those who dread him. What an interest for him in the very element itself to have a friend and companion who would follow him in his fishing expeditions. There are not wanting conclusive results ... obtained in individual cases, and if the same care were extended to the race, we may say that the seal is an ally ready prepared by Nature.—*Chambers Journal.*

The young man was evidently honest in his intentions but three years of constant courting had failed to overcome his excessive bashfulness. They were sitting in chairs at a respectable distance apart. Said the young man, having spent five minutes in search of a subject:

"How do you get along with your cooking?"

"Nicely," replied the young miss; "I'm improving wonderfully. I can make splendid cake, now."

"Can you?" replied the young man in a pleased manner; "what kind do you like best?"

"I like one made with flour and sugar and citron and raisins and currants, and lots of those things, and beautiful frostings on top," responded the young miss.

"Why, that's wedding cake," exclaimed the young man, nervously.

"I meant wedding," said the young miss, shyly.

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THE STROLLING PLAYERS.

... Kemble used to relate how one ... who confessed that he had not had a dinner for many days, he offered to take him to a hospitable place where one could eat as much as he liked and have nothing to pay. The hungry actor, of course, delightedly accepted the invitation, and Kemble led the way into an immense turnip-field, and bade him eat to his own heart's content ... what he called a sweet joke. "Well, I've dined here myself all the week," was the answer. Landladies were ... and under contribution as well as farmers by the impecunious players, and we frequently read of flights by night from unpaid lodgings, and bundles and boxes dropped out of windows into friendly hands below. But the most ingenious method of escaping an unpaid landlady was that once resorted to by John Kemble, when left penniless in a town. The good woman was ill, and procuring a top he whipped it night and day over her head, until in sheer despair, she ordered him to quit the house with bag and baggage—which was exactly what he wanted. Tate Wilkinson, the manager of the York circuit, gives some amusing pictures of a strolling actor's life. He plays *Romeo*, *George Barnwell*, *Othello*, and three or four other parts at Maidstone, and at the end of the week receives ... shillings, while the profits upon his benefit amounted to one shilling and sixpence, and two candle ends. Candle ends were important items in the shares, what remained unconsumed after the performance was over were equally distributed. A little further on Tate sketches some of the humors of a strolling company at Portsmouth. Mrs. Wells was a most extraordinary character, and worthy of record. Whenever her son, a comedian, gave offense, which was almost perpetually, she used to distinguish her daughter, "Ma'am, you've married a fellow beneath you; you played *Lady* last night in 'The Mourning Bride' better than Mrs. Cibber could have done, upon my soul, and yet this scoundrel would but such a divine creature." "True, madame," replied the daughter, "but suppose he should cut his throat?" "Cut his throat! cut his throat, but he won't cut his throat—no such good luck. But I'll tell you what; if you contradict me, I'll fall you to my feet and trample over your corse, Ma'am, for you're a limb, Ma'am—your father on his deathbed told me you were a limb. You are as pure as ... Ma'am, except with Sir Francis Delaval (Delaval), and you shan't live with your husband, Ma'am; you've no business to live with your husband, Ma'am; the first women of quality Ma'am, don't live with their husbands, Ma'am. Does Mrs. Elmy live with her husband, Ma'am? No, Ma'am. Does Mrs. Clive live with her husband? No, Ma'am. Does Mrs. Cibber live with her husband? No, Ma'am, No now, you see, Ma'am, the best women of fashion upon earth don't live with their husbands, Ma'am." "What is a parenthesis?" inquired the daughter one day. "O what an infernal limb of an actress you'll make," burst forth the mother, indignantly. "What, not know the meaning of 'prentice! Why, 'prentice, Ma'am, is the plural of 'prentices!'"—*Belgravia.*

HE PREFERRED TO WALK.

"She's pretty hot, ain't she?" said a backwoods passenger, addressing the engineer of a Mississippi steamer that was racing with another boat.

"So-so," responded the engineer, as he hung an additional wrench on the safety valve cord to stop the steam escaping.

"I reckon we'll overtake that craft soon," pursued the passenger.

"That's about it," returned the engineer, giving the cords another twitch and hallooing through the trumpet to the fireman to "shove her up."

"One hundred and ninety-five," hummed the passenger, looking first at the gauge and then at the boilers.

"That's about where's she's rusticating," put in the engineer.

Then the passenger ran his fingers through his hair nervously and walked about the decks for a few minutes, when he came back to the engineer and observed:—

"Hadn't you better have that boat go?"

"Can't do it. Must pass her."

"But s'posin' we should blow up?"

"We," said the engineer, as he peeped over the guard to see how fast he was gaining, "if it's the will of Providence for the boat to blow up we'll have to stand it." Then he hallooed to the fireman to roll up another cask of bacon and to mix plenty of rosin with the coal and give her a little more turpentine and oil.

The next moment there was a splash in the river, but before the yawls could be lowered the man had succeeded in reaching the shore and hallooed out:—

"Go on with the race, I guess I'll walk."—*Worcester Gazette.*

LEPSIUS AND CAMBYSES.

"One curious fact Dr. Schweinfurth told me is that the people of Upper Egypt confound Lepsius with the Persian King Cambyses, who lived 500 or 600 years B. C.! Cambyses, it is well known, destroyed the statue of Memnon and other ancient monuments. Lepsius, it is also well known, defaced many of the monuments by taking away the inscriptions for the Berlin Museum some 30 years ago. In the minds of the ignorant *fellahs* the two have got confused, so that Lepsius is reported to be the destroyer of the statue of Memnon! Such is 'tradition.'"—*Field's Discoveries in Mount Sinai.*

An Austin (Nev.) bachelor, being twitted by some ladies with his single state, and asked how it was that he had never married, said: "I don't know exactly how it is, but I have always felt an indisposition to marriage, and I can't see why it should be, either. I surely don't inherit, for my father and mother were both married." And he actually never saw the hull he had perpetrated till his hearers burst out laughing at him.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A widow in Paris has made a fortune by ... American ... in her ...

A punch ... said to have been given by Lord Nelson to Lady Hamilton, and no very costly gift either, brought $160 at auction in London.

In the United States there are 530 females practicing as doctors, 420 as dentists, five as lawyers, and sixty-eight as preachers.

American anthracite is now being sold in southern Italy for $7.72 per ton. Hitherto English coke costing 11.20 a ton has been almost solely used.

A negro of Bellbuckle, Tennessee, was the wrong man for a lynching party to attack. He killed the man who carried the rope, and wounded two others. They were glad to let him go.

On Aug. 28 1859, Col. Drake "struck oil." In 1861 exports of petroleum reached 27,000 barrels, worth $1,000,000, while in 1877 the aggregate value of petroleum exported was $62,000,000.

The contractors for convict labor in the Vermont State prison gives each prisoner a plug of tobacco every week, and about 2,700 more hats are made a year than would otherwise be turned out.

Washington's will is kept in a glass case in the office of the Clerk of Fairfax county, Virginia. The writing has almost all faded away, and the paper is so frail that it will not bear handling.

A conductor on the Portland & Rochester railroad has just received a legacy of $15,000 from an old man, supposed to be a pauper, to whom he rendered some kindness a few years ago.

Over fifty-three million gallons of water from Artesian wells are daily used in irrigating lands in Iroquois county, Ill. There are 200 wells in a radius of twenty miles, none of them over 75 feet deep.

Among the assets of a bankrupt Kentucky farmer was an elephant, which he had bought at an auction sale of circus property a year before, and which had doubtless hastened his financial disaster.

A boy of five died in Manchester, Eng., from hydrophobia, caused by the bite of a cat. The wound healed, and he appeared to be cured, until a few days before his death, when he began to rave.

A notorious thief preached to a North Carolina Baptist congregation six months before it was found out that he was not a clergyman. His conduct during that half year was excellent, his sermons eloquent, and he says he intended to turn over a new leaf.

Of one hundred and sixty-four samples of much-abused boarding-house butter recently tested in New York City, one hundred and sixty-one were found to be of a higher grade than usually found in private families.

New Jersey takes the lead in the States in the manufacture of window glass. It has 34 factories. Pennsylvania has 30; New York, 11; Massachusetts, Illinois, and Maryland, each 5, West Virginia and Missouri, each 3, Indiana, 2, and Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa, 1 a piece.

It was thirteen years ago that Dennison Crandall was left for dead by robbers in Brookfield, N. Y., and his wife killed; but he remembered the faces of the murderers so well that, recently, he identified one of them on sight. The man had hoped that, after so many years, he might safely return to that part of the country.

The entire amount of gold in the world at present is estimated at $7,000,000,000 in value in United States coinage. This immense sum is hardly comprehensible to the mind, but if it were put in a solid mass it would measure only seventeen feet high, twenty-eight feet wide and fifty-six feet long.

A French woman was lately watching a cow feeding by the roadside. She had round her body the rope attached to the beast. A horse coming along the road at a sharp trot terrified the cow, which started at a gallop, dragging the poor woman over fields and ditches, and finally killing her.

A Chicago Justice who had six drunken women before him recently, fined them $20 and ordered them to work it out by giving the station house a thorough cleaning. He says he is going to adopt this plan regularly in future. The women pleaded piteously with his Honor to give them ten days in the House of Correction instead of the house cleaning job.

A convict at Auburn escaped hard work during his confinement of two and a half years by feigning paralysis. He was so successful in the fraud that he was lifted about by attendants, and on his release had to be carried to the depot and placed in the cars. An hour afterward he visited the prison-officials and astounded them at his speedy and full recovery.

In 1855 the firm of Sir John Dean Paul & Co., bankers in London, failed, and the partners were punished for fraud, Sir John being sent to the penal colony, then in Australia. The liabilities were $7,500,000, and dividends amounting to about a third of the indebtedness have been paid. A last dividend of one cent in five dollars has now been declared.

It is said that 3,000,000 person in France are afflicted with inability to distinguish colors (Daltonism). The number women so afflicted, as compared with the number of men, is in proportion of one to ten. Nine cases of Daltonism out of ten may easily be cured in young subjects. The best means of treatment consists in methodical exercise upon colored objects.

A new way of filling a theatre is resorted to in Paris, where in summer the theatres are empty in fine weather, and only full when the rain drives folks in from the boulevards. There is a kind of chemical paper which changes color with damp. When the atmosphere is dry, it is blue, when wet it turns to pink. The manager prints free admissions on this chemical paper, and puts at the foot a condition: "This ticket is only available if the ticket be blue. If it be pink it will be refused."