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Hard on the Barkin. "There is a family in my town," said a Baltimore man, "where the children are all boys. They are very rich, and each of the three sons is in receipt of a liberal allowance, but the manner in which they expend it and certain of their characteristics were so succinctly and tersely described as possible the other day by Bob, the eldest one, in telling the story of a burglary that occurred last summer at their country place. Bob is the oldest, Jack the second and Albert the youngest son. Bob, in telling the story, said: 'He didn't get very much, as some one of the servants thought he heard something about 3 and in going to investigate probably scared him off, but when we discovered the next morning that a burglar had visited us we naturally took an account of stock. The only rooms in the house he had entered were those of my two brothers and myself, and in each of them he had gone through the clothes we had been wearing the day before. Out of my clothes he got 10 cents, from Jack he got nothing, and in going through Bert's jeans he got in debt.'"

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HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

Some Small Bits of Information Which May Be of Value to the Cook.

"Cape Cod turkey," alias the more plebeian codfish, proves one of the best "constants" for a long journey. Sandwiches, puddings, cakes, and crumbles, sweets of all sorts are cloying, meats spoil after a few days, but a Maine or Massachusetts cod, lightly salted, holds its own, even if the journey extends into weeks. An excellent appetizer and relish, a strip of the cod proves one of the best antidotes or remedies for either sea or car sickness. A bit of the cod broiled over the coals is frequently accepted by the capricious appetite of the invalid, when more elaborate dishes fail to reach that variable "right spot."

It is still scarcely understood how delicious and wholesome celery is when cooked. After utilizing the heart and tender stalks for a relish or salad, the tougher outer stalks will furnish a delightful vegetable for the next day's dinner. Cut in inch lengths and stew gently in boiling salted water for an hour, or until perfectly tender. Pour off the water and season with milk, butter, salt and pepper to taste. Cooked celery goes excellently well with chicken or veal.

Dried herrings, served a la backwoods style, make a tasteful relish for luncheon or supper, especially if the meal be taken al fresco. Lay the fish on a tin plate and heat in the oven or over the camp fire until well heated through, when the dried skin peels off as readily as a kid glove.

The curious green particles that distinguish the genuine Roquefort cheese are merely the crumbled, coarse bread of the French peasants, which is thrown into the cheese. The cheese is then carried to cellars hewn out of the solid rock along the sides of the hills and there stored until it attains its peculiar flavor.

New rice is much inferior in quality to old, and is liable to produce indigestion and rheumatism. It should not be eaten for at least six months after it has been gathered. The seeds are then dry and hard, and have the yellowish tinge, while new rice is perfectly white.

Where peanuts are to be used in quantity for a "peanut hunt" or for salted peanuts, it will be found much cheaper to buy them raw in quantity and bake them in the oven. This is but little trouble and will be found much cheaper.

A very delicate way of preparing oysters is to put a bit of butter in a frying pan. When hot put in the oysters salted and peppered. Shake gently until they begin to curl and serve on squares of buttered toast.

To change the atmosphere in an invalid's room pour some good cologne into a soup plate and with a lighted match set fire to it. The cologne makes a pretty flame and imparts a welcome freshness to the air.

A new fancy in escalloped oysters is to use grated cheese on top of the oysters and buttered crumbs.

In making a hard pudding sauce add the sugar gradually to the butter, and it will cream more quickly.

In beating eggs for custard do not beat too light or they will float on top of the milk.—Washington Star.

Sweetbread in Cases.

A cooked sweetbread, two mushrooms, one-half ounce of butter, one-quarter ounce of flour, one yolk of egg, pepper and salt, a little lemon juice, one gill of milk. If you have no ready-cooked sweetbread on hand, put a sweetbread in a saucepan of cold water on the fire; bring it to the boil, then allow it to cook gently for about ten minutes. If possible, allow it to get cold before you wish to cut it up. Cut it into neat dice. Put the mushroom in a saucepan, with a little stock or water, and simmer it for about ten minutes. Then cut it off into neat pieces. Melt the butter into a small pan, stir in the flour smoothly. Add the milk, and then stir over the fire till it boils. Now add the pepper, salt, lemon juice and beaten yolk of egg. Now add the sweetbread and mushrooms, and simmer gently for three or four minutes to make it thoroughly hot. Then put it either into china or paper ramakin cases and serve at once.—Boston Globe.

Latest Fad in Collars.

The dressing of a woman's neck has assumed more importance lately than almost any other article of her attire, and the smart modiste pays more attention to the cut, fit and style of the collar than ever before in the annals of dressmaking. The new collar is a very complicated confection, and its varieties of form, cut and style are numberless. The main point, which should never be lost sight of, is that it must be very high in the back, while in front it is low enough to be a comfortable rest for the chin. Some of the new collars have two high points rising just under the ears, while others come up in one high point in the middle of the back of the neck. Then, again, a pretty full box plait of soft lace falls over the military plainness in the back, while a narrow ruche of the same lace is turned over the collar in front.—N. Y. Herald.

The Conspicuous Petticoat.

The most important feature of the winter gown would seem to be the petticoat. It is most conspicuous all around beneath the popular tulle, or the redingote, as both in color and material it is generally in sharp contrast to the rest of the frock. Velvet petticoats and those of fur are unusually attractive, so are the ones of white cloth striped in horizontal lines with gaudy petticoats are very smart indeed, especially if the plaid has a white ground, and white and light-colored satin petticoats are no end swagger, many being trimmed with shingles of cloth sewn on with white stitching.—Detroit Free Press.

THE WOMAN OF 1899



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A BULKY RECEIPT.

The Bank Depositor Had Something to Show For His Money.

A man with a German accent and a fierce red mustache walked into one of the banks the other day and announced that he wanted to open an account. He was directed to the proper official and from a well worn belt extracted \$300. This sum he handed through the window.

The bank official shoved the big signature book toward the depositor for his signature. Just then the official's attention was attracted in another direction. When, a second later, he turned around, the man with the red mustache was coolly walking toward the door with the book, which contained the signatures of all the depositors in the bank, tucked under his arm.

The assistant cashier yelled: "Hold on, there!"

But the Tontin pursued his even course toward the street.

The official rushed from behind his counter and caught the new depositor just as he reached the door.

"What are you doing with that book?" demanded the bank official angrily, laying hold of the precious volume.

"Why, I thought that was the receipt for my \$500!" answered the German, completely bewildered.

In the same bank a well dressed woman called to deposit \$300.

The assistant cashier pushed the signature book toward her, after receiving the deposit.

"Sign your name there," said the official, indicating the proper place.

The woman took up the pen and made a show of writing, but the steel point never touched the paper. After a few more fancy flourishes in the air the woman handed back the pen, saying:

"Last summer I used to write my name all right, but for some reason I can't do it now."

The bank official directed her to make an "X" in the book.—Chicago Journal.

TWO MEAN TOWNS.

The Stories That the Traveling Men Told About Them.

They were talking about bad towns. "The meanest place I ever was in," said the man who travels for a Chicago house, "is down in Massachusetts. Say, do you know what happened while I was stopping there once? A man had fallen through a hole in a sidewalk and sustained injuries that resulted in the loss of his right arm. He sued the city for damages, and the case was tried before a jury, which the papers said, was composed of representative citizens. Well, what do you suppose they did to him? Brought in a verdict in his favor of the city, holding that inasmuch as he was left handed his injury didn't amount to anything."

"Yes," the elgar man said, "that's a pretty mean town. I admit, but I know of a worse one. This place is in Pennsylvania. An acquaintance of mine down there was injured some time ago in pretty much the same way the man you mentioned got hurt. He fell on a sidewalk and lost one of his legs. He sued the city, and didn't get anything. I never heard just why, but probably because the jurors didn't believe he needed more than one leg in his business, seeing that he was a barber and couldn't hone a razor or shave a man with his foot anyway. But wait, I haven't come to the point at which the real meanness developed. Being a poor man, he couldn't afford to buy a cork leg, so he had to get along with a wooden peg, and one day while he was crossing the principal street this peg in some way got wedged between a couple of paving stones right in the middle of the street car track. It took them nearly an hour to get him loose, and what do you suppose happened then? Blamed if they didn't go and fine him \$10 and costs for obstructing traffic!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Mr. Hedged.

She—"To think that you once declared that you would love me as long as you lived! And now, hardly a year married, and you care nothing at all about me!"

He—"But you see when I told you I would love you as long as I lived I wasn't feeling very well, and I really didn't think I would live long."—Boston Transcript.

A Mysterious Password.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts was once shopping in Paris and was passed from one department to another by the shopmen, always with the remark, "Two ten." She was escorted from counter to counter, and everywhere the cabalistic words "two ten" were repeated.

Struck by the peculiarity of this refrain, the baroness asked the proprietor as she left the establishment: "Pray what does 'two ten' mean? I noticed each assistant said it to the other wherever I went in your shop."

"Oh, it is nothing," he replied, "merely a password that they are in the habit of exchanging."

But the baroness was not satisfied with this explanation. So in the evening, when the porter, a young boy, brought home her purchases, she said: "My boy, would you like to earn 5 francs?"

Of course he had no objection.

"Tell me," said the lady, "what does 'two ten' mean, and I will give you 5 francs."

"Why, don't you know, ma'am?" said he, evidently astounded at her ignorance. "It means, 'Keep your two eyes on her ten fingers.'"

The mystery was solved. The shopmen of the Trols Quartiers had taken the richest and the most generous woman in Great Britain for a shoplifter.—Tit-Bits.

Where Everything Grows.

The tuberose flourishes amazingly in the open air in the Transvaal with but the smallest attention and cultivation. The bulbs shoot up their three or four-foot stems, each bearing very sweet smelling flowers, in an incredibly short space of time.

In Pretoria roses are prolific—in fact, most of the streets are bounded by rose hedges throughout their length, and they bloom with a frail, pink monthly rose blossom for three quarters of the year. In public places, such as the Burgers' park, the profusion of roses, lilacs, carnations and tuberoses is bewilderingly beautiful.

The wild orchids of Swaziland are famous. They are of at least 20 different kinds. They are extremely curious, and with a little care and extra heat they can be induced to develop into very wonderful plants.

Everything grows in the Transvaal if the trouble is taken to plant it. The soil being all virgin and naturally rich, the very smallest amount of attention is required.

Thrift.

"Speaking of thrift," said the prominent clergyman, "I remember one man who was as good an example of shrewdness as I have ever seen. It was when I began preaching that I met him. I was young and struggling, my salary was small, and the man was a member of my church. He used to do work on a scroll saw, and one of his specialties was a sort of plant stand with two shelves and with scroll work ornamentation. Two or three times he tried to sell me one, but as I had no need or use for it I told him so.

"The time for the annual donation party drew near, when everything that was given counted toward that limited salary. I was not altogether pleased, therefore, when the man with a plant stand appeared at the door.

"Here, parson," he said, "is a plant stand. It's worth \$10, and I'd like to give \$5 of it toward your donation."

"There was no way out of it. I gave him the other \$5."—New York Sun.

Happiness.

Human happiness, according to the most received notions, seems to consist of three ingredients, action, pleasure and indolence. And though these ingredients ought to be mixed in different proportions, according to the particular disposition of the person, yet no ingredient can be entirely wanting without destroying in some measure the relish of the whole composition.

Statist.

Habit bath so vast a prevalence over the human mind that there is scarcely anything too strange or too strong to be asserted of it. The story of the miser who, from being long accustomed to cheat others, came at last to cheat himself and with great delight and triumph picked his own pocket of a guinea to convey to his board is not impossible or improbable.

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The balance of our big stocks to go at a great loss. A few sample values will show the big reductions.

FUR NECK SCARFS.

Of Arabian Stone Marten, of full size and nice color, complete with heads and 8 long tails, actual value \$4.50, now to go at 2.98.

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Of Electric Seal, fine lustrous fur, full size, finished with 6 nice tails, the grade which retails everywhere at 2.98, to close out, marked here 1.98.

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Made from selected opossum skins, handsome color and 8 fine long tails, look like the \$5.00, while lot lasts, here marked down to 4.98.

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With high stern collar and finished with 8 tails, lined with satin, really worth \$9.98, only 50 to go, marked down to 4.98. A complete line of Children's Fur Sets, also tails, bands and loops, marked at very low prices.

Table with 2 columns: Fur item, Price. Values: Genuine Sable Scarfs, were 17.98, now 12.98; Genuine Stone Marten Scarfs, were 21.50, now 16.98; Genuine Mink Scarfs, were 8.50, now 4.98; Better Mink Scarfs, were 12.50, now 8.98.

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Getting a Piano is not a matter that you can afford to delay from month to month and from year to year. If you have reached the conclusion that your home would be benefited by have one (and who has not?) you should act upon it. You should visit us some day or evening and spend half an hour having Pianos played for you, and getting prices about rates and terms.

A Piano is such an obvious necessity, almost, and can be procured so easily that it does seem unwise to delay, does it not?

## Now Is the Time.

This is the time to get one! Not the time to "think about it," but to purchase. You should come to us at once and select the Piano you like. We'll hold it till Christmas-week, and deliver it on any day and at any hour you may decide upon.

It makes no difference what your idea of price is, we can sell you a better Piano for that figure than anybody else; This is no empty boast, for with a business as large as that of a dozen ordinary stores combined, our prices are, as a matter of course, much lower than anywhere else.

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You can have your good upright Piano from us on a first payment of \$10, and future monthly payments of \$1, \$2 or \$3, according to price. For a Square Piano or an Organ you can pay very small monthly sums indeed—\$1 or \$2 as the case may be.

If you prefer to pay spot cash, there is, of course, a discount of 10 per cent—\$10 per \$100—from the price. If you are not quite sure about the future, or for any other reason don't care to purchase, let us RENT you a Piano at as low as \$1 a month. This will secure you a new Upright of your own choosing, and, if within a few months you decide to purchase, we will allow from the price all the rent you have paid.

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Still the manager gave him another trial the following evening, when he recalled himself as follows: "The esplanade was picked up off the main, with the hansom cab tightly tied around his mouth," etc.  
He was sent to the back row again, or maybe further. This is not an unusual sample of what the average super-person do. Naturally, therefore, unknown look relatives at training him. Criticism.

## NIAGARA IN WINTER.

Its Majestic Beauty When Sealed Up with Ice and Snow.

An Ice Palace is to be Constructed at the Falls the Coming Winter—The Season in Full Blast.

Long years it was said that those who had seen Niagara in summer only had half seen it, and there is no doubt that those who have visited the falls in both summer and winter agree with the statement. In summer's garb Niagara is beautiful, but in the spotless white robe of winter it is doubly so.

This year Niagara has decided to make the winter season still more entertaining there by the construction of an ice palace of attractive lines and size. This palace has its site opposite the state reservation, and it is expected to rival in beauty the famous ice palaces of Canada. But the great feature of Niagara in winter is the ice bridge formation in the gorge. This year a bridge formed on Monday, January 9, and it may be that several will come and go before a bridge sufficiently strong to withstand the river currents and weather arrives, for on January 22 the ice mass moved nearly 1,000 feet, to the imminent danger of a number of persons who were on it. The conditions that assure a strong Niagara ice bridge are a plentiful supply of ice in Lake Erie, a westerly wind to drive it into the river entrance and down stream, and good, sharp weather.

Gradually the pressure of the oncoming ice continues, until the mass piles up along the shores in great ledges, and before long the pressure extending out from the ice lodged on the shores and in the eddies is so great that this ice becomes stationary, and the only movement is seen through a channel in mid-stream. On either side the moving ice cuts a straight path along the stationary mass, constantly grinding and frequently piling the shore ice up still higher. When this condition arrives it is still evident that an ice bridge is about to form. Darkness may settle before the curious watchers on the bridge and banks have their hopes realized, but with the usual coolness of evening the movement of the ice in the center becomes slower and slower, until finally its course is checked entirely.

This, in many instances, may be but momentarily, but the effect is significant, and soon the ice is so tightly wedged from shore that even the strongest current at this point of the river does not move it. This is an ice ledge. Over the falls the ice continues to pour in great quantities. The wind may have the effect of rubbing the water to a considerable height in the lower river, and this results in piling the ice higher and higher, strengthening the bridge so that when the water falls to its normal condition the bridge lowers and wedges

itself from shore to shore. With great mounds here and there about the surface, from which it is possible to look down into the deep crevasses, all forming a rough, broken mass, the true appreciation of the Niagara ice bridge is developed. Should the ice form during the night, morning will hardly break before some adventurous person will hurry from shore to shore in order to win the credit of being the first to cross.

The beauty that one sees to-day may be gone to-morrow, or it may be intensified a thousandfold. While standing in the center of a Niagara ice bridge, views of the falls are obtainable similar to those enjoyed from the deck of the Maid of the Mist, the little craft that plies about the falls in summer time. While standing in the center of some of the famous ice bridges of the past it has been impossible to see the shore line, owing to the mountainous nature of the bridge. It is estimated that only about one-third of the mass of ice is above water, and this basis of figuring would give a depth of from 90 to 120 feet to the bridge.

After an ice bridge has given evidence of being strong, men put out from either shore with lumber and build small, rough shanties as near the center as the eye can judge. In these shanties liquors, cigars, canteens, etc., are sold. Tintype galleries are also established, and when these conditions are reached the Niagara winter season may be said to be in full blast. The liquors being sold without a license, raids are made by the Canadian and New York officials on some of the shanties, and arrests follow. On the New York state side, just to the north of the American fall, an ice mountain forms. It is usually of immense proportions, and affords an excellent camping place, where, on a bright day, people of many nations may be seen enjoying themselves to the utmost.—Scientific American.

### Curry Soup.

A curry soup that is wholesome and delicious is made in this way: Put a tablespoonful of butter in a frying pan. Add two onions sliced and stand on the back of the range until the onions are soft and well done. Add a sliced sour apple, a small stalk of celery cut in four, a sliced carrot and two quarts of water. Cook slowly half an hour, strain through a colander and return to the fire. Moisten one teaspoonful of curry and add to the soup, together with a teaspoonful of mace. Stir in a thin paste in cold water (two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, add to the soup and cook ten minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Strain, add a little butter and serve with rice or rice and vegetables.—N. Y. Times.

### Cranberry Sauce.

Take equal measures of berries and sugar. To a quart of berries allow nearly a pint of boiling water. Cook the berries slowly till tender, then stir in the sugar and cook a few moments longer. Prepared in this manner the berries retain their bright color.—Good House-keeping.

## CAPE TOWN'S JAIL

It is a Place Where Hundreds of Convicts from the Ends of the Earth Are Confined.

Among the many interesting things in Cape Town, says a Michigan man recently back from South Africa, is an immense prison, where almost every nation of the globe has representatives. Within this prison there are more than 1,000 convicts of nearly every size and color. There are American miners and sons of the English aristocracy; French, Italians, Russians and Jews; there are famous chiefs of the African tribes captured during the Transvaal rebellions, and a horde of Kaffirs, imprisoned there for every crime in the catalogue. Many of the most intelligent prisoners are serving time for political crimes. England and her colonies never allow any sentiment regarding family name or wealth to make a successful appeal for leniency toward those who have been traitors to their country.

The labor in which the convicts are employed most continuously is in building forts and fortifications. On the hillside overlooking the thriving city of Cape Town is a defense consisting of tier upon tier of modern guns bristling along the rock and pointing toward the harbor. There is no standing army stationed to man the guns, but each gun is connected by an electric wire to an instrument in the fort. This whole hillside of guns can be discharged at a moment's notice. The more intelligent criminals are not employed upon these works, but the stupidest of the Kaffirs, and usually those who have been sentenced for life are chosen, that no plan of the defense may be betrayed to an enemy.

Convicts not employed upon public works are rented out to farmers who much prefer convicts to the natives for the convicts have no opportunity to loaf or get drunk. The usual contract stipulates fuel, water and shelter from the farmer, and from 30 to 60 cents a day for each convict, while the government furnishes guards sufficient to watch the men and provides clothing and food.

The prisoners are divided into three classes, signifying the time they have been incarcerated and their behavior. Those of the first class, known as the penal class, are marked by a black band around their hats. All prisoners upon entrance are placed in this class, and remain there three months, but if they show a docile spirit at the end of that time they are transferred into the probation class, which is marked by a yellow band. They remain in this class eight months, when, if their conduct is praiseworthy, they are transferred to the good conduct class, marked by a red band; here they remain until the end of their sentence. There are no parolees. No class is allowed to mix with any of the other classes, but each class has an opportunity after working hours for social intercourse among its own members. They are housed in wards, and no cells are used except for discipline.

Confine and flogging are sometimes practiced with obstinate criminals, but no official of the prison is allowed to pronounce either of these sentences; they must come from the prison magistrate, who visits the prison once a week. When an inmate is caned he is strapped with his face downward and is then given 15 strokes across the fleshy part of the legs. When a convict is flogged he is tied by the hands to a triangle above his head and given from 25 to 50 strokes across the back with a cat-o-nine-tails. The natives seem to be able to endure any amount of bodily suffering, and sometimes will laugh while receiving their flogging, and in a number of instances have danced a kind of "shindig" as soon as released from torture. Any prisoner who thinks that he has a grievance has an opportunity once a week to complain to the visiting magistrate.

The most remarkable native ever imprisoned there was the son of a famous inland chief who had been educated at Oxford university. After receiving the best that England could give he returned to the Transvaal and became a royal interpreter at one of the imperial courts. But when war broke out between his father and the English he deserted the court, snatched up his long-neglected club and became the leader of his father's tribe in the insurrection. He was captured and thrown into this prison under a sentence of 15 years, but was released at the end of five, and returned to his tribe in the interior. He is a man of fine culture and keenest intellect and a natural leader of men, but chooses to follow the wild, barbaric instinct.

This prison is also the home of a young man who went to Cape Town with a Bible under his arm and a sublime faith in his heart and a passionate desire to bear the light of the Gospel to that isolated mining camp. He was the secretary of the Young Men's Christian association in Cape Town, and was held in the very highest esteem. He had a wonderful influence over young men throughout the city and the colony. On account of the confidence of the people in his integrity he was elected secretary of the Cape Town Building and Loan association, which annually accumulates an immense amount of money. He devised a shrewd scheme of bookkeeping whereby he could conceal his embezzlements, and succeeded in stealing \$185,000. He is doing seven years for his crime.

There is also the son of an English nobleman who was convicted for betraying some political information. A well-known public official who was comptroller of the post office and had been an English captain of volunteers, was decorated three times for bravery, but who embezzled \$5,000, is now working in the sewers of the city.—Detroit News-Tribune.

The Limit of Loquacity. Askin—Were you ever shined by a lady barber? Tellum—Not I. Even male barbers talk too much.—N. Y. Journal.

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All over the STANDARD look for Xmas hints.

Will Roberts go to Utah on a pass or simply as freight?

It is now learned that none of Congressman Roberts' wives signed the protest.

Keep your seats, gentlemen. Aguinaldo will probably come to this country to lecture.

Now that Jim Jeffries is going into theatrical life let us suggest his fitness as an exponent of the heavier parts.

Hold your breath! Rahway is about to wake up, while Cranford has turned over on the other side to go to sleep again.

We read that the Republicans have split on the currency bills. There's where you are being jollied; they only seem to have split.

Recalling the gratitude of the administration in Eagan's case it is to be expected that Aguinaldo's reward will be at least a cross roads post office.

The idea of boycotting the STANDARD is not altogether original. It has been promulgated several times. We always order a new press when we hear the subject brought up again.

Are you in business? Tell the public so. And do it in a taking way. You can afford to advertise just as carefully and as intelligently as John Wanamaker can; according to your inches.

About the best Democrats will be able to accomplish, down at Washington, will be to put the Republicans on record as the undoubted and reliable support of the Trusts; first, last and all the time.

We've received a tip direct from Santa Claus to the effect that Christmas this year falls on December 25. He promises to be on time as usual if the trusts don't gobble him up on the way down the chimney.

Study the Currency Bill, Mr. Businessman. Do you not observe that its effect will be to contract the currency? Perhaps you've never taken the trouble to reflect us to what that sort of thing leads to.

William F. Miller worked and enriched himself upon Mr. Barnum's proposition:—

"The American people like to be humbugged."

But Miller over-reached and he must yet pay the inevitable penalty of dishonesty.

Royalty lins its drawbacks. We are pained to realize that the STANDARD has once more put its foot in it. But how do you know that the STANDARD is not right—after all? Anyhow we are glad that we did not make that mistake in the lot lines.

The life of the country editor is not altogether pleasant. He sitteth up at night to serve the dear people in matters of education, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.; and lol the people

repudiate him and his great plans; and bring him to naught, and scoff at him. It is at such times that the country editor wisheth that he never had been born.

One of the best of the STANDARD editor's friends remains John B. Green; but that don't silence the STANDARD when the time comes. Pro Bono, Pro Publica, Pro Populi, Vox Dec. This is all the French we know. But it serves to indicate that the blooming UNION COUNTY STANDARD remains an independent newspaper with or without anybody's consent.

A Westfielder, who is supported by his only mother-in-law has come to the conclusion that the STANDARD's editor is a fool. Such declarations on the part of a leading citizen of Westfield embarrasses the editor in his great work of bringing order out of chaos and reforming things in general. We wish that the man who is supported by his mother-in-law would desist.

WAS PUT OFF A TROLLEY CAR.

Frederick Steeb Objected to Paying More Than Five Cents.

To the Editor of the Standard:

DEAR SIR:—I enclose a copy of a letter written to Col. E. W. Hine on the 4th inst., to which I have not received a reply up to this writing, as the matter contained therein is of interest to all residents of Westfield, I respectfully request you to publish the same.

Yours truly, FREDERICK STEEB.

Westfield, N. J., Dec. 4, 1899.

COL. E. W. HINE, Secy. Westfield & Elizabeth R. W. Co.

DEAR SIR:—Accompanied by my wife, I boarded one of your cars at Broad and Elm streets, on Saturday afternoon for Plainfield, where we had business to attend to.

When we reached Scotch Plains we were told to take the car on the same track, but on the other side of the street, your agent calling out, "This car for Plainfield." After riding a short distance, the conductor asked for my fare. I said it had been paid on the other car, but he insisted on another payment, which I refused, knowing that the fare to Plainfield was only five cents. He still demanded it and as I would not submit to the extortion I told him he would have to put us off the car and he did so, being virtually expelled and we were obliged to walk quite a distance, back to Scotch Plains, wait half an hour before the Westfield car came along, during which time, we were obliged to stand on the open street. The loss of time was over two hours, and our business was unattended to.

I beg to state that I attended the meeting in Westfield, when your Company applied for the franchise through our township, and know that your contract called for a five cent fare only, from Westfield to Plainfield, and this was understood by everyone present.

Your seemingly straightforward reply to Webb's inquiry as to crossing Dunley avenue by your tracks, was convincing to me as well as to all who heard you, that your Company would not quibble, nor apply a technical meaning to what you promised. Consequently upon principle, I would not pay ten cents, when five cents was the contract.

Before writing this, I called upon Mr. Hurdan, one of our Township Committee, and find his understanding of the subject is the same as mine. I therefore charge that the company is violating the terms of the franchise granted to it by the Township of Westfield, and I would like you to state upon what grounds you assume to charge this additional fare.

Yours truly, FREDERICK STEEB.

AT THE THEATRE.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

That gaz of the playwright's art, "Shore Acres" will open two weeks' engagement at the Grand Opera House on Monday evening next, December 18. Charles G. Craig who gave such an artistic portrayal of Nathaniel Berry when the piece was seen at the Fifth Avenue theatre, will again appear. Miss Marion Cullen, a handsome type of New England country girl, will appear as Helen Berry.

AT THE FOURTEENTH ST.

Next Monday, December 18th, ushers in the last week of the long and prosperous run of "The Dairy Farm" at the Fourteenth Street Theatre. At the Wednesday matinee, Friday night, and at the Saturday matinee, every lady and each child present will receive a beautiful Christmas gift as a parting memento of the "The Dairy Farm".

A Well Beaten Path.

Teacher—Can any of the class explain to me why the way of the transgressor is hard? Scholar—I guess it's because it's traveled so much.—Ohio State Journal.

SHOT IN NEW YORK.

FRED. SLATER, OF RAHWAY, THE VICTIM OF A DRUNKEN MAN.

Left Westfield Sweetheart to Attend Bicycle Races and Now Lies at Bellevue Hospital With Bullet in Lung.

"Fred Slater was shot last night at Madison Square Garden, New York," was the message received in town on Sunday morning, which caused a great deal of excitement as Mr. Slater is well known here and enjoys the friendship of a large circle of friends, besides being engaged to be married to one of Westfield's fair daughters.

Mr. Slater, with a party of friends, was witnessing the finish of the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden and got in a dispute with Walter Rosser. It is said that Slater resented a remark made by Rosser and that he made a pass to hit him, whereupon Rosser drew a revolver and fired a shot, the bullet entering and passing through Slater's left lung.

Slater was removed to Bellevue Hospital and Rosser was placed under arrest.

Slater will likely recover, if he does he will carry Rosser's bullet for life, since the surgeons cannot or do not dare attempt to dislodge it.

Rosser was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court, Sunday, and as Slater's condition was reported as favorable, he was held in bail of only \$1,000, charged with felonious assault.

Miss Garotta Woodruff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Woodruff, of this town, whose engagement to Slater was announced last Christmas, went to the hospital in New York, as soon as she heard of her fiance's trouble, but was not allowed to see him.

On Sunday the fact was learned that Rosser shot and killed a man in San Francisco in September of last year, and was acquitted because a jury believed he was under the influence of drugged liquor at the time.

It is noteworthy that the explanation given by Rosser after he killed the man in San Francisco was the same he gave when arraigned in Jefferson Market Police Court Sunday when he was charged with shooting Slater—that he had been drinking and had not intended to harm any one. The only difference in the two cases is that in San Francisco the young southerner shot straight, while here his aim gave the victim a chance to live.

The bullet passed through the left lung and lodged behind it. It is considered dangerous to probe for the bullet. Slater is known in Rahway, where he was in business, as a popular wheelman, who has won many prizes and who has been a prominent figure in the social life of the town.

Rosser was taken to court by Police-man Rappold, who arrested him in Madison Square Garden. He said his prisoner was considerably under the influence of liquor when arrested. The young man said (as in San Francisco) that he had no intention of shooting any one. He had been drinking and met two or three students whom he had known at the Polyclinic, where he has been completing his medical studies.

Several of them he said had "guyed" him about his knowledge of bicycle racing, had attempted to "bluff" him on several betting propositions, and had finally made an attack upon him. One of them he asserted, was armed with a small "billy," and, fearing injury he drew his revolver to protect himself. He insisted that he fired one shot simply to frighten his assailants and did not take aim at Slater or intend to shoot him. Unable to furnish the requisite \$1,000 bail he was locked up.

Tallow Candles as Medicine.

In France the peasantry still stick to medicines calculated to turn the average doctor's hair gray with horror.

Wine is an ingredient of every prescription. In fever cases it is always the predominant one. The French peasant's faith in fermented grape juice is truly beautiful.

If his children are stricken with the measles, he gives them wine well sweetened with honey and highly spiced with pepper. For a severe cold he administers a quart of red wine and a melted tallow candle mixed. For scarlet or brain fever he gives eggs, white wine and root well beaten together.

Not all their superstitions are curious. Some are pathetic. A mother, for instance, often buries her dead child with its favorite toy or a lock of her own hair in the coffin, "that it may not feel quite alone."

The Wrong Day.

The heartless landlord has come to over the widow with 18 children, many of whom are tottering.

But at the threshold the woman waves him back imperiously. "Not today!" she cries.

"Why not?" asks the landlord, with paragonable curiosity.

"Because," the woman replied, "no pitiless storm of rain mingled with icy sleet rages without!"

The landlord grinds his teeth in impotent rage. He may trample under foot the promptings of his better nature, but not the conventionalities established by long usage.—Detroit Journal.

Volcanic Eruptions.

Are grand, but skin eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also, and, ridding and fever sores, ulcers, boils, itches, corns, warts, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds, chapped hands, chilblains. Best pile cure on earth. Drives out pain and chafe. Only 25c. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold at the Bayard drug store.

THE CENSUS OF 1900.

Electrical Machines and Three Thousand Clerks Will Be Employed in Making It Up.

The twelfth census of the United States, the plans for which are already well on the way, will be begun, so far as regards active enumeration, on June 1, 1900. It will be the first census in which all the work of recording and computing statistics is to be done by mechanical means. Electrical tabulating machines were introduced for this purpose toward the close of the eleventh census, but in the coming enumeration they will be relied upon entirely. Without such assistance the taking of the twelfth census would be practically an impossibility. In the eleventh census it was seven years before the final volume of the principal report—that on population—was off the presses. In the census of 1890 the last volume was published in 1895. Congress stipulates that the four principal reports of the coming enumeration—on population, mortality, agriculture and manufactures—must be ready for publication on July 1, 1902. In addition to this strict time limit are to be taken into consideration the entirely changed conditions of the next census. It will embrace for the first time the inhabitants of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, and will count 75,000,000 people. Concerning each of these human beings, who are scattered over some four million square miles of the earth's surface, a dozen facts must be recorded. The taking of the census will occupy the services of more than 40,000 persons. The members of the field force—in themselves nearly 40,000—will forward their data to headquarters in Washington, where it will be compiled and prepared for publication by a staff of 3,000 clerks in the central office. Each of the 75,000,000 cards used, on which are punched the statistics concerning each person, are numbered to correspond with the numbers opposite the names in the schedules. They contain 228 symbols, each of which is an abbreviation representing some fact within the range of the census enumeration. They are punched by means of a machine something like a typewriter as a clerk reads from the schedule the required information to the operator at the keyboard. In this way 700 cards can be disposed of in one day by one clerk. One thousand clerks are to be put to this special work. From the punching machine the record cards go to the electrical tabulating machine, which collects all the information they convey and puts it into systematized form. One machine does the labor of 20 clerks under the old system. From here the record slips pass to a force of 1,000 clerks who make up the tables and prepare copy for the printers.—Chicago Record.

Only His Nightcap.

"What have you in that bundle, my friend?" and the customs officer at the Woodward avenue dock eyed suspiciously the package that a passenger on the last Windsor ferry was carrying under his arm.

"Just my laundry, cap'n," rather nervously replied the man with the bundle.

"Sorry to trouble you, you know, but I'll have to see the inside of it. Step in here."

Inside the office, over which flies the flag with the vertical bars, the revenue officer opened the suspected bundle. It contained laundry, sure enough, shirts, collars, cuffs, nightgowns and handkerchiefs falling out in confusion. But snugly tucked away in a bunch of socks was a quart bottle filled with the amber-colored corn juice that makes Walkerville so popular a place for the revelings of the imagination.

Though the owner flushed a little higher, he was unperturbed.

"Do you call that a part of your laundry?" sarcastically growled Uncle Sam's minion, as he proceeded to appropriate the bottle.

"That's my nightcap, officer."

"Then it needs washing, too. Take it along with you, my friend. I wouldn't spoil that stuff for you for all of Uncle Sam's orders."—Detroit Free Press.

A Compliment Paid.

The following form may be helpful to the anxious would-be son-in-law, who shivers at the mere thought of a preliminary interview with "papa."

"I have come to ask for Dorothy," I said, as we stood in the doorway, she giving my hand an encouraging squeeze.

"And I for Robert, father," added my Dorothy, as she crossed swiftly over and wound her arms about my neck. Her father's eyes twinkled.

"Ah," said he, "a joint appeal. With such unanimity as this, I suppose that it only remains for me to announce that you are yours."—Mark Lee Luther, in New York.

A Literary Project.

Stern Parent—No, Marcella, I positively forbid you to receive George Gayboy. He's taken to bad ways lately; does nothing but frequent race tracks and poolrooms.

Marcella—Oh, but, pa, he has a good object in going there. He's a literary man, you know, and he told me he was making a book on the races.—Harlem Life.

Deceitful Woman.

"Woman is deceitful," said the thin man.

"What's the matter with you?" asked the fat man.

"I was thinkin' of the number of times my wife has told me she never would speak to me again."—Indianapolis Journal.

Her Countenance.

The flash of—It is very gratifying, my dear Mrs. Highblower, to see how regular you are in your church attendance.

Mrs. Highblower—My dear bishop, don't mention it! I am only too glad to patronize your church!—Puck.

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A Gift to Give.

often difficult to decide what to  
 give friends for holiday gifts.  
 suggestion:  
 morning, Jennie, I have  
 you a nice present," said Ger-  
 she handed her friend a neatly  
 package.

ale, weary looking girl, who  
 slowly recovering from severe ill-  
 nessed the bundle and held up a  
 bottle of clear, rich medicine.  
 "Hood's Sarsaparilla!" she exclaimed.  
 been reading about it to-day  
 I had a bottle."

New Year's Day Jennie was able  
 to get out on the street, and to her  
 who remarked how well she was  
 she simply said, "Hood's Sarsa-  
 and every one of them knew  
 this great medicine that had given  
 her health.

**The Most Ancient Machine Tool.**

There can be very little doubt that  
 the potter's wheel, or potter's lathe, as  
 also termed, represents today the  
 most ancient form of machine tool  
 in use. Among the many sculptured  
 figures of the trades and occupations  
 so vividly represent the customs  
 and habits of the ancient Egyptians  
 the potter and his wheel have been  
 frequently depicted, and it is  
 to note that through the ages  
 countless generations since that  
 this crude type of lathe has under-  
 gone material modification.

The primitive form was evidently a  
 round table set on a pivot and  
 to revolve, being turned by hand  
 intervals, and to this device there  
 added in the course of time such  
 conveniences as a table to sup-  
 port it and a foot or a hand power  
 arrangement, displaced in recent  
 times by possibly a few isolated cases  
 of actual engine power driving. In  
 use, however, the potter's  
 of the present time bears all the  
 characteristics of the one which, 4,000  
 or more ago, served to turn out  
 any attesting unsurpassable taste  
 skill. Cassler's Magazine.

**Cost of a Loaf of Bread.**

The average "pound loaf" of fresh  
 sold by bakers, says a college  
 professor, weighed on an average about  
 pound one ounce. A pound loaf of  
 can be made from about three-  
 quarters of a pound of flour, about 25  
 cent of water being added to the  
 during the process of breadmak-  
 ing. With some flours 5 to 10 per cent  
 water can be absorbed, making  
 greater weight of bread from a given  
 amount of flour. This additional weight  
 water and not nutrients.

At 2 cents a pound for flour it is es-  
 timated by the professor that a pound  
 of bread can be made, not count-  
 ing fuel and labor, for about 2 cents,  
 2 cent being allowed for shortening  
 yeast. The loss of dry matter in  
 baking is usually considered as  
 amounting to about 2 per cent of the  
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**LOCAL  
 PARAGRAPHS**

-I. H. Lambert is building an addi-  
 tion to his feed store on North avenue.

-Miss Pearl Schloff, of Illinois, is  
 spending the winter with Miss Garetta  
 Woodruff.

-Friday evening is the last night of  
 the head pin bowling tournament at the  
 Social club.

-Miss Della Grant, of Plainfield, is  
 visiting Miss Florence Miller, on Cen-  
 tral avenue.

-The annual election of Upchurch  
 Lodge, A. O. U. W., will be held at their  
 rooms this evening.

-The annual meeting of the Congrega-  
 tional Church Association takes place  
 to-morrow evening.

-Ex Surrogate A. S. Clark is confined  
 to his home on Broad street by a severe  
 attack of pneumonia.

-The annual election of officers of  
 Fire-side Council, Royal Arcanum, takes  
 place Thursday evening.

-There will be a progressive supper,  
 followed by dancing, at the Westfield  
 club next Monday evening.

-The Westfield Club bowling team  
 goes to Cranford on Thursday evening  
 to roll a series of games with the Casino  
 team.

-The Journeyman Horse Shoers  
 Association, of Plainfield, will hold a  
 ball at Crescent Rink, on New Year's  
 night.

-The Christmas Sale of St. Paul's  
 Guild will take place on Thursday and  
 Saturday of this week at Gale's Club  
 House.

-C. G. Endicott is entertaining his  
 sisters, Mrs. Izard and Mrs. Corson, of  
 South Jersey, at his home on Broad  
 street.

-The ice on Clark's pond was thick  
 enough to bear skaters on Saturday and  
 several young people enjoyed their first  
 skate of the season.

-The Lincoln High school foot ball  
 team will line up against a team from  
 Elizabeth on the Broad street grounds  
 Saturday afternoon.

-Tax Collector A. H. Clark will sit  
 at the town rooms daily from Wednes-  
 day until December 20, for the purpose  
 of receiving taxes now due.

-The booth full of beautiful dolls, with  
 their hats, caps, aprons, and golf capes  
 will attract old and young visitors to the  
 Christmas sale of St. Paul's Guild.

-The regular monthly meeting and  
 tea of the Sewing Society of the Presby-  
 terian church will be held Thursday af-  
 ternoon. Tea will be served at six  
 o'clock.

-Wallace's candy in their own boxes  
 and at city prices, also Huyler's special-  
 ties can be purchased at the Christmas  
 sale of St. Paul's Guild at Gale's Club  
 House on Dec. 14 and 16.

-Miss Benson delivered a very interest-  
 ing address, taking for her subject, "The  
 English Novel," at a meeting of the  
 Woman's club yesterday afternoon at  
 the Westfield club hall.

-An entertainment will be given in  
 Willow Grove chapel, Friday evening,  
 December 15, for the benefit of the Sun-  
 day school. Free stages will leave the  
 south side of the station at 7.15 o'clock.

-Edward G. Hendrickson, Waldo E.  
 Hendrickson, of Elizabeth, and Frank  
 W. Schweinfurth and John J. See, of  
 Westfield, were admitted into Court  
 Provident No. 3190, I. O. F., at a meet-  
 ing, last evening.

-The housekeepers tooth at the Christ-  
 mas sale of St. Paul's Guild will contain  
 many very pretty work bags of new  
 designs, aprons suitable for Christmas  
 presents, broom covers, sleeve protectors  
 and other useful articles.

-A very interesting and well attend-  
 ed entertainment took place at the  
 Social Club on Friday evening. After  
 the entertainment had been given re-  
 freshments were served and dancing in-  
 dulged in until a late hour.

-Welsh Rarebits and cream oysters  
 will be served in the tea room, at the  
 Christmas sale of St. Paul's Guild, by  
 the ladies in charge salad, ice cream,  
 crullers and coffee will be found in the  
 regular supper rooms.

At the Christmas Sale at Gale's Club  
 House next Thursday and Saturday  
 their will be a doll named by a lady in  
 N. Y. each guess at the name will be  
 10 cents and will be recorded until Sat-  
 urday evening when the doll will be  
 given to the first guesser of the name.

-John Coles is confined to his home  
 nursing a sprained ankle. Mr. Coles is  
 an employee of the local branch of the  
 Paul T. Norton Company, of East Front  
 street, Plainfield, and was unloading  
 some bags of feed from his wagon last  
 Thursday. He slipped on the curb and  
 sprained his ankle.

-John L. Blackford, the New Jersey  
 Central detective who was arrested in  
 New York on a charge of bigamy and  
 taken to Elizabeth Saturday, is in the  
 county jail. He will probably be ar-  
 ranged before Judge Vail in the Union  
 County Court of Special Sessions  
 to-morrow and his bail fixed. Blackford  
 has declined to discuss the case.

-George Washington died Dec. 14,  
 1799 and Central Council, No. 1191, Jr. O.  
 U. A. M., at its meeting on Friday eve-  
 ning will have readings, songs and rec-  
 itations in honor to his name. A premi-  
 um picture from the American Flag  
 House and Betsy Ross Association, has  
 been received and framed. This will  
 be presented to the Council, by its mem-  
 bers, at the same time. All members  
 of the order are invited.

-The Christmas tree business is be-  
 ginning to boom and soon the greens  
 will be on sale about the streets. Many  
 persons wonder where all the trees come  
 from. Great numbers of them come  
 from South Jersey, one man in that part  
 of the State having twenty-five employes  
 at work now cutting them. The business  
 this year seems likely to surpass that of  
 former years and the prices will be  
 higher.

-At a meeting of Court Provident,  
 No. 3190, I. O. F., held last evening, the  
 following officers were elected for the en-  
 suing year: Chief ranger, E. W. Cham-  
 berlain; vice-chief ranger, E. N. Brown;  
 treasurer, Dr. Fred. A. Kinch; secretary,  
 Louie E. Hendrickson; financial secre-  
 tary, W. H. Winter; chaplain, Charles  
 Cox; senior woodward, Dr. T. R. Har-  
 vey; junior woodward, Charles Michel;  
 senior beadle, J. J. Hannon; junior  
 beadle, Fred. Bower; court physician,  
 Dr. Fred. A. Kinch; court deputy, Chas.  
 Cox; members of board of trustees, Dr.  
 T. R. Harvey and Martin Canfield; fi-  
 nance committee, Dr. T. R. Harvey and  
 Martin Canfield.

-The annual meeting of the share-  
 holders of the Westfield Building and  
 Loan Association will be held at their  
 rooms on Tuesday evening, December  
 19th, at 8.30 o'clock, for the election of  
 officers of the association for the ensuing  
 year, also for the election of five direct-  
 ors to serve three years in place of Hi-  
 ram L. Fink, James Moffett, Frank S.  
 Smith, J. F. Cowperthwaite and J. S.  
 A. Wittke, whose terms of office expire,  
 and one for two years in place of C. M.  
 Smith, resigned. There will be offered  
 for sale at this meeting \$3,000. Notice  
 is also given that the eleventh series is  
 now opened for subscribers.

-There came near being a destructive  
 fire on Westfield avenue yesterday  
 morning but the prompt action of pass-  
 ers by prevented. William Waters,  
 father of Mrs. H. C. Cook, was smoking  
 a pipe while lying on the bed at his  
 daughter's residence and a spark flew  
 from his pipe and set fire to the bed  
 clothes. Mr. Waters left the room with-  
 out discovering the flames but Miss  
 Lizzie English, the waitress, smelled the  
 smoke and on investigation found the  
 room in flames. She called for help and  
 J. J. Schmitt and Thomas Foot respond-  
 ed and threw the burning bed from the  
 window just as the firemen, who had  
 been called, arrived. The loss is slight  
 and was covered by insurance.

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WON.**

Their Foot Ball Playing too Much for the  
 Leal Team.

On Saturday afternoon the High  
 School foot ball players again demon-  
 strated that they were the "real thing"  
 in the way of kickers of the pigskin.  
 They had no trouble at all in defeating  
 the crack team from the Leal School at  
 Plainfield.

The gridiron at the Broad street  
 grounds was fairly lined with people  
 when the signal to start the battle was  
 given.

In the first half nothing sensational  
 took place until the last few minutes of  
 play when the Plainfielder's center pas-  
 sed the ball back to MacGee and that  
 player made a punt, but Knight, playing  
 well down toward the home goal, caught  
 it and with a drop kick sent it back up  
 the field and into the hands of Todd  
 who lost no time in making a touch  
 down. Brown failed to kick a goal.

The teams again lined up and the  
 Westfield boys, by slow gains took the  
 pigskin to Plainfield's five yard line but  
 lost the ball on a fumble by Howe and  
 then the visitors tried for a punt but  
 the ball was blocked by Brown and went  
 over the line with a dozen players on top  
 of it. Brown again failed to kick a goal.

The star play of the day was made by  
 Knight in the second half. Plainfield  
 kicked off and Bogert caught the ball  
 and passed it to Knight. He kicked  
 but the ball was blocked, but it came  
 right back to Knight; and he ran the  
 whole length of the field and made a  
 touch down. Brown failed to kick a goal.  
 Game ended with a score of 15 to 0.

"Adversity flattereth no man," but  
 the pains of dyspepsia turn his attention  
 to Hood's Sarsaparilla and in its use he  
 finds a cure.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years  
 by the chains of disease is the worst  
 form of slavery. George D. Williams,  
 of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a  
 slave was made free. He says: "My  
 wife has been so helpless for five years  
 that she could not turn over in bed  
 alone. After using two bottles of Elec-  
 tric Bitters she is wonderfully improved  
 and able to do her own work." This su-  
 preme remedy for female diseases quick-  
 ly cures nervousness, melancholy, head-  
 aches, backache, fainting and dizzy  
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 and Members are to be Congratulated  
 Upon Their Great Achievement.

One of the most successful affairs of  
 the kind ever held in Westfield was the  
 Christmas sale of the Thimble club held  
 in the chapel of the Presbyterian church  
 on Friday afternoon and evening.

Greens and flowers arranged in pro-  
 fusion about the room gave it a very  
 pleasant appearance and the large  
 Christmas tree made it appear as though  
 Santa Claus was very near by and would  
 make his appearance at any moment.

There were all kinds of pretty things,  
 suitable for Christmas gifts offered for  
 sale at the different booths and the fact  
 that the club cleared about \$70 on the  
 sale, seems to prove that these booths  
 were well patronized by the large crowds  
 which visited the sale.

The booths were in charge of the fol-  
 lowing ladies: Candy booth, Mrs. Har-  
 ry E. Knight, Mrs. H. A. Waldron and  
 Mrs. P. D. Collins; novelty booth, Mrs.  
 Robert Aikman, Mrs. B. Ris and Mrs.  
 Charles Brenneholtz; fancy table, Mrs.  
 Willard Goodsell, Mrs. E. P. Burritt and  
 Mrs. Howard MacDougall.

The Christmas tree, which was the  
 chief attraction to the children, and  
 which contained all kinds of decorations,  
 was in charge of Mrs. T. R. Harvey and  
 Mrs. Preston Taylor, while Mrs. Wm.  
 Miller and Mrs. James I. Taylor looked  
 after the home made cake stand.

Mrs. Fred. Van Emburgh looked well  
 as "Mother Goose" and Lyne Brenne-  
 holtz took the part of "Jack Horner," in  
 fine style. An artistically constructed  
 well was presided over by Mrs. Arthur  
 N. Pierson as "Rebecca at the Well,"  
 who dispensed lemonade to all comers.

After looking at all the pretty things  
 displayed one could go to the rear end of  
 the room and sitting beneath peach blos-  
 soms, partake of hot chocolate, ice cream  
 and cake. This department was in  
 charge of Mrs. John Ris and Mrs. W. B.  
 Elliot. They were ably assisted by the  
 Misses Mary Lee Cadwell, Florence  
 Brewer, Julia Fink, Abbie Reemer,  
 Edith Mooney, Caroline Goodman, Helen  
 Gale, Mabel Tice and Edith Reemer.

**Their Golden Wedding.**

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Miller will hold a  
 reception at their home, No. 79 Central  
 avenue, on Monday, December 18th,  
 from 3 to 9 o'clock to meet their friends  
 who may wish to call, it being the fif-  
 tieth anniversary of their marriage.  
 This is also the 82nd birthday of Mr.  
 Miller.

**Savage Crabs.**

The most savage specimen of the  
 crab species is found in Japan, seeming  
 to dream of nothing but fighting-to  
 delight in nothing half so much. The  
 minute he spies another of his kind he  
 scruples his claws together in rage,  
 challenging him to the combat. Not a  
 moment is wasted in preliminaries, but  
 at it they go, hammer and tongs. It  
 sounds like two rocks grinding against  
 one another as their claws rattle  
 against the hard shells. The sand flies  
 as the warriors push each other hither  
 and thither until at last one of them  
 stretches himself out in the sun, tired  
 to death.

But he does not beg for mercy or at-  
 tempt to run away, only feebly rubbing  
 his claws together in defiance of the  
 foe. That foe comes closer, and with  
 his claws trembling with joy at his vic-  
 tory, the conqueror catches hold of one  
 claw of the vanquished crab, twists it  
 until it comes off, and buries away the  
 palpitating limb as a trophy of his  
 prowess. Such is a battle between  
 warrior crabs.

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To wear your grandfather's coat  
 would not seem much of an honor, but  
 to John Chinaman it is the greatest  
 felicity. Not only is the common look-  
 ing, shapeless blue blouse of his an-  
 cestor prized because it is his ances-  
 tor's, but because of its intrinsic value.  
 The clothing usually worn by the Chi-  
 nese is of the purest silks and costs any-  
 where from \$100 to \$250 a suit.

As a nation the Chinese object to  
 wearing clothing of any other kind, and  
 centuries of experiment have taught  
 them how best to make up the costly  
 enterpillar thread into the most dura-  
 ble form. On this account the Chinese  
 dress, though of purer material, has  
 none of the sheen usually associated  
 with silk; a peculiarity which has re-  
 sulted in the erroneous ideas as to their  
 composition. All the garments are  
 made in China and are only exported  
 for the personal use of Celestials in  
 foreign countries.

Owing to their cost, however, they  
 are only purchased at long intervals,  
 each garment being of so durable a  
 character that they are handed down  
 to the third and even the fourth gen-  
 eration. Wear appears to rather improve  
 them than otherwise, with the result  
 that the coat of the father or grand-  
 father often has more intrinsic value  
 than the newer and less worn articles.  
 -Omaha World-Herald.

**The Walls Ran Down.**

The Irishman who went up in the ho-  
 tel lift without knowing what it was  
 did not recover easily from the sur-  
 prise. He relates the story in this way:  
 "I went to the hotel, and says I, 'Is  
 Mister Smith in?'"  
 "Yes," said the man with the sofer  
 cap. "Will ye step in?"  
 "So I steps into the closet, and all of  
 a suddint he pulls the rope, and-its  
 the truth I ze telling yez-the walls of  
 the building began running down to  
 the cellar."

"Och, murther!" says I. "What'll be-  
 come of Bridget and the children which  
 was left below there?"  
 "Says the sofer cap man: 'Be nisy,  
 sorr. They'll be all right when yez  
 come down.'"  
 "Come down, is it?" says I. "And  
 it is no closet at all, but a haythenish  
 balloon, that yez got me in!"  
 "And wid that the walls stood stock  
 still, and he opened the door, and there  
 I was wid the roof just over my head!  
 And, begorra, that's what saved me  
 from going up to the hevins lutrely!"  
 -Irish Independent.

**Remarkable Rescued.**

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill.,  
 makes the statement that she caught  
 cold, which settled on her lungs; she  
 was treated for a month by her family  
 physician, but grew worse. He told her  
 she was a hopeless victim of consump-  
 tion and that no medicine could cure  
 her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's  
 New Discovery for consumption; she  
 bought a bottle and to her delight found  
 herself benefited from that dose. She  
 continued its use and after taking six  
 bottles found herself sound and well;  
 now does her own housework, and is as  
 well as she ever was. Free trial bottles  
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 store. Only 30 cents and \$1, every bot-  
 tle guaranteed.

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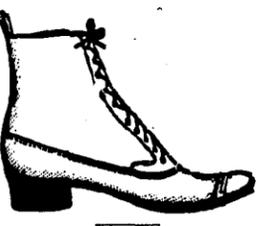
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Capt. Joshua Slocum, in his solitary voyage around the world in the sloop Spray, found a new and exciting use for carpet tacks. He thus describes an encounter with the natives of Tierra del Fuego.

Canoes manned by savages from Fortesque now came in pursuit. The wind falling light, they gained on me rapidly till coming within hail, when they ceased paddling and a bow-legged savage stood up and called to me: "Yammerschooner! yammerschooner!"

Now, it is well known that one cannot step on a tack without saying something about it. A pretty good Christian will whistle when he steps on the "commercial end" of a carpet tack; a savage will howl and claw the air, and that was just what happened that night about 12 o'clock, while I was asleep in the cabin, where the savages thought they "had me," sloop and all.

London newspapers just now are filled with incidents of the Boers, most of them far from flattering. One of the best relates that in a Dutch church in Pretoria not long ago there appeared a very stolid looking farmer's wife, who had brought her baby into town to be christened.

Prof. Dewar has at length succeeded in solidifying hydrogen. In its compact form, solid hydrogen is a transparent ice, but owing to rapid condensation it usually appears as a foamy white mass.

Physician—You should repose on the right side only in order to enjoy a good night's rest. It is positively injurious to lie on both sides.

CENTRAL R. R. of NEW JERSEY

Time-table in Effect Nov. 19, 1899. Trains leave Westfield for New York, Newark and Elizabeth at 8:48 except Newark 8:48 9:41, 7:11, 7:38, 7:41, 7:58, 8:12, 8:16, 8:47, 9:28, 10:04, 10:48, a. m. 11:21, 12:24, 1:47, 2:40, 3:35, 4:27, 5:07, 6:00, 6:41, 7:18, 7:47, 8:33, 9:45, 10:27, 11:09, p. m. Sun days 3:48 (except Newark) 8:12 (except Newark) 9:03, a. m. 12:12 (except Newark) 1:09, 1:57, 2:51, 3:42, 5:52, 7:03, 8:22, 9:44, 10:28, 10:33, p. m.

WESTFIELD POST OFFICE. L. M. WHITAKER, Postmaster. A. K. CALE, Asst. and Money Order Clerk.

Religious Notices.

WESTFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, Westfield, N. J. Rev. George A. Francis, Pastor. Sunday services: Prayer Meeting 10 a. m. Preaching 10:30 a. m. Sunday School 12 o'clock.

CLOTHES AND THE MAN. The Difference Being Well Dressed Made to a Cabinet Official.

"Yes the clothes a man wears make a great deal of difference in this world, especially in official life," remarked the private secretary of a cabinet official, who is compelled to see many people and to hold many more people at bay.

Colored Words. Colored words: I have made a little study of them myself, always with disappointing results. I always run across them, after discovering them, somewhere about 100 years before the birth of the inventor.

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A Book She Wouldn't Read. "There is one book of Mr. Stevenson's that I myself have never read," said Mrs. Stevenson. "I refused to read it and held to my refusal, I make it a rule never to read a novel the scene of which is laid in a bygone age."

Wise Man. "Great idea, that of Mike's," said the enthusiastic brother of the better sort. "He isn't satisfied with shaking hands with his constituents in the ordinary way. When he meets one of them, he grabs both his hands."

A SCIENTIFIC ENTHUSIAST.

The Professor Thought the Office of Referee of a Prize Fight Very Desirable.

Something seemed to please the old gentleman very much. He sat down on one of the benches in the Smithsonian grounds, and taking a sporting paper with glaring pictures over it read for some time with an expression of contentment which indicated increasing satisfaction at every paragraph.

"What are you reading, professor?" asked a friend who happened past. "This," he answered, as he handed over the paper. "Read that and then tell me if you can that we are not of the eye of a higher and better civilization."

"Why, this is about prizefighters." "Yes," answered the old gentleman, with an amiable smile. "Do you mean to inform me that you have been sitting in this chilly atmosphere reading about the doings of a couple of bruisers?"

"Don't say that. Call it trickery if you choose. Denounce the proceeding as unsportsmanlike, if you will, but don't say the story is a fake. It opens up a beautiful vista of refined possibilities. If they will only follow up this idea, I'll buy a ticket to every prize fight they arrange. Perhaps they would even permit me to act as referee. It would be a proud and happy moment if they would let me be a referee."

TRUE HAPPINESS.

Pleasure is Often Mistaken for It, But There is a Decided Difference. Happiness is a state in which all are interested, for all want to be happy, but there are many who live and die without knowing what true happiness is.

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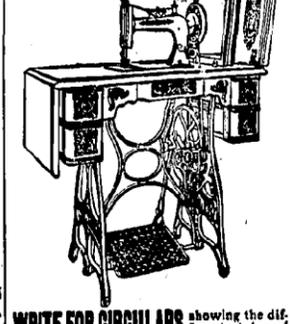
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High-Flown Letter from a Young Woman Who Would Scarcely Make a Servant Girl.

The evolution of the servant girl was strikingly exemplified by a letter received lately by one of the prominent government officials of this city. Several days ago he had occasion to advertise for a servant girl, and, in response to the advertisement, a neatly dressed young woman came to his office, accompanied by a personal acquaintance of the business man, who recommended her highly. She went to the home, where her interview with the mistress of the house was satisfactory, and she was engaged, and was expected to appear for work yesterday morning. She did not come, but, instead, a letter was received, written on fine linen paper, in beautiful penmanship, and in which the lines slanted from the upper right hand corner of the sheet. The letter was addressed to both the gentleman and his wife, and was as follows:

"After reflecting I deem it incompatible with my nature to accept the position of housekeeper and all-work girl under such extreme restrictions and limitations as seem to be necessary and required by the splendid Mrs. —. To thus live in this great country of freedom and liberty would dim my life, and my very nature would degenerate, and I would not only feel, but really prove, my inferiority and littleness. I have health and strength, and cheerfully work hard and carefully for my employer, but I learn from Mrs. — that in your social realm I must be wholly a kitchen girl, and thus deprived of all my social opportunities—not even a place to receive my dear old battle-scarred veteran father and my few other dear relatives and friends, save in the kitchen, and there, even there, under protest.

"I am not claiming the right to be one of the family, nor participate in one single social function therein, for I have a very limited social circle, whose financial and political standing is sufficiently elevated and ennobling, where I am accepted on equal terms, and with it I am satisfied and very nearly happy. I find, to my amazement, upon careful inquiry, that Mrs. —'s rules of government are along the lines of custom, under similar circumstances, and seem to be accepted as necessary by those whose lot requires them to thus earn a livelihood. But I am only an ordinary country girl, used to the more rural customs, which sanction greater freedom and accord more privileges, even in the very highest social conditions. I have never encroached upon grounds or conditions to which, by the nature of things, I had no right or welcome to do. In other words, I had a keen perception of what was the consistent and proper way for me to act. I thank you for the honor of accepting my services in your lovely home, and beg you to pardon me for writing so long a letter on so short a subject. I trust that you will find, without inconvenience, a suitable woman to fill the position. Yours, with very great respect.

"P. S.—I have accepted a position which promises to be satisfactory." The recipients of this letter have scarcely recovered their breath yet, and now they wonder what they have missed.—Indianapolis Journal.

**ODDITY OF GUATEMALANS.**

They Hate Americans, and Refuse to Sell Food to Them at Any Price.

"The better element in Guatemala is cordial to Americans," said a recent visitor to the republic, "but the natives hate a 'gringo,' and that sentiment is especially in evidence on the trip between El Rancho, at the end of the railroad track, and Guatemala City.

"The distance is about 80 miles, and a poor rider on a slow mule is sometimes all of three days getting across. Provisions en route are supposed to be obtainable from the natives.

"Chickens, milk and eggs are plentiful, but if the natives don't like a man's looks they simply won't sell at any price. We had six in our party the first time I crossed, all Americans, and all but one young. The exception was a white-haired, seasoned old club man, well known in New Orleans, and sensitive on the subject of his years. I won't give him away, but don't mind saying he answers to the title of colonel.

"On the first day out we stopped at a little settlement for dinner, and, to our dismay, were unable to buy so much as a stray chicken. The natives have a great veneration for old age, however, and presently they began to look sympathizingly at the colonel, who had dismounted and was sitting, panting and cussing, under a tree.

"At last some women came out and brought him a big platter of food. They patted him on the back and said 'poor old man' in Spanish, which enraged him greatly, but his hunger overcame his wrath and he proceeded to gobble down the meal, while the rest of us looked on enviously.

"After that he was obliged, greatly against his will, to play the role of feeble patriarch every time he wanted anything to eat, and meanwhile we young gringos had to subsist on villainous tortillas. It was very amusing to see him pull the curl out of his mustache and try to look as decrepit as possible."—N. Y. World.

**The Rating Passion.**

"This morning—" The gent in the arrowed suit looked very much pleased as he soliloquized, "The gent told me that I was beginning to be a model prisoner." His singularly neutre face brightened. "I trust," he went on, "that I shall soon be a chainless model." Once more he began to fidget away at the manacles that adorned his well-shaped ankle.—Pearson's Weekly.

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**THE EXPERT WITNESS**

His Abound Tendency to Bring a Simple Question in Technical "Mediation."

One of the besetting sins of the expert witness is the habit or tendency to use a lot of Latin words in describing an injury to the jury. In some exceptional cases, doubtless, this is done without affectation or for a purpose, but we have no hesitation in saying that in the majority of instances it is a very good index of the learning and capacity of the expert, on the assumption that the more words of this sort are used the more probability there is that they cover a deficiency of knowledge and thorough grounding on the part of the user. A really able man in his profession will always accommodate himself to circumstances, and, realizing the capacity of the average juror, use very different forms and methods of expression in testifying before court and jury than if he were making an address or delivering a paper on some scientific subject before an audience of his professional brethren.

A physician, for example, who, when upon the stand, he is asked to describe something to the jury, uses all the high-sounding terms and expressions he can muster, deserves to have very little attention paid to his testimony—and usually gets his deserts. An amusing example of this truth is given in the following account of an actual happening in an English court. It is from a little book entitled "Hints on Advocacy," published first in England:

"I discovered considerable ecchymosis under the left orbit, caused by extravasation of blood beneath the cuticle," said a young house surgeon, in a case of assault, at the assizes.

Baron Bramwell—I suppose you mean the man had a black eye?  
Scientific Witness—Precisely, my lord.

"Perhaps, if you had said so in plain English, those gentlemen would better understand you."

"Precisely, my lord," answered the learned surgeon, evidently delighted that the judge understood his meaning.

This incident, which might be paralleled many times in court in this country, carries its own comment. What the jury wants is to be enlightened on disputed points, and the way to do this is not to use purely technical expressions, but to explain in plain, homely language. There is no danger that in doing this the expert will be liable to detract from the general estimate of his own abilities, but rather the reverse will be the case.—Albany Law Journal.

**NOVEL INSURANCE SCHEMES.**

One in Holland That Does Not Encourage the Girls to Rush Into Matrimony.

"Why marry when you can get a good pension at the age of 40 by remaining single?" Such is the startling and enticing notice exhibited in Holland. The object of this company is to provide a pension for females who have been able to withstand, up to that time of life, the alluring offers of the opposite sex. Only young girls are admitted as members.

Each member pays a small sum yearly, beginning at the age of 13. Should a member so far forget herself as to contract a matrimonial alliance, she immediately forfeits all her rights. Should she, on the other hand, remain single up to 40 years of age, she gets her pension. Many take advantage of this system and remain single until the time limit has expired, draw their pension and then marry.

The owner of an extensive bathing machine business at a well-known resort this summer hit upon a novel insurance scheme. He had a large number of coupons printed and offered them to his customers at one penny each; the coupon entitled the purchaser's heir to the sum of \$1,250 should the holder of the ticket lose his life by drowning while using one of the proprietor's bathing machines. The tickets were available for one day only.

The novel and original method of insuring a person's life "caught on," nearly every customer purchased a ticket, and as the man's connection was a very large one, the sale of insurance tickets amounted daily to some hundreds, and at the same time it helped largely to increase his circle of patrons. Not one claim up to the present time has been paid, and it does not seem as if any casualty is likely to take place, seeing that two or three men in boats are always on the scene in case of an emergency.—N. Y. Times.

**In the Australian Bush.**

Dr. Semon started from Jena with the intention of spending two years in the Australian bush, studying the life history of those extraordinary animals, the oratorhynchus, or water mole, the echidna and the lung-fish, or ceratodus. He has just published the results in an interesting book of science and adventure. The water mole, as the colonists term it, when feeding rakes up the mud with its ducklike beak and stows away worms, snails and mussels in its cheek-pouches for further consumption. Its thick, horny jaws take the place of teeth and are well adapted for cracking shellfish. The ceratodus confines itself to fresh water and in general habits resembles a newt.—Chicago Tribune.

**Another Invention Needed.**

As she panted for breath he reached for his hat and started for the door. "Where are you going?" she asked. "I am going to telegraph to Mr. Keen," he replied, "and tell him that after he has perfected his wireless telegraph there is another field of much the same nature for him to invade." "What is it?" she demanded. "I want him to devote his intellect to the invention of a voiceless curtain lecturer."—Chicago Post.



FANWOOD.

Rev. Mr. Rush preached at the Episcopal church Sunday.

Mrs. N. L. Mason, of Bath Beach, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hour.

The Ladies' Aid will meet next Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Harry Robinson's at 2:30 o'clock.

Last Friday night five more houses were entered by thieves but, strange to say, nothing but food was taken.

Last Saturday afternoon Master Clinton Braine celebrated his fifth birthday anniversary with a charming little party.

A great number of guests, large and small, were present. Miss Margaret Gibbs was escorted by Master Clarence Bettman. Masters Jack Stevens and Dale Warren arrived in company with their respective parents.

The center of agriculture for the point about which our annual produce of \$3,500,000,000 arranges itself is at Ottumwa, Ia.

CRANFORD.

The township committee meets this evening.

George W. Littell is recovering rapidly from his recent illness.

Court Cranford, I. O. F., will elect officers at their next meeting on Tuesday evening, December 26.

Mrs. Tomlinson, of Plainfield will address the local W. C. T. U. at their meeting at the home of Mrs. Plumer this afternoon.

The oratorio "The Holy City" will be repeated at the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon by the Cranford Music Club.

ROSELLE.

The borough council meets Friday evening.

Miss Sadie Minton, of New York, is visiting friends in town.

The Christmas exercises of the Methodist church Sunday school will be held the Saturday before Christmas.

At the meeting of Sherman Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., this evening officers for the ensuing year will be nominated.

RAHWAY.

Miss Lottie Clark, of Newark, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Brooklyn, were guests of Rahway friends Sunday.

H. Gore Kelly, of Seminary avenue, entertained the Social Chapter of St. Paul's church last evening.

The Rev. George H. Payson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was slightly injured by being thrown from his bicycle on Saturday.

Reading.

Read not much at a time, but meditate as much as your time and capacity and disposition will give you leave, ever remembering that little reading and much thinking, little speaking and much hearing, is the best way to become wise.

Golden.

Judge—Was the stolen jewelry gold or silver? Well, why don't you answer?

Prisoner—Don't you know, Judge, what silence is?—Flegende Blitter.

"Strike For Your Altars and Your Fires."

Patriotism is always commendable, but in every breast there should be not only the desire to be a good citizen, but to be strong, able bodied and well fitted for the battle of life.

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UNITED STATES CENTERS.

Points Which Mark the Feet of Many Interests of This Great Nation.

The government is about to mark a latitudinal center by placing a monument on the parallel of 45 degrees north, midway between equator and pole, which runs through the hamlet of North Perry, Me. Such a monument as a permanent fixture is possible, but there are other interesting "centers" which are by no means permanent.

The geographical center of the United States, 3,602,990 square miles, excluding Alaska and our new possessions, is in northwestern Kansas, midway between Wakeeney and Hill City.

The center of population is, however, far east of this, being 15 miles west of Columbus, Ind., having moved to that point by easy stages from near Baltimore, where it was in the closing years of the last century, and it is still travelling.

The center of wealth of our \$84,000,000,000 of real and personal property is at Cleveland, O., north and east of the center of population. And the center of debt is not far away, being atiffin, in the same state, as shown by the records of \$14,000,000,000 of mortgage and judgment debts.

The center of agriculture for the point about which our annual produce of \$3,500,000,000 arranges itself is at Ottumwa, Ia.

For the manufacturing center we jump again to the east, and find that the great factories of the New England and middle Atlantic states draw it to Erie, Pa. It is a most important center of \$10,000,000,000 in capital, \$2,500,000,000 in annual wages and \$9,800,000,000 in annual cost of material.

To balance this we must again go west, where we find the center of our 187,000 miles of railroad at La Salle, Ill.

Coming to education, we find another center in Ohio, for Lima is the point on which balance our colleges and universities, with their 100,000 students.

For the reverse of this, for immortality, we must make a jump to Jackson, Tenn. This is based on the ability to write on the part of persons more than ten years old. It appears to be far south, but the statistics of most of the southern states, which return from 28 to 25 per cent. of the population unable to write, as against 6 to 7 per cent. in the northern states, place the center there.—N. Y. Herald.

PHILIPPINE BRIDGES.

How United States Troops Crossed a River on Nothing But Bamboo.

Maj. B. F. Chestnut, of the First Tennessee volunteers, sends from Molo, Philippine Islands, a very interesting account of a floating bridge constructed by the American army in the Island of Panay, which possesses some unusual features. He says: "The Iloilo river at Molo is 200 feet wide, 20 feet deep and has a difference in elevation at high and low tide of three and one-half feet. The orders were to build a bridge sufficiently strong for infantry and light artillery to cross it quickly and cheaply."

"As there was no other material available, it was decided to use bamboo exclusively, and in the entire structure nothing else was used—not even a nail or piece of wire.

"Long pieces of bamboo were assembled in bundles of 15 and tightly bound with rattan. These bundles supplied the buoyancy for the bridge, and were placed ten feet apart, parallel to the current. They were held in this position by four stringers, which were securely lashed to the bundles so as to form a foundation for the roadway, ten feet wide.

"On these stringers were placed small bamboo, cut ten feet long, each piece being tied to the stringers by the invaluable rattan. Over these poles was laid a rough matting woven from split bamboo, which made an even surface strong enough to support a horse.

"A sufficient quantity of bamboo was not on hand at the start, and the work was delayed somewhat in consequence, but the bridge was completed in four days by ten native workmen.

"The total cost for material and labor was \$125. The banks at the place selected were one and one-half feet higher than the water at high tide. In order to allow cars to cross at all times, aprons were made of bamboo, one end fastened to the bank and the other allowed to slip along two pieces of plank, placed on the bridge for that purpose. The bridge was guyed so as to allow it to rise and fall with the tide.

"The success of this bridge would seem to solve a problem here, and our experience shows conclusively that with plenty of bamboo on hand a regiment can cross any river here in four hours' time."—Engineering News.

Estimoteles Will Arise. "I shall not marry," he declared, "because if I were to be shipwrecked a wife would be right in the way!" But he was never shipwrecked. Instead, he was pursued by wolves in Russia. Now at once he became aware of the wisdom of his choice. "Alas!" he cried, "if I had a wife I might throw her out to the wolves and make my escape while they were devouring her!" It is difficult to anticipate exigencies.—Detroit Journal.

SUMOROUS.

Usher (the court having been much annoyed by the shuffling of feet)—"Will ye hold yer tongues up there with yer feet in the gallery!"—Punch.

"He is not in," said Mrs. Shortly to the collector. "Madam, I know he is not in," said the collector. "What I want to know, has he any?"—Baltimore News.

Long—"Family troubles, eh? What rock did your domestic ship split on?" Short—"It was the absence of 'rocks' that caused the split."—N. O. Times Democrat.

First Globe Trotter—"When in Rome did you do yourself as the Romans do?" Second Globe Trotter—"No. It took me my time learning to do other people as the Romans did me."—N. Y. Press.

Mrs. Nevrich—"Oh, dear, no! My husband don't have to be in business more. He's just a gentleman now." Mrs. Blugore—"That must be a pleasant change for him."—Philadelphia Record.

"I really believe Miss Blumer would be willing to run for president, she's so ambitious." "Land, yes; but she ain't so particular. She'd run for a smaller man than that if she thought she could catch him."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Mrs. Brown—"She spent ten years trying to catch a husband." Mrs. Jones—"That's what she's doing now." "I thought you said she was married." "Yes. She spends her time trying to catch her husband in some kind of mischief."—Troy Times.

"I notice you started to smoke last night when Miss Sweetey was entertaining Mr. Slowpop," remarked the piano stool. "Yes," replied the parlor lamp. "I saw she was just waiting for an excuse to turn me down."—Catholic Standard and Times.

MYSTERY OF THE OMO.

Geographers and Explorers Are Puzzled at the Course of an African Stream.

A river rising among the mountains of Abyssinia and flowing about 600 miles to the southwest and south has been the subject of more speculation and contradictory evidence for 15 years than any other stream in Africa. The Omo river was known at its source and at a few points along its course, but the explorers who visited it and the geographers who reviewed their work could not agree as to its destination.

It was a geographical conundrum, as the Congo and the Niger were in the years when the hypothesis was advanced that the Congo was probably the lower part of the Niger. The truth about the Omo river was discovered two years ago by one of the most unfortunate expeditions that ever entered Africa, and the two white survivors of the ill-fated party, who said their leader and comrades had fallen under the fire of a savage foe and who were held captive until King Menelek secured their release, have been able this fall, with the aid of the records that were recovered, to publish in Italy the story of the second Bottego expedition and a map of the Omo river.

Eleven years ago most mapmakers believed that the problem of the Omo river had been solved, though the views of the explorers were still widely divergent. Count Teleki, Capt. Lohmell and Mr. Horell maintained that the river flowed far to the southwest and emptied into Lake Rudolf. Other explorers headed by D'Abbadie, all of whom had visited the river, thought it was the upper course of the Sobat, which flows into the Nile. It was evident that Lake Rudolf, which is subject to great evaporation, received a large water supply from some source, and this consideration led most cartographers to represent the Omo as a tributary of that lake at its northern end.

This hypothesis was in great favor at the time when Dr. Donaldson Smith, the American explorer, came home with information and opinions that again unsettled the question. He had ascended the Nianum river, which empties into the northern end of Lake Rudolf, for 120 miles. He said it was a small stream and he thought it most unlikely that it was the lower part of the large Omo river. Twenty miles away he saw the mountains where he believed the Nianum headed, and in his opinion the Omo turned to the southeast somewhere and became the Job river, which empties into the Indian ocean. Dr. Donaldson Smith did much excellent geographical work on this journey and some of the best mapmakers accepted the new hypothesis and showed the Omo as the upper part of the Job.

It was left to the second Bottego expedition to trace the Omo from its middle course to Lake Rudolf and prove that Donaldson Smith was mistaken, and that the Nianum was really the lower course of the Omo. The incorrect impression of the American explorer was doubtless due chiefly to the fact that he saw the Nianum in the dry season at a low stage of water. No phase of African exploration has given rise to so many perplexing questions as the rivers, many of which were known in part many years before their entire courses were revealed. But the hydrography of the continent in all its more important features is determined at last satisfactorily.—N. Y. Sun.

A Literary Note. The deponents of the forest were organizing a literary club.

"We must make the porcelain president," said Br'er Wolf. "His style is full of gold points." "Permit me," remarked Br'er Rabbit, "to recommend a reptile friend of mine. He can put up a rattling roll."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Not Made Up. Manager—Why don't you go on? You're all made up. Leading Lady—All except my mind. That won't be until you pay me my salary.—Puck.

KNOWN BY THE WAY HE EATS.

A Waiter Tells How a Man's Profession Affects His Table Manners.

"You may not believe me, but it is nevertheless a fact that a great many hotel and restaurant waiters can tell a diner's occupation by his manner of eating," said a waiter to a Star reporter recently. "Of course, the waiter must be a close observer of human nature to determine with accuracy whether a customer is a seissors grinder or a banker. But if a man is intelligent and avails himself of the opportunities his position affords him for the field of study he will soon find that a customer, while eating, has acquired in the daily purauance of his calling a habit that will show itself.

"For instance, a banker may conch, sent himself and call for an oyster stew. If he does, as soon as the order is served he is apt to begin a search with his spoon for the oysters that are not visible, just to see if there is a miscount.

"A gambler will look around to see if anyone is watching and then palm a slice of bread. If he orders panache he is sure to slip them one by one from the bottom as he eats them. The clothing salesman will hold his panakes up to the light and feel the texture, while the keen observer will notice that the jeweler upon ordering pie will hold it to his ear, shake it and then listen, after which he will lift off the top crust with the point of his knife and examine the inside.

"Have you ever made a mistake in judging a man's occupation?"

"Only once. And that could hardly be called a mistake, for I made no decision as to the man's business. The fellow came in and ordered his dinner. Of course I gave him a glass of water. He looked at it with some surprise and said: 'I didn't order that!'"

"It costs you nothing," says I, "and you don't need to drink it unless you want to." He thanked me, and what do you think? He broke his bread into it and then ate it with a spoon. I didn't know what to make of it, and for the life of me I couldn't determine what his business was. When he was leaving I tapped him on the shoulder and asked him outright what he did for a living. "Why," says he, "I'm a milkman."—Washington Star.

CHARGED FOR RENOVATION.

A Broken Engagement Does Not Keep the Lover from Demanding His Due.

The breaking of an engagement does not always mean the breaking of a man's heart. There was an odd sequel to a dissolved engagement of a Boston young woman recently. The young woman's friends thought she was deserving of as good a man as there was to be had. Her fiance was young and handsome and, above all, came from New York. That advantage is appreciated even in Boston. So the Boston maiden seemed to have done well, but after six months she concluded that she did not care enough for him to carry him.

The break was arranged as well-bred people do such things. It was only to the family and a few friends that the subsequent proceedings became known. The betrothed was an architect. During the days of their engagement the young woman discussed with him the alterations she wanted to make in her father's house. The girl was deeply interested in them, and some persons were malicious enough to say that this link was the principal bond between them, and that its completion opened the girl's eyes to her indifference to him. At all events, soon afterward the parting came. In the letters that passed between the young people regarding the rupture there was no reference to one written to the father.

With only a few words of explanation, it inclosed a bill for the architect's services in remodeling certain parts of his house. The charge made was \$6,000. That was a fair price for the work, although the bill was a trifle surprising. The bill was paid, though, and the last word in this engagement was the receipt sent from New York. The subject is naturally one to which the young woman never refers. Her friends have sometimes wondered if it was done in revenge. Others have sometimes thought that she may have been interested unconsciously in the architecture and not in the architect, and this fact did not escape him after they had finished the work. He found some compensation for his disappointment in that case. But nobody really knows the emotions and motives of these two young persons.—Boston Globe.

The Name of Lady Smith.

Lady Smith got his name from a woman. This woman was the wife of Gen. Sir Harry Smith, whose marriage, by the way, was one of the romances of the peninsular war. At that time two young British officers in a Spanish town, which had just been occupied by an English force, were surprised by a visit from two very young and beautiful Spanish girls of the better class. These fair creatures begged protection in the alarming circumstances in which they had been placed by the occupation of the rougher soldiery. Their request was of course gallantly granted, and in a short time one of the officers, Capt. Smith, found himself desperately in love. In due time he married the woman whom he had protected. The marriage proved a happy one.—Philadelphia Press.

The Difference.

"The beauty of being poor," said the rich man, "is that you have a chance to start at the foot of the ladder and work your way up."

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