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## PAWN SHOPS OF CHINA.

They Cut Quite a Figure in Life in the Flowery Land.

Pawnbroking is a great institution in the Flowery Land. The Chinese pawnbroker, however, is quite a different kind of establishment from ours. The pawn shop of China is more a stronghold, a place of quiet and safe refuge, for valuable jewelry and the miscellaneous and costly wardrobes of the people. It also in many instances performs the equally important but somewhat costly function of lending to the needy, and, as in the collections of similar establishments of our own land, one may see the much prized jewels and trinkets of happier times, which caused their poor owners many a bitter pang to part with, heartaches that were perhaps brightened with the hope that one day they would be able to redeem them.

To listen to the man selling these unredemmed pledges is one of the choice entertainments of the Peking streets. He is selected by the pawnbroker for his fluency of speech and ready wit, to which he gives full play in his humorous descriptions of the quality and history of the furs and richly embroidered dresses which are piled up on the platform of his tent. He at times runs off his speech in rhyme, making clever and sarcastic allusions to the requirements of his audience, pressing a satin robe on the attention of some naked beggar.—Golden Penny.

## Oldest Family in the World.

Of the 400 barons in the British house of lords about a dozen date back to 1400, the earliest being 1264. The oldest family in the British Isles is the Mar family in Scotland, 1063. The Campbells of Argyll began in 1190. Talleyrand dates from 1199 and Bismarck from 1270. The Grosvenor family, the Duke of Westminster, 1066; the Austrian house of Hapsburg goes back to 962 and the house of Bourbon to 864. The descendants of Mohammed, born 570, are all registered carefully and authoritatively in a book kept in Mecca by a chief of the family. Little or no doubt exists of the absolute authenticity of the long line of Mohammed's descendants. In China there are many old families; also among the Jews. But in point of pedigree the Mikado of Japan has a unique record. His place has been filled by members of his family for more than 2,500 years. The present Mikado is the one hundred and twenty-second in the line. The first one was contemporary with Nebuchadnezzar, 606 years before Christ.

## Thackeray as a Critic.

It cannot be contended that Thackeray was a great critic. Indeed, there is no doubt that, as a rule, he preferred second rate books of the first class to the greatest. For instance, while, as a matter of course, he admitted that Milton was a great poet, he added that "he was such a bore that no one could read him." Whatever one may think of the discernment of a man who says that, it is impossible to doubt his honesty. He was often led away by the character of the author whose works he was criticizing. He disapproved of Swift and Sterne and rather grudgingly admitted their qualities, but he gladly praised Pope, whom he loved because of his infirmity and because of the love the poet bore his mother. His judgments came from the heart rather than the intellect. It was fortunate when these coincided.—Lewis Melville in Fortnightly.

## Appropriate Dressing.

Henry Irving once preached quite a terse sermon on appropriate dressing. A clever young woman belonging to his company appeared at rehearsal one morning dressed in a lovely gown and a stunning hat. Irving commented on the unusual splendor of her get-up, whereupon the actress explained that she was going to a swell luncheon that afternoon and had saved time by dressing in advance. "Then run away to the luncheon first, my dear young lady," said the star. "Just now your mind, too, is dressed up for the luncheon and not for work. When you come to rehearsal come looking the part." The young woman, who is now a star, never forgot the lesson she learned that morning.

## A Printer's Blunder.

A Paris newspaper on one occasion made a blunder which excited no small amount of merriment at the expense of a man of real talent. The following paragraphs, intended to have been printed separately, were by some error so arranged that they were read consecutively: "Dr. X. has been appointed head physician to the Hospital de la Charite. Orders have been issued by the authorities for the immediate extension of the cemetery of Mont Parisse. The works are being executed with the utmost dispatch."

## Men.

Here is little Johnnie's composition on "Men." "Men are what women marry. They drink and smoke and swear and have ever so many pockets, but don't go to church. Perhaps if they were bonnets they might. They are more logical than women and also more zoological. Both men and women have sprung from monkeys, but the women certainly sprung farther than the men."—Bloomfield (Ind.) Democrat.

## A Honeymoon Experience.

The Groom—Would you mind if I went into the smoking car, dear?  
The Bride—What! To smoke?  
"Oh, dear, no! I want to experience the agony of being away from you so that the joy of my return will be all the more intensified."—Brooklyn Life.

## BETTER THAN ORATORY.

The Secret of One Clever Lawyer's Unvarying Success.

One of the most common defects of a recently admitted lawyer is a striving for oratorical display. A successful older practitioner endeavors, on the other hand, to give the jury a heart to heart talk. The ways of an eagle in the air, of a serpent upon a rock, of a ship in the midst of the sea and of a man with a maid are as A B C compared with the methods usually pursued by the twelve good men and true. It seems a trifle odd at first that a dozen individuals who separately are shrewd, sharp business men should collectively be guilty of the most absurd performances, but the fact must be reckoned on nevertheless.

A story is told of two farmers who were returning home, one of them from jury duty in a neighboring town. "Lawyer Smith is a great orator," said one, "how I hated to decide against him in the three cases he tried."

"How about Lawyer Jones, who was on the other side?"  
"Oh, shucks! Why of course he wins all his cases. I heard every one of 'em, and they were the simplest things. He just explained things to the jury. He didn't have to do any hard talking at all. You couldn't help but agree with him."—Success.

## Galileo's Caustic Humor.

In a biography of Galileo some stories are told of the caustic humor of that bold investigator. Lotario Sarsi, a writer on science, having said that the Babylonians used to cook eggs by whirling them in a sling, Galileo replied: "The cause of such an effect is very remote from that to which it is attributed, and to find the true cause I shall reason thus: If an effect does not follow with us which followed with others at another time it is because in our experiments something is wanting which was the cause of the former success, and if only one thing is wanting to us that one thing is the true cause. Now we have eggs and slings and strong men to whirl them, and yet they will not become cooked; nay, if they were hot at first they more quickly become cold, and since nothing is wanting to us but to be Babylonians it follows that being Babylonians is the true cause why the eggs became cooked and not to the friction of the air, which is what I wish to prove."

## Shorthand 2,000 Years Ago.

It is no doubt a surprise to most to learn that shorthand was known and practiced 2,000 years ago. Manilina, a contemporary of Caesar and Cicero, Virgil and Horace, asserts that his system of reporting very similar to our shorthand was in vogue in his days. Writing these words under the influence of Virgo and Mercury, he says they are—  
In shorthand skilled, where little marks comprise  
Whole words, a sentence in a single letter  
And while the willing hand its aid affords,  
Prevents the tongue to fix the falling words.

It is certainly a novel conception that Cicero's grand orations were committed to paper with as much skill as our modern stenographers boast.

## A Story of Rossini.

In "Gossip From Paris During the Second Empire" A. B. N. Peat, the author, tells a story of Rossini, who was much dogged by the lion hunters: "Once a Russian lady outstripped the limits even of Rossini's patience and, having watched his daily promenade during several days, sent a message to his house expressive of her desire to be received by him. The reply to this strange communication was: 'I do nothing for nothing. If the lady brings me a fine bunch of asparagus she will be welcome and she can take a view of me at her leisure.' Then, pointing to his waist, which had attained a somewhat aldermanic rotundity, he added, 'The lady may even walk round me if she pleases, but I must have my asparagus.'"

## Insect Traps.

Brazilian birds, fly catchers, display a brilliantly colored crest easily mistaken for a flower cup. Insects, attracted by what appears to be a freshly opened blossom, furnish the birds with food. An Asiatic lizard is entirely colored like the surface of the desert plains where it lives except that at each angle of the mouth blooms a brilliant red folding of the flesh exactly resembling a little flower that grows in the sand. Insects lured by the seeming flower are inconspicuously dissipated when they settle upon it.

## Appearances Against Him.

"Do you mean to intimate that the prisoner was intoxicated?"  
"Well, appearances seemed against him."

## Well, for one thing he was holding a glass upside down trying to fill it from a tightly corked bottle."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Dedecency.

Honest man—I had to discharge my confidential man today. He didn't know enough for the position.  
Crooked chap—I discharged mine also. He knew too much.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

## The Attraction.

He—'d give up all my millions to have you.  
She—If you did you wouldn't have me.—Smart Set.

## He Has Felt Them.

Any small boy will tell you that even leather slippers may be felt.—Philadelphia Record.

Acquaintance is the twin brother of hostility.—Shimons.

## GROUSE-ARE CLEVER.

They Evade the Hunter by Tricks That Display Intelligence.

The grouse has a hundred tricks of defense, says Outing. It will lie still until the hunter is within a yard of it, then soar straight upward in his front, towering like a woodcock; again, it will rise forty yards away, and the sound of its wings is his only notice of its presence. It will cover upon a branch under which he passes, and his cap will not be more than a foot below it as he goes, and, though it has seen him approaching, it will remain quiescent in frightful fear until his back is turned. It will rush then, and when he has slewed himself hurriedly around he will catch only a glimpse of a brown, broad wing far away.

Wounded and falling in the open, it will be found—if it is found at all—with the tolltale speckles of its breast against the trunk of some brown tree against which its feathers are indistinguishable, and the black ruff about the neck of the male will be laid against the darkest spot of the bark. Often it will double like a fox; often, as man draws near it will spring noiselessly into some spruce and hide until he passes, dropping then to the ground and continuing its feeding; often, too, it will decline to take wing, though unharmed, and will run fast for half a mile—so fast that the most expert woodsman will be unable to keep pace with it. This it will only do on level ground and never when snow would betray its tracks.

## Origin of Commonplace Phrases.

Expressions that we use nowadays metaphorically were used in their real sense in bygone days. For instance, we speak about "beating a retreat," forgetting perhaps that the phrase comes from the fact that in war time when a retreat was ordered the drums were beaten in a particular manner, just as today it is sounded on the bugle. Then again one speaks of going off "bag and baggage." How many know what the "baggage" was? The general idea is that it was part of the soldier's kit. In point of fact the "bag" was originally the soldier's haversack; the "baggage" was his wife. The familiar phrase "to give the cold shoulder" originated in France, where it was the custom to serve with cold shoulder of mutton instead of hot meat a guest who had outstayed his welcome. "A feather in his cap" comes from Hungary, it being formerly the custom for the Hungarians to put a feather in their caps for every Turk they killed. The word "deadhead" is, according to some authorities, one of great antiquity. It is said that a "deadhead" was in Pompeii an individual who gained admission to an entertainment free of charge by means of a pass in the form of a small ivory death's head.

## Her Make-shift Rivets.

The following sequel to a naval launch in England was not communicated to the press: Some years ago a ship which was to be christened by an illustrious personage got behind in construction. The personage was sure to be ready in time and could not be put off, but not so the ship. As a last resort some portions of the superstructure were partly made fast with leaden rivets in place of steel ones, the launch took place, and the situation was saved. When the vessel came to be completed for sea no one remembered about the rivets, and after a coat or two of paint they looked for all the world like the real article and behaved like it until the ship got into a heavy sea, and the process known to Mr. Kipling as "fluting herself" began. It was then discovered that a "defect in machinery" or other euphemism necessitated a hurried return to a dockyard, where matters were hastily put right.—London Truth.

## An Odd Spanish Custom.

An odd custom in Madrid is the manner of indicating the sleeping rooms of a house by a spray of palm leaves attached to the railing of the balcony. You will see palm leaves hanging to the balconies of nearly all the residences in town, those of the poor as well as the rich. A sheet of white paper tied to the iron railing means that the room is for rent; a palm leaf means that it is the sleeping chamber of a pious Catholic who brought it home from church on the last Palm Sunday and placed it there to keep away evil spirits, diseases and misfortunes. It remains there the entire year until the next anniversary, when a new palm, fresh from the blessing of the priest, is substituted.

## Cabbages in Pledge.

There is one pawnbroking establishment in connection with Covent Garden market that is absolutely without a rival. This pawnbroking license enables the holder to lend money on garden and other produce by special contracts that only hold good for forty-eight hours at the extreme limit. Many a good load of fruit, flowers or vegetables that may arrive late for one market or that may not be instantly salable is pledged. Next morning the stuff can either be redeemed or sold by the broker.

## Waiting a Second.

"Wait a second," she said as she stepped into the store.  
"Certainly," he replied, and when he had been uptown, looked through his mail, spent two hours on 'change and taken luncheon at the club he returned and found her just emerging from the door.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## Time and Eternity.

"I trust I am not unduly trespassing on the time of this court," once said a proxy counselor to Lord Cockburn.  
"There is some difference," the judge quietly observed, "between trespassing on time and encroaching on eternity."—Success.

## OUR ATMOSPHERE.

The Distance to Which It Extends Above the Earth's Surface.

One of the many uncertain elements in meteorology is the height to which the earth's atmosphere extends. In former days it was taught somewhat dogmatically that a height exceeding forty-five miles was unthinkable for a gas constituted as the air is. This belief was shaken by meteors, which became incandescent by collision with our atmospheric envelope and were certainly rendered visible in this way at altitudes of ever seventy miles. Professor Newcomb deduced from the meteor shower of Nov. 13, 1867, that the air must reach to 100 or 110 miles from the earth's surface. Dr. T. J. See of Washington essayed to determine the problem by watching the disappearance of blue sky after sunset. Accepting Lord Rayleigh's theory that the blue color of the sky is due to reflection of sunlight from minute particles of oxygen and nitrogen in the upper layers of the atmosphere, Dr. See on a series of evenings traced with the eye "the last footstep of departing day" by the evanishment of the final trace of blue in the firmament. He then computed from the data of the Nautical Almanac the position of the sun at the time, and a simple calculation in spherical trigonometry gave the approximate height of the reflecting layer. The mean of several observations is 131 miles.

## Salt and Ice.

Does salt melt ice? In this question there is but a half truth suggested, since salt no more melts ice than ice melts salt. That is the main agent whereby a body passes from a solid to a liquid state. It has been well known, however, for centuries that certain solid bodies when brought together (as here, salt and ice) have such a chemical affinity for one another—i. e., their tendency to combine and melt is so great—that heat is drawn from all surrounding sources as well as from the store latent in these substances themselves.

When this is the case they become chilled and make a freezing mixture, the temperature dropping till the heat drawn from the two sources—external and internal—is sufficient to keep pace with the rate of melting. Fahrenheit in 1702 made use of this very melting mixture when he secured what he thought was absolute cold, thereby marking the freezing point on his thermometer at 32 degrees.—Answers.

## A Crater Lake.

Deep in the summit of the Cascade range, in the state of Oregon, some sixty-five miles north of the California line, lies Crater lake. The United States government, recognizing its worth as an educational feature, wisely secured possession of it and made a national park of the locality. An area of 250 square miles is thus protected. The surface of Crater lake is rather more than 6,200 feet above sea level. It is an oval basin between twenty and twenty-one square miles in area, surrounded by cliffs which range from more than 500 to nearly 2,000 feet in height, the ground falling more gradually from their rim to the present upland level. This great sheet of blue water, in places almost 2,000 feet deep, is interrupted near its western margin by a pyramidal rocky mass, called Wizard Island, itself evidently a volcanic vent.—Philadelphia Record.

## Bullock Skin Boots.

There are few more primitive methods of transportation than those in use today by natives of northern India, who make their homes in the vicinity of the swift flowing Sutlej. The boats of these aborigines are nothing more or less than bullock skins inflated by the breath of the natives themselves. Two natives may be seen hard at work filling the skins with air. Having inflated them to their satisfaction, they will leap aboard and paddle themselves across the river, great skill and strength being necessary to sustain their equilibrium during the passage. But even should the boats overturn they are easily righted, and the natives are without exception expert swimmers.

## Rebelling a Duke.

An English duke of great wealth and large estates had occasion one day to dismiss one of his laborers. As the angry man was turning away he suddenly remembered that the duke's "lady" held a position at court with the queen. That was his chance and his cue, so he turned round on the duke. "Oh, yes, your grace," he said; "I'll go home. But, though I'm a poor man, thank God I never had to send my missis out to service, as you do yours."

## Infectious Aspiration.

"Your Uncle Jim is a good deal of a statesman, isn't he?"  
"Yes," said the young man. "He's a statesman. He's been tryin' to be a politician for a long time, but every time he runs for office he gets beat."—Washington Star.

## Encouraging.

Clara—Do you think there is any chance of his asking me to marry him?  
Maud—Yes, I never saw a man yet who wouldn't make a fool of himself.—Detroit Free Press.

## Merely a Hint.

Kitty—Harry says he loves me for myself alone.  
Bertha—I suppose that's his way of saying your mother must be kept out of the family.—Boston Transcript.

## Know Better.

"They say Brown is ten years ahead of his time."  
"Well, it's not true. He's six months behind. I'm his landlord and know."—Chicago Journal.

## "JEFFING" FOR MONEY.

The Ancient Game Once Known to All Printers is Being Forgotten.

"I lost \$5 jeffing last night," said a printer. "What? You do not know anything about Jeff? Why, it is as old as the art of printing itself, and no man knows just when it did come into favor. For back in the past some fellow was impressed with the possibilities of the quad as an instrument for gambling. Since that time Jeff has been a feature of all newspaper offices and wherever there is type to set. Jeff is played very much like dice, but is much more interesting, and the chances of winning a good stake at one shot are greater.

"Seven quads are used in the game. Any number of persons can play, and each throws the quads in turn, just as we do dice. You probably know that on one side of a quad is a little groove, which we call a 'nick.' The man who turns up the greatest number of nicks in three throws takes the pot, while every other man who puts up his money loses. Every player puts 50 cents into the pot, and as there are six or seven to throw, the stake is well worth winning. When a throw is made without turning up a single nick, that's a 'mollie.' A 'mollie' is a blank and counts for nothing unless one can throw three 'mollies' in succession. In that case he takes the pot, but it is almost impossible to do the trick. 'Cocked' quads are also possible, as with dice. If three players take their throws, they 'stay in,' while the remainder of the crowd 'sweeten up the pot.' It is seldom that more than five or six points are made, although I have heard of cases where players made as high as twenty points."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## Anticipation.

There is a story to the effect that a woman with a disposition to worry over the future made a list of impending troubles, the ones she thought likely to happen to herself, and put it away for safe keeping. Some months later she ran across it by accident, and to her surprise found that not one of the number had come to pass. So she became converted to the optimistic side and is a happier and more prosperous woman for the change.

It is a story we would do well to remember. It contains a lesson to be taken to heart. The greater part of our woe lives in our imagination. On that we waste our strength and nerve force, leaving a rather weak prop on which to lean in real adversity. Trouble we must meet—that is inevitable—but we do not have to live it through twice, the first time in imagination. A fear of what the future contains is a clog upon our heels and prevents the achievement of many an important deed.

## Semiteetotal.

Archdeacon Sinclair told the Semiteetotal Pledge association of the diary of a Scotch shepherd, which read: "Sunday—Up in the morning at 6—a dram (whisky). Went out to see the sheep—a dram. Came home to breakfast—a dram. Looked round the house—a dram. Washed and dressed for church—a dram. Took a brandy before going to look lest I should smell of whisky in the house of the Lord!"

The name of the association was responsible for the archdeacon's own experience. He was once lurching alone in the house of a friend confined to his room by an accident. The housekeeper brought up a tray of good things and asked the archdeacon what he would have to drink, for, she said, "I've 'erd you're not a temperate gentleman!"

## Love.

Love is a great healer. The worst characteristic trait of a man and of a woman has been known to be cured by it.  
It is Cupid who introduces you to Hymen, and a pity it is. How much better it would be if it were Hymen who introduced you to Cupid and invited the little fellow to remain your guest!  
In the tender relations between men and women novelty is a wonderful attraction and habit a powerful bond, but between the two there is a bottomless precipice into which love often falls, never to be heard of afterward. Happy those who know how to bridge over the chasm!—Max O'Rell.

## The Bopping Philosopher.

"We're going to miss getting a roomful of presents, George," said the dear girl as she eloped with the youth of her choice.  
"Yes," he cheerfully replied, "and we're going to bear the loss with a good deal of philosophy, when we remember that we don't have to give a roomful of presents in return."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Both Sides of It.

She—It's lots of fun to flirt with a man till you get him to propose, and then say "No."  
He—Yes. And it's lots of fun for the man, too, but he runs an awful risk. She—How's that?  
He—She might fool him and say "Yes."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Heaven's Monotony.

"But don't you want to go to heaven?" asked the Sunday school teacher, shocked and grieved.  
"Nope," said the bad boy of the class. "There won't be nobody there but women and preachers."—Chicago Tribune.

## Willing to Demonstrate.

"Tommy," said his distressed mother, "I don't see how you can get so dirty."  
"Come on out and I'll show you," was the prompt reply.—Chicago Post.

We don't know what it means to "bow to the inevitable," unless it means to take off one's hat to one's wife.—Atchison Globe.

## LONDON IN 1700.

When Traitors' Heads Adorned London Bridge and Temple Bar.

London in 1700 was a comparatively small city of about 600,000 inhabitants, the rough and ill kept main roads to which had been but slightly improved since Tudor times. The ghastly spectacle of many of the trees on the Southwark road bending under their burden of hanged men had indeed been slightly modified, but none the less the decomposing heads of "traitors" still filled the atmosphere about London bridge and Temple Bar with myriads of baneful microbes.

Our immediate forbears were evidently not overparticular about sights and smells. They were accustomed to see men sitting in the pillory pelted with rotten eggs and possibly included among their immediate circle not a few who had been deprived of their noses and ears for expressing too freely their opinions, political and religious.

The drains were in an appalling condition. The innumerable churchyards were so full of coffins that they often projected through the turf. Bear and bull baiting, dog fights and boxing matches were attended even by royalty as late as 1820, and five years later all the "dandies" in London were paying high prices to stand in the carts round Tyburn to behold twenty-two of their fellow creatures hanged for political demonstrators which in our time would be punished with a few days' imprisonment—Saturday Review.

## Convenient Fetters.

Leo Deutsch, a Russian political exile who was permitted to return to his home, tells in his book, "Sixteen Years in Siberia," tales not only of suffering, but of lenient treatment by his jailers. In Siberian prisons often the harshness of the discipline was considerably relaxed. On one occasion, to the vast amusement of the prison authorities, Deutsch appeared before the governor with his fetters tied up with a piece of string, and it appeared he had only assumed them for the moment. But the complaisant governor was afraid of a visit from high quarters. "Then if an inspection is made you will be wearing your fetters," he asked, laughing. "Of course," replied Deutsch. "You see, I've come to you in full dress," pointing to his tied up chains. On another occasion Deutsch's bag was stolen. It contained, among other articles of a convict's attire, the indispensable fetters, and he had to apply for a new pair. "Take care you don't lose these!" said the officer as Deutsch packed them among his luggage.

## Some Very Ancient Laws.

King Amraphel of Babylon, who lived 2,250 years B. C., formulated a code of laws. His statutes, which were operative five centuries before the laws of Moses, numbered 282 and contain the following:  
"If a woman who sells beverages gives bad value for the money paid her, she shall be thrown into water."  
"If a wife be a spendthrift or if she otherwise neglect her duties, her husband may put her away without compensation, but if a man put away his wife for no other reason than that she has no children he shall return her whole dowry."  
"If a betrothal be rescinded, the man shall pay the woman compensation."  
"A widow with grown up children may not marry again without permission from a judge."—London Express.

## Some Errors of Speech.

Many make the mistake of saying "I intended to have told you" or "If I had known" instead of "I intended to tell you" or "If I had known." I have heard the following confused sentence from one who should know better: "I should have thought that you would have gone to have seen her." The correct sentence would be, "I should think that you would have gone to see her."  
It is incorrect to say "Those sort of things" instead of "Things of that sort." Do not say "Ain't" for "is not." "He don't" for "He does not" or "Not as I know" for "Not that I know" or "I have lit the lamps" for "I have lighted the lamps."—Delineator.

## Misunderstood.

Fergus Hume, who wrote a number of sensational books, was one day in a railway carriage with a friend, says the London M. A. P. In one corner was an old lady. Mr. Hume said to his friend that he really did not know how to murder any one in a new way. He had murdered at least twenty people, and now he wanted a new mode. The old lady shivered and looked most apprehensive. At the next station she got out hurriedly. Evidently she took Mr. Hume for a dangerous lunatic traveling with his keeper.

## Naval Gun Crews.

Each gun crew of a naval vessel consists of seven men besides the captain of the turret, who has general charge. There are two guns in each turret, so that when in action there are in a turret fifteen men. At each gun there are a pointer, a trainer, a sight setter, a rammer man, a holst man, a breech block man and a loader. Each has his station, and the seven men practically become part of the gun, working together like a machine.

## The Kittens.

Lady Visitor (to little girl)—What bere one?  
Little Girl—Why, haven't you heard? Lady Visitor—No. Was he drowned?  
Little Girl—Why, no. It grew up to be a cat.—Illustrated Bits.

## Opportunity.

"In about seven cases out of eleven," said Uncle Eben, "when a man comes around axin' yoh foh advice he's gwine to give yoh a chance to offer to lend him money."—Washington Star.

## FAVORITE AGES OF WOMEN.

They Appear to Range Between Sixteen and Twenty-four Years.

It may seem strange that women have preferences for particular ages. An inspection of the census, however, leaves no room for doubt that certain years are preferred and certain other years disliked by the members of the gentler sex.

Of children fourteen years and under the number of boys is nearly 400,000 greater than the number of girls; at fifteen the boys are still 6,000 ahead of the girls; at sixteen the girls are 6,000 the more numerous, and each year thereafter until the twenty-fourth there is an excess of women over men. The favorite ages within these limits are eighteen and twenty. There are 24,000 more misses of eighteen than there are boys of that age, and the young ladies twenty years old exceed their masculine companions by 54,000. At twenty-four and twenty-five the numbers of the two sexes are nearly equal. Then the women begin to grow less with great rapidity. The most unpopular ages are thirty and forty. At the former age there is a difference of 78,000 between the two sexes; at the latter 83,000.

One peculiar circumstance is that there are more women twenty years old than there are girls of thirteen or fourteen or any age up to twenty. This fact conclusively demonstrates that twenty is a very healthy age. But if the younger ages are unhealthy, where did the increased number who are twenty years old come from? No women are born that old.

Only an unusually elastic theory can account for these peculiarities with becoming gallantry to the lovelier sex.—J. S. Gilham in Ladies' Home Journal.

## YANKEE DOODLE.

The Original Version Dates From the Time of Oliver Cromwell.

The lively strains of "Yankee Doodle" are heard at every patriotic celebration, says a writer in Collier's Weekly, yet perhaps few of those whose pulses stir at the sound of the familiar notes are aware that it dates from the time of Oliver Cromwell and crossed the seas with the Puritans.

"Nankee Doodle" was one of the nicknames bestowed by the Cavaliers on the hated Roundhead, and a verse written upon Cromwell's entry into Oxford, riding on a small horse with a plume twisted into a sort of knot called a "macaroni," runs as follows:

Nankee Doodle came to town  
Upon a little pony,  
With a feather in his hat  
Upon a macaroni.

The transition from Nankee to Yankee—which came from Yengee, the Indian word for English—was very easy, and the Royalists used it as a jeer at all New Englanders.

When the Colonials in Boston, preparing for the coming war, smuggled muskets into the country, concealing them in loads of manure, the Tories sang to the old tune of "Lucy Fisher":

Yankee Doodle came to town  
For to buy a frotlock,  
We will tar and feather him,  
And so will John Hancock.

When the British forces marched to the battles of Concord and Lexington their approach was heralded by "God Save the King," but when the "Yankee farmers" saw the foe in full retreat the strains of "Yankee Doodle" accompanied

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE CRISIS.

The man who judges things by weight, bulk and dollars may well wonder at Japanese temerity. To Japan, with her 147,000 square miles, the annexation of Korea, with 82,000 square miles, means what the annexation of Mexico would to the United States. To Russia with 8,666,000 square miles, it means less than Southern California to us.

Though Japan has only one-third the population of her rival, she publishes as many books every year; and, despite the concentration of her population, which permits of the wide circulation of her city dailies, she publishes as many newspapers. The percentage of her people who can read and write is about equal to that of our own New England States. In schools and colleges she has 5,000,000 pupils and students, or one in every 10 of the population, where Russia has only one in every thirty-five. In fact, Japan, with her 44,000,000 people, probably has more subjects who can read and write than Russia with her 140,000,000. The Russians have given nothing to mechanical progress, but have used it products, the railroad and the rifle, to carry them almost to the doorway of Peking. The reformation awakened in Japan the spirit of "benevolent assimilation," and a realization that she must have more room for her growing population or perish. In '94 and '95, thanks to modern methods, Japan occupied Korea and the Liao-tung Peninsula, and had Peking at her mercy, when Russia, France, and Germany stayed her hand.

Both nations, then, are borrowers. Their artillery, their men-of-war, and their field telegraphs are no more a part of their own development than the Crenator guns, which pounded the British in South Africa, were of Boer civilization. Not since the Turks carved their way as far as the walls of Vienna, has an Oriental race presumed to meet a Northern race on its own ground. Every bizarre element that appeals either to the ear or to the eye enters into these negotiations upon which depends the momentous question of whether the Pacific shall be a Slav lake or not.—Collier's Weekly.

A Very Close Call. "I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by T. E. Zimmerman, Druggist. Price 50 cents.

A reduction of 25 cents a ton on coal at the mines in the vicinity of W. Va., has been made.

Ruth Cleveland Dead. Ruth Cleveland, the eldest daughter of ex-President Cleveland, died at the Cleveland home at Princeton, N. J., Jan. 7, very unexpectedly, the immediate cause of death being a weakening of the heart action during a mild attack of diphtheria.

Cured After Suffering 10 Years. B. F. Hare, Supt. Miami Cycle & Mfg. Co., Middletown, O., suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any permanent benefit. He says, "One night while feeling exceedingly bad I was about to throw down the evening paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble." Sold by T. E. Zimmerman, Druggist.

St. Louis The Place. The National Democratic Convention, to nominate candidates for President and vice-President, will be held in St. Louis, Mo., July 6, 1904.

There is a strong feeling among the members of the Senate that the United States should annex Santo Domingo and Hayti.

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson.

MILLION FOR PROSECUTIONS.

Chicago, 11.—Unlimited funds to aid in prosecuting the persons responsible for the Iroquois fire have been pledged to the "Iroquois Memorial Society," composed of relatives of victims.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the committee on permanent organization. Arthur E. Hull stated that the offer of funds had been made by a "firm with a financial backing of more than a million dollars."

The committee decided upon the following recommendations: To establish a suitable memorial to commemorate the names of the victims of the fire.

To render assistance to those made destitute through the loss of relatives in the fire.

To devise and carry out methods to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

To assist in and compel the enforcement of existing and future ordinances and statutes enacted for the purpose of safeguarding human life in public assemblages. It also was decided to appoint a committee to aid the coroner in his investigation.

Having heard the testimony of seven chorus men and eight chorus girls of the "Mr. Bluebeard" company with regard to the Iroquois Theatre fire, Assistant State's Attorney Barnes took a non-suit in the cases against them. They had been held on technical charges to insure their appearance at the inquest.

Ten men connected with the theatre were arraigned before Justice Caverly and their cases continued until January 21.

A diamond ring, valued at \$250, is the first important find in the "placer mine" operated in the debris of the Iroquois Theatre fire. Minute records of the places in the theatre from which the debris comes, besides the value of the article found, and other descriptive matter, are recorded to facilitate absolute identification.

By the death this afternoon of Herman Dein the number of dead in the Iroquois Theatre fire is brought up to 571.

Mrs. A. C. Widfall died before Bein. The body of Leroy Greenwald was identified by his father in a vault at Mount Hope Cemetery today. The body previously had been identified and claimed as that of Norman Corbin.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that the said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Wright Marcum and Frank Rogor, said to have lived near Baltimore, were among six men killed in dynamite explosion on the Norfolk and Western extension near Cassville, Wayne county, Va., on Saturday. Howard Biaggi, Fred. Marcum, Thomas C. Frazier and Howard Sullivan, the others killed, were residents of Wayne county. The men were eating lunch when killed.

Lameness in the muscles and joints indicates rheumatism. Don't dally with it a minute. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and cure it.

Ex-Congressman Edmund H. Driggs, convicted of receiving a commission on supplies sold to the United States Postoffice Department was sentenced in New York to one day in jail and fined \$10,000, which was paid.

AN OLD ADAGE SAYS

"A light purse is a heavy curse" Sickness makes a light purse. The LIVER is the seat of nine tenths of all disease.

Tutt's Pills

Go to the root of the whole matter, thoroughly, quickly safely and restore the action of the LIVER to normal condition.

Give tone to the system and solid flesh to the body. Take No Substitute.

DEATH OF CHARLES FOSTER.

Ex-Governor Charles Foster, who was also Secretary of the Treasury under President Harrison, died at the residence of Gen. J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio, Saturday, from the effects of cerebral hemorrhages. He was nearly 70 years old, and is survived by a widow and one daughter. He was stricken suddenly Friday night and never again regained consciousness. The Ex-Governor had intended to go to the inauguration of Governor-elect Herlick at Columbus last Monday.

Charles Foster was for many years one of the leading Republicans in Ohio and was a figure of national prominence.

He served for eight years in Congress as a member of the House and for four years as Governor of his State. He was also the Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of President Harrison.

DR. FENNER'S KIDNEY and Backache CURE

All diseases of Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Organs, Also Rheumatism, Backache, Headache, Gravel, Dropsy, Female Troubles. Don't become discouraged. There is a cure for you. If necessary write Dr. Fenner. He has spent a life time curing just such cases as yours. All consultations free.

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CALL AT JOS. E. HOKE'S Bargains.

AM NOW HAVING A JANUARY CLEARING SALE.

Fine \$1.00 Shirts, cut down price, 89c. " 75c " " " " 60c. " 50c " " " " 45c. Ladies \$1.00 Wrappers, " " 80c. " 85c " " " " 70c.

Just received a new lot of HAMBURGERS. Specially low prices.

EVERY VARIETY CEREALS. Mothers Oats..... 10c. Flake Rice..... 10c. Nut Flakes..... 15c. Porage..... 15c. Shredded Wheat Biscuits, two for 25c. Fine Cakes, Crackers, Nabisacs. Fruits of all kinds. Fresh Oysters twice a week. Fresh Fish every Thursday. Both Phones: County, No. 80. C. & P. No. 19-2.

Many Children Are Sickly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Break up Colds in 24 hours. Cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Diarrhoea. Warm. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Free Trial. Mrs. Rorer writes for each box. 10c. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. BOLLMAN MFG. CO., 140 Penn Ave., Mount Joy, Pa.

CAPT. SCHROEDER'S PENSION.

Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, Monday introduced a bill to increase the pension of Capt. Henry B. Schroeder, of Petersville, this county, formerly of the Third United States Infantry, to \$50 a month. Captain Schroeder is 83 years old and nearly blind. He graduated from West Point and was appointed a second lieutenant of the Third Infantry June 18, 1846. He served in the Mexican War, and on account of gallant service in one of its battles was promoted to be first lieutenant in 1847. In 1853 and 1859 he fought against the Navajo Indians. At the outbreak of the Civil War, on account of the health of his wife, he resigned his commission. He is now receiving \$24 a month. A similar bill was introduced in the House last week by Representative Penre.

Domestic Troubles. It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c. at T. E. Zimmerman's Drug Store.

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Dr. T. A. Slocum, the Great Chemist and Specialist, Will Send Free, to the Afflicted, Four Large Samples of His Newly Discovered Remedies to Cure Consumption and all Throat, Chest and Lung Troubles.

Nothing could be fairer, more philanthropic or carry more joy to the afflicted, than this offer. Confident that he has discovered an absolute cure for consumption and all pulmonary complaints, and to make its great merits known, he will send his Complete Treatment, embracing four large samples, to any reader who may be suffering from coughs, colds, catarrh, bronchial, throat and lung trouble or consumption.

Already this "New Scientific Course of Treatment" has permanently cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases. There will be no mistake in sending—the mistake will be in overlooking the generous invitation.

Free To All

To obtain these FOUR FREE PREPARATIONS that have never yet failed to cure, all you have to do is to write Dr. T. A. Slocum, 98 Pine Street, New York, giving full postoffice and express address. The four free remedies will then be sent you at once, direct from laboratories, with full instructions for use in every case.

General Gordon Dead. Gen. John B. Gordon, one of the most distinguished generals of the Confederacy, died at his winter home in Miami, Fla., on Saturday night at 10:05 o'clock. He became ill Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6, with acute indigestion. At 11 o'clock on Thursday morning a consultation of physicians was held and it was found that he was critically ill. Early Sunday all hopes were abandoned and the end was not unexpected. Gen. Gordon's son Major Hugh Gordon, and his daughter, Mrs. Burton Smith of Atlanta, were with him when he died.

New Advertisements. DAUCHY & CO.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM. Cleanses and beautifies the scalp. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never fails to restore color. Cures itching humors. Hair falling. Promotes the growth of the hair.

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HOKE & ANNAN'S Marble Yard, EMMITSBURG - MARYLAND. Monuments, Tombstones, and cemetery work of all kinds. Work neatly and promptly executed. Satisfaction guaranteed. Jan 29-17.

Notice to Creditors. THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Frederick County, Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of JOHN T. CRETIN, late of said County, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 20th day of June, 1904; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate. Those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1903. EMILY E. CRETIN, Administratrix. EDWARD H. ROWE, Agent. Dec. 18-51.

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Order Nisi on Audit. No. 7099 EQUITY. In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity. JANUARY TERM, 1904. In the Matter of the Auditor's Report filed the 13th day of January, 1904. Edgar L. Annan Assignee of Mortgage from Singleton Dursley and wife to Annan, Horner & Co., on Petition. ORDERED, that on the 4th day of February, 1904, the Court will proceed to act upon the Report of the Auditor, filed as aforesaid, in the above cause, to finally ratify and confirm the same, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown before said day; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Frederick County, for two successive weeks prior to said day. Dated 13th day of January, 1904. SAMUEL T. HOFFNER, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick Co. True Copy—Test: Jan. 15, 9-15 SAMUEL T. HOFFNER, Clerk.

NOTICE TO ROAD SUPERVISORS. OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Frederick, Md., Dec. 21, 1903. The January Session of the County Commissioners will commence at their office in the Court House, MONDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1904, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The first four days will be devoted to general business and the appointment of County Constables. Road Supervisors will be settled with and new appointments made in accordance with the following schedule: FIRST WEEK. January 4, 5, 6 and 7.—General business. January 8.—Burkittsville and Linganore Districts, Nos. 22 and 19. January 9.—Tuscarora District, No. 21. SECOND WEEK. January 11.—Lewistown District, No. 20. January 12.—Woodville and Hauvers Districts, Nos. 18 and 10. January 13.—Johnsville District, No. 17. January 14.—Jackson District, No. 16. January 15.—Mechanicstown District, No. 15. January 16.—Jefferson District, No. 14. THIRD WEEK. January 18.—Mt. Pleasant and Petersville Districts, Nos. 13 and 12. January 19.—Woodshoro District, No. 11. January 20.—New Market District, No. 9. January 21.—Liberty and Catoctin Districts, Nos. 8 and 6. January 22.—Urbana District, No. 7. January 23.—Emmitsburg District, No. 5. FOURTH WEEK. January 25.—Creagerstown District, No. 4. January 26.—Middletown District, No. 3. January 27.—Frederick, Ballenger and Braddock Districts, Nos. 2, 23 and 24. January 28.—Buckeystown District, No. 1. SPECIAL NOTICE.—Supervisors are particularly requested not to bring in their accounts before the day assigned for their district. Also, report all road machines, tools, lumber, tiling, or other road materials on their roads or in their possession belonging to the county. By Order, WILLIAM H. BLENTLINGER, President. CLEMENT C. AUSHERMAN, Clerk. Jan. 1-3ts.

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STIEFF PIANOS HOLIDAY BARGAINS. Call and examine same or write for suggestions. CHAS. M. STIEFF, 9 N. LIBERTY ST., BALTIMORE, MD.

EMMITSBURG MARKETS. The following market quotations, which are corrected every Friday morning, are subject to daily changes.

Wheat, (drt)..... 75. Rye..... 56. Oats..... 40. Corn per bushel..... 55. Old Corn, shelled per bushel..... 700 @ 9.0. Hay.....

Country Produce Etc. Corrected by Jos. E. Hoke. Butter..... 19. Eggs..... 26. Chickens, per D..... 9. Spring Chickens per D..... 10. Turkeys..... 14. Ducks, per D..... 14. Potatoes, per bushel..... 65. Dried Cherries, (seeded)..... 10. Raspberries..... 12. Blackberries..... 12. Apples, (dried)..... 8. Peaches, (dried)..... 8. Lard, per D..... 8. Beef Hides..... 3.

LIVE STOCK. Corrected by Patterson Brothers. Steers, per D..... 3 1/2 @ 4 1/4. Fresh Cows..... 30 @ 40. Fat Cows and Bulls, per D..... 34 @ 36. Hogs, per D..... 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4. Sheep, per D..... 8 @ 9. Lambs, per D..... 8 @ 9. Calves, per D..... 6 1/2 @ 7.

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# Emmitsburg Chronicle.

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE

NOTICE.—All announcements of concerts, festivals, picnics, ice cream and cake festivals and similar enterprises, not to be made unless they are for churches, associations, or individuals, must be paid for at the rate of five cents for each line.

Entered as Second-Class Matter at the Emmitsburg Postoffice.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15, 1904.

FREDERICK COUNTY 'PHONE 33

Snow fell here Wednesday morning to the depth of about 4 inches.

The egg market slumped from 35 cents to 25 cents a dozen in Hagerstown in 2 days.

An express train near Cumberland side-swiped a derailed freight car, but no one was hurt.

Catfish have been dipped by the bucketful from holes in the ice at the canal basin in Cumberland.

The will of Gen. H. Kyd Douglas, bequeathing an estate valued at \$35,000, was filed at Hagerstown.

Mrs. Edward T. Schaeffer, of near Adamstown, Frederick county, was arrested for sending improper matter through the mail.

Susan Robinson, colored, who wandered from home two weeks ago, was found dead in the woods near Springfield, Prince George's county.

W. R. Michael died at Franklin, near Westport, Allegany county, from blood poisoning, resultant from a broken leg, sustained in a fall on the ice.

Alphonso Dean, who was serving a sentence of five years in the penitentiary for burglary in Frederick county, has been pardoned by the Governor.

Mr. John F. Cooley, a farmer of northern Montgomery, was knocked down by one of his cattle and had his shoulder dislocated and was otherwise injured.

WANTED.—A girl to do general house work for a family of three. A good home for the right party. Address, Lock Box 150, Gettysburg, Pa. Jan 15-ct.

The legislature will be asked to authorize Hyattsville to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 for the purpose of constructing a sewerage system for the town.

The Legislature will be asked to amend the charter of Boonsboro. It is proposed to take additional territory into the town. The addition has been surveyed.

Owing to the prevalence of mumps and measles in Funkstown, Washington county, it was necessary to close the graded school in that place. Teachers as well as pupils are afflicted.

Mr. Jarrett N. Turnbaugh, 45 years old, a carpenter and farmer of Hereford, was struck by a fast train while crossing the Northern Central Railway at Jessop in a sleigh and almost instantly killed.

Judge Dohler, upon the report and petition of Allan McLane, receiver of the Maryland Trust Company, authorized the receiver to negotiate a loan of \$2,000,000 solely on securities of Vera Cruz and Pacific Railroad for the purpose of completing the railroad with equipment, etc.

John G. Shaffer, postmaster at McKibbin, near Piney Grove, Allegany county, dropped dead while distributing mail. Until recently he lived at Needmore. He was a Union veteran and a member of Warfordsburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The annual show of the Western Maryland Poultrymen's Association, to continue four days, began in Cumberland Tuesday with a large number of exhibits than at any previous show. Peter Baris is president and Charles F. Johnson secretary. G. G. Brown, of Baltimore, is judge.

Dividend Declared  
The Emmitsburg Water Company declared a dividend of 3 per cent, on the capital stock, payable on and after the first of February, 1904.

Littletown Silk Mill Starts  
The Monarch Silk Mill Company's new silk mill at Littletown has started up with twenty-five hands. The machinery is first-class and every thing is satisfactory. Additional hands will be gradually employed.

Poultry Profitable  
Jacob Keplinger, of Keedysville, Washington county, finds poultry raising very profitable. On January 1, 1903, he began with 45 hens, which laid 6,775 eggs during the year. The eggs sold for \$98.37. During the year 25 chickens were sold and 25 eaten by the family. After deducting the cost of the feed and incidental expenses, there remained a clear profit of \$55.76 and 52 fine, healthy hens to start another year.

Smallpox Abating  
Health Officer Ravenscraft, of Garrett county, says that those in and near Oakland suffering with smallpox are on the road to recovery and that the doctors in charge have the disease well under control. The only new case which has developed during the last ten days is that of Gus Delawder, near Oakland, who has an attack of varioloid, but is now on the mend. A strict quarantine has been and is still being kept on those houses where the contagion exists, and there is no reason why there should be a further spread of the disease. The condition is so much improved at Loch Lynn that Dr. Ravenscraft permitted the quarantine of the town to be lifted on Monday of last week.

### Store Window Robbery

Burglars at 1 o'clock Sunday morning smashed in a plate-glass show window of W. A. Templeton's store, Williamsport, and carried off blankets, shoes, shirts, underclothing, etc., valued at \$100, leaving not a single article in the window. Mrs. Templeton heard the glass smashing, but thought the noise was made by a drunken man breaking a bottle.

### Burned By Gas Explosion

Samuel Butts was terribly burned at Cherry Run by the bursting of a gas plant. Butts, who had charge of the plant, which was frozen attempted to thaw the pipes with a red-hot poker. His clothing caught fire from the flames that enveloped him and he was burned. A fellow workman threw his coat about Butts and saved him from being burned to death.

### Smallpox at Bendersville

Rev. D. Barnhart, of Bendersville, is a victim of smallpox, contracted while on a visit to his daughter, who was ill with the disease several weeks ago at Norris-town but has recovered.

### Team Down Mountain Side

A four-horse team, pulling a wagon loaded with 10 barrels of extract belonging to the J. P. Honck Tanning Company, went over the icy mountain side, 35 feet, at Brandywine, near Moorefield, W. Va., on Saturday night, with Granville Simmons, driver, who escaped serious injury, as did the horses. Two of the 10 barrels of extract were saved, but the remainder landed in Dry river, 600 feet beneath, and were demolished.

### Smallpox Cases

Dr. O. B. Stone, of Liberty, who attended Harry E. Metcalf for smallpox, is confined to his home, ill of varioloid. Dr. J. T. Simms is attending him and the house has been quarantined.

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## MR. WARFIELD NOW GOVERNOR.

### Took The Oath Of Office On Wednesday and Became the Chief Executive of Maryland.

On Wednesday Hon. Edwin Warfield, of Howard county, was inaugurated Governor of Maryland in the presence of a great throng of Marylanders that filled the chamber of the Senate at Annapolis, to overflowing. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice James McSherry, of Frederick. Before swearing fealty to the constitution Mr. Warfield delivered his inaugural address in the Chamber of the House of Delegates.

An immense crowd of enthusiastic Democrats from all parts of the State witnessed the inaugural ceremonies. They came by train and boat from Baltimore and elsewhere, and all seemed to enjoy the occasion immensely.

Incliment weather caused the abandonment of the plan to have the farewell address of Governor Smith and the inaugural of Governor-elect Warfield delivered from the front steps of the State House. The speechmaking was done in the hall of the House of Delegates and the new Governor took the oath in the Senate chamber. Consequently many of the visitors were unable to witness the principal features of the day, but all inconveniences were accepted good-naturedly.

### GETS CONTROL OF TROLLEYS

Interest identified with the Cumberland Valley Railroad have organized the Valley Traction Company, which has just secured a lease for 985 years of the Harrisburg and Mechanicsburg trolley line, which parallels the Cumberland Valley road.

Vice-President M. C. Kennedy, of the Cumberland Valley, was elected president of the Valley Traction Company. Several directors of the Cumberland Valley were also elected directors of the Valley Company.

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## ASSAULTED BY NEGRO.

### A Colored Woman Attacked In Road Near Lime Kiln.

Ellen Posey, colored, aged about 45 years, was assaulted Monday afternoon by an unknown negro while on the road home from the residence of Dr. D. F. McKenny, near Lime Kiln, where she had been washing.

The negro woman said the man met her in the public road and assaulted her. She struck him over the head with a can of milk she was taking to her home in Lime Kiln. The negro then grabbed her and threw her to the ground.

Her cries attracted some laborers on Mr. McKenny's farm and the man, when he saw his attempt was useless, took to the field and ran toward Frederick Junction. The men arrived too late to see the negro.

Word was immediately telephoned to Sheriff Young, who notified the deputies in the different sections around Frederick and gave them a description of the negro.

He was described by the woman to be of average height, heavy set, dark in color, weighing about 160 pounds, and she said he wore a derby hat and black clothes.

Nothing has been heard of the unknown negro since he was seen going toward the junction.

## NEW CHARTER FOR FREDERICK.

The committee appointed by the Business Men's Association for the purpose of looking into the revision of the present charter of Frederick and making such improvements thereto as would de-benefit to the benefit and beauty of the city, made their report to the Association last Friday evening.

Among other things the city will be given the power to tax all unions of trades, business concerns and professions, which now escape. Vehicles, telegraph, telephone and electric-light poles will also be taxed. It is estimated that an addition of at least \$20,000 will be placed in the city treasury each year that has gone astray all these years.

An adjustment will also be made of the city waterworks affairs, the price of water privileges, etc. It is said much revenue escapes each year through this channel. The greater part of the revenue derived under the operation of the new charter will be used for smooth streets and after that for other public necessities.

## SAD FALLING OFF IN DEMAND FOR TERRAPIN.

"Not in many years has there been such a slump in the diamond back terrapin market as at present," said a dealer in the Chesapeake bay luxury, last Saturday.

"I have \$5000 worth of diamond backs now in stock," he continued, "and expect to drop \$1,000 on my transactions. There is simply no demand.

"The ice embargo and the cold weather have nothing to do with this. This is prime weather to put diamond backs on the table. Financial and not the weather conditions, I think, are responsible for the apparent disrepute into which the terrapin has fallen.

"No, prices are not higher than usual. A fine five-inch diamond back may be bought at retail for \$15 per dozen; six-inch, at from \$40 to \$45, and seven-inch, at from \$60 to \$70. The supply is unusually heavy.

"Baltimore's supply of diamond backs is drawn principally from the waters of the lower Eastern Shore and Virginia. Some come from as far south as Florida but the demand is almost exclusively for the product of the Chesapeake.

"When does the terrapin supply come in? During November and the early part of December."—Morning Herald.

## Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c, at T. E. Zimmerman's Drug Store.

## And Old Deed Recorded.

A deed for a house and lot on West Patrick street, in Frederick, from Chas. and Maria Hunschouse to Miss Anna Rebecca Levy, who subsequently married Henry Boteler, dated January 6, 1824, was filed for record in the clerk's office Saturday. The deed was found in an old safe in Mr. Boteler's office.

## Nothing More Dangerous.

Than Cutting Corns. The Foot-Ease Sanitary Corn Plasters cure by absorption. Something entirely new. The sanitary oils and vapors do the work. Sold by all druggists 25c, or by mail Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

## SALE REGISTER.

January 22, at 1 p. m., John A. Matthews, trustee, will sell at Deerfield Station, W. M. R. R., a house and lot, situated 1 mile southwest of Deerfield.

Feb. 6, at 1 p. m., John Duffel will sell at his residence at Mott's Station, 1 horse, buggy, farming implements, etc.

February 27, at 12 p. m., Shalley will sell at his residence 1 mile south of Fairfield, farming implements and household goods.

## LIQUOR LICENSE LAW.

### Amendments Proposed By Ministers In Washington County.

The committee, composed of Revs. W. C. Griffith, R. J. Campbell and A. B. Statton, appointed by the Ministerial Union to draft amendments to the Washington County Liquor law for passages at the present session of the Legislature, met at Mr. Griffith's office Saturday and formulated amendments. The committee presented the draft at a meeting of the Ministerial Union Monday morning.

Under the present law signers to saloonkeepers' petitions for license must live within one mile of the saloon, if the saloon is in Williamsport, Sharpsburg, Keedysville, Sandy Hook, Boonsboro, Funkstown, Beaver Creek, Smithsburg, Leitersburg, Clearspring or Hancock; signers for the bar there may live as far as eight miles away. Signers for saloons in any of the other villages, excepting those named, may live as far as two miles distant. Under one of the proposed amendments the villages of Indian Springs, Benecola, Cearloss, Chewsville, Tilghamton, Cavetown, Yarrowsville and Downsville are added to the towns requiring that signers must not live more than one mile away.

Under the present law one person may sign as many as two applications for license, and in Hagerstown district one person may sign as many as three. Under another proposed amendment it is intended to change the law so no person can sign more than one application in any district in the county.

Another amendment proposes that no saloon shall be located within 300 feet of any church or schoolhouse in the county.

An amendment deals with the matter of protests and when a saloon keeper may take out license. It is intended to change the law so no saloon keeper who is turned down for license upon hearing of a protest can take out a license until the beginning of the next license year, May 1. Under the existing law a saloon keeper may take out a license, if he complies with the law, at the beginning of the next month, even though he is turned down under protest.—Sun.

## FAIRFIELD ITEMS.

Fairfield, Jan. 12.—Mr. Zac Sanders, of this place, is very ill at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Twissell, of Gettysburg, are visitors at Fairfield. He is going west in the near future. His destination is Sheffield, Ill.

Mr. Henry Hoke, of near Emmitsburg, spent last Sunday at Fairfield.

The business men at Fairfield have their ice houses all filled with fine ice, ice at Mr. Jim Mickle's dam was 18 inches thick.

What is the matter with the railroads? An accident occurs nearly every day. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowe, of Fairfield, made a business trip to Gettysburg on Tuesday.

Mrs. Elmer Baumgardner is on the sick list. She is improving. A great many people will move in the spring. There are some people at this time who have not yet rented.

Mr. Wm. Smith, an old soldier of the Civil War, died last Tuesday, of heart trouble. Mr. Smith was 69 years, 5 months and 22 days old. Funeral Friday. Interment at cemetery near Fairfield. Mr. Smith was a member of the Burial association at Yarrowboro. He was buried by the order of the association.

Mrs. Charles Knox, of Knoxville, was a visitor to Fairfield on last Thursday, on business.

Mr. Robert F. Sanders, of Oak Grove, since he has sold his property, has bought C. J. Sifton's house, on main street, Fairfield, from Mrs. Charles Knox, one of the heirs, for \$1050.00. He takes possession the first of April.

Miss Shue, of Union Bridge, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reindollar, of Fairfield.

The communion service which was to be held Sunday in the Lutheran church, at Fairfield, was postponed until next Sunday, the 17 inst., on account of the death of Mr. Ritter's mother. Rev. Mackley preached on last Sunday morning in the Lutheran church and Rev. Laughlin in the evening. Rev. Ritter attended the funeral of his mother.

## Saved From Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In the terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles Free at T. E. Zimmerman's Drug Store.

## DISHPANS AND WASHBOILERS.

The town of Garrett, in the Meyersdale region, about 30 miles above Cumberland, was widely excited all day Friday. The women were the promoters of the excitement. Harvey and Walter Strutz, who refused to join the striking miners and who had been working in the mines, were the subjects of their attention. Harvey Strutz was instrumental in having a dozen strikers arrested for riot and they are now out on bail awaiting the action of the grand jury. This, with the fact that the Strutzes have been working despite the strike, caused about 200 women to make a demonstration against them. They went to the mouth of the mine of the Garrett Coal Company, where the Strutz boys work, armed with dishpans, washboilers and horns and carrying flags. When the two men appeared they were surrounded by the women, who accompanied them to their homes, hooting and beating the pans with sticks. The men calmly tried to escape. The streets were lined with people, and leading citizens afterward got up a large donation for those who participated in the demonstration. Garrett seems to be the storm center of the strike.

## Just One Minute

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the mucus which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of Coughs, Colds, and Croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. Sold by T. E. Zimmerman.

## THREE KILLED, TWO WOUNDED.

### St. Louis Express Strains Into Loaded Steel Coal Scow, But No Passengers are Injured.

Baltimore and Ohio passenger train No. 4, from St. Louis and Cincinnati to New York, running a double-header, several minutes late, crashed into a large loaded steel coal scow at Everts Creek, one mile east of Cumberland at 3 o'clock last Friday morning. Three trainmen were killed and two injured.

The train was as follows: Eli S. Roberts, the engineer, 1517 West Mulberry street, Baltimore, from scalds and internal injuries.

Harry P. Kilby, 33 East Barney street, Baltimore, fireman on the second engine, crushed to death under tender.

B. F. Kefauver, of Eakle's Mill, Washington county, Md., fireman on first engine, crushed between engine and tender.

The wounded are: George B. Pamphrey, engineer, Brunswick, Md., back and hips bruised, injured internally.

J. K. Conrad, fireman, Cumberland, in freight service, injured internally. Passenger trains No. 10 and 4 run a few moments apart, and No. 10, which comes by way of Pittsburg, had just passed Everts Creek. A freight crew had taken a siding to permit No. 10 to pass, and it is stated the conductor of the freight had gone to the tower for orders and had instructed his crew to remain on the siding and not move the train until his return. No. 4 was about due, but it is claimed, contrary to instructions, the engineer of the freight train began to shift cars on the main track. A steel car being shifted received the full force of the passenger train, which, however, was not under full headway, as slow orders are issued in running through the yards toward Everts Creek. The second engine, No. 1318, was piled upon the first, No. 1410, the latter being badly torn and twisted.

Fireman Kefauver was caught under the wreckage and instantly killed. It was some time before his body could be removed.

Engineer Roberts was taken from the wreck alive and asked that his mother be notified. His legs were broken and body and face so badly scalded that the flesh hung in streaks.

While the passengers were considerably shaken, not one sustained any injury. Passenger brakeman John Neeve's hip was wrenched.

The remains of the trainmen killed were removed to Butler's morgue, where they were prepared for burial. The bodies of the Baltimoreans were sent home Friday evening on train No. 46. Mr. Kefauver's body was interred at his home, in Washington county. Fireman Kefauver was evidently stirring the fire when the crash occurred, because the end of the poker was driven through his body. Fireman Kibby was also stirring the fire when the crash occurred.

Engineer Pamphrey, on the first engine, saved himself by jumping through the cab window. The car with which the train collided was being shifted to the rear of the train, as it was broken, and while Conductor J. D. Ellis, of the freight, was on the tower Engineer J. H. Ambrose and Brakeman M. S. Thompson began the shifting.

## JURY DRAWN.

Judges McSherry and Motter, Saturday afternoon drew the following jurors for the February term of the Circuit Court.

Buckeystown—Charles M. Elliott and Edward Keller. Frederick—Milton H. Staley, George Mehring, Ralph Mercer, George A. Gilbert, Edward W. Miller, Henry J. Krise, Charles D. Doll, Charles E. Haller and Wm. C. Birely.

Middletown—Calvin B. Coblenz and George W. Rock. Cregarstown—Wm. J. Eicholtz. Emmitsburg—John W. Shoemaker and Eichelberger Welty. Catoctin—Elias E. Sheppy. Urbana—Jacob W. Davis and John R. Lamar.

Liberty—J. M. Riley and J. Brook Boyle. New Market—Cornelius W. Main and Andrew J. Zimmerman. Havvers—Alfred Pryor and James O. Harne.

Woodboro—Benjamin M. Smith and Joseph Miller. Petersville—Hamilton C. Merriman and Clarence W. Hillcary. Burkittsville—James C. Darnier and Charles E. Pfeifer. Mt. Pleasant—Samuel E. Hoffman and Charles E. Lare.

Jefferson—George J. B. Lewis and Geo. C. Culler. Mechanistown—Joshiah E. Whitte and John Root. Jackson—Lewis F. Flook and Luther F. Smith. Jonesville—Wm. E. Grimes and John C. Fishback. Woodville—Frank Thompson. Linganore—Warren E. Dudgeon. Lewistown—Harry E. Albaugh and Jacob E. Palmer.

Thascoo—James S. McKenna. Braddock—Levi J. Wolf. Ballenger—George Stockman.

## Q. R. S. MEETING.

On Tuesday evening the Q. R. S. met at the home of Mrs. James Helman. Herbert Spencer having been chosen for the evening's discussion. Mrs. M. F. Shuff and Mrs. J. H. Stokes, committee. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the program was taken up, which embraced the following: Two interesting and instructive papers were prepared and read respectively by Rev. Charles Reinwald and Rev. A. M. Gluck. Instrumental duet, "La Baladine," Miss Shulenberger and Mrs. James Helman; Items concerning Spencer; Male quartette; Harmonious reading. Rev. D. H. Riddle, D. D.; Closure by the members closed the program. "Has Immigration been a benefit to the United States?" was selected for discussion for February meeting. Mrs. E. R. Zimmerman, Miss A. Helman, committee. Visitors, Mrs. L. S. Annan, Miss Annan, Mrs. E. L. Annan, Mrs. S. N. McNair, Miss McNair, Mrs. A. A. Annan, Miss White, Mrs. J. Stewart Annan, Miss Rachel Shulenberger, Misses Gertrude, Alice, and Anna Annan, Mrs



FINISHING FOWLS.

Country Prepared for Market in the Great Poultry Houses. Concerning the vast improvement that has recently taken place in the methods of preparing poultry for market the Country Gentleman says: Poultry prepared in the way that we shall describe is called finished poultry. This is not excessively fat, but of the very finest condition for the table. Poultry that is fattened as we usually handle it in this country is rather greasy. The feeding of corn seems to fill in fat between the layers of meat, which gives the greasy finish to the meat. The way that the poultry is now prepared along the lines of improvement gives a more solid, closely formed fiber, with scarcely any fat at all present in the meat. This is done by selecting fowls that are meat forming and not fat forming when fed to the fowls. Mr. Miller Purris of Chicago has given much attention to this matter, and we



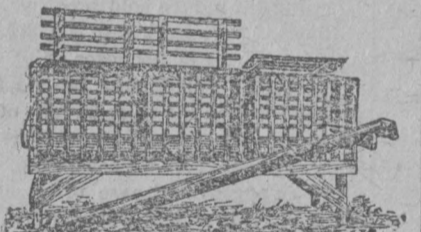
THE CRAMMING MACHINE.

have gained considerable information from reading his articles as well as in conversation with him.

The process of finishing fowls in the manner we shall describe is largely carried on at present by the great packing houses of the west. The fowls are brought in in large numbers and confined in crates like that shown in the illustration. Two, three and oftentimes five chickens, according to size, are confined in these pens. They are fed in troughs entirely with mash or mixed feeds. No water to drink is given them while they are being finished for market. It usually takes three weeks to get them in the best condition. They are fed the mash food in the trough as long as they will eat in sufficient quantities to make them take on flesh. As soon as they hesitate to eat the stuffing machine is brought into use, and the fowls are stuffed in this way until properly finished.

The craming machine, shown in the illustration, is something like the sausage stuffer and is filled with the same mixture of soft food that has been fed in the troughs. The rubber tube is inserted into the crop of the fowls, and with gentle pressure of the foot upon the lever the crop is filled completely full of food and the fowls returned to the coops.

The food used for this purpose is made up largely of a mixture of ground oats, corn and buckwheat, with some low grade flour and wheat middlings mixed in with them. The flour and the middlings are largely made use of for holding the mixtures together in a mash. These materials are cooked in a



FATTENING CRATE AND FRAME.

steam heater and made into a mash of about the consistency of a thick batter. This is fed, as above stated, first in the troughs and finally through the use of the stuffing machine. The strictest care is observed in sending the troughs thoroughly whenever needed. Plenty of grit must be provided, and the one in charge must be thoroughly acquainted with the work as well as experienced in knowing when the fowls are finished and ready for market.

Laying Tile. One bad tile may destroy the value of a drain. It pays to examine each piece. I prefer that which is rather hard burned, and it should ring clear. Laying by hand is best. The tile should be turned so that the top joints closely. We want the water to rise into the pipe, not fall into it. The first filling of the trench should be made by spreading some fine soil from the sides. This light covering insures against any displacement by heavy clods or pieces of turf when the remainder of the filling is done with a plow. Carefulness is the watchword in underdrainage. Begin with the right system. Have the grade right, make sure the main has sufficient capacity, reject poor tile and make the joints tight so as to keep silt from entering freely. The water will get in and will run through if the grade has been made right.—David in Farm and Poultry.

Shade Grown Sumatra. The future of shade grown Sumatra in New England seems problematical to the New England Homestead, which says everything is going to depend on prices realized for 1902 crop, a large portion of which has not been sold.

Men who take things without thanks and let them go without repining are generally the most successful of mortals.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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KING WHEAT.

Interesting Points in Its Story in the United States.

The wheat of the United States is divided into two sub-varieties, winter wheat and spring wheat. These are again divided into many groups, bald and bearded, hard and soft, white and red, and subdivided into varieties, according to the texture and color of the kernel and color and quality of the straw and other characteristics. Winter wheat is sown in the autumn and harvested in the early summer. Spring wheat is planted in the spring and harvested late in the summer and early autumn. It is needless to enumerate the climatic causes which work to the disadvantage of these two great rivals in the wheat kingdom. Drought, winter killing, early frosts and wet harvests all have an important influence over the crop returns. Twenty-five states and territories raise winter wheat, nineteen produce spring wheat, and some states raise both. The leading crop producers in the winter wheat section are Kansas, California, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Oregon, Michigan, Maryland and Tennessee. Of the spring wheat list Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Washington, Wisconsin and Iowa are the most important.

The wheat crop of the United States in 1901 was 721,000,000 bushels. The per capita consumption is estimated at 4.53 bushels. The exports of wheat for the twelve months ending June, 1902, were nearly 155,000,000 bushels and the exports of flour nearly 18,000,000 barrels. The principal countries which took wheat from the United States in their order of quantity, were the United Kingdom, Germany, British North America, Africa and France. The principal buyers of flour were the United Kingdom, Holland, Germany, China, Cuba and the West Indies, Brazil, Japan and Africa. The total value of the exports of wheat and flour exceeded \$178,000,000. Previous to 1872 the largest crop of wheat raised in the United States did not equal the amount exported thirty years later.

Commercially the millers of the United States outrank all others. Their mills are the largest and have the greatest capacity. The development since the introduction of the purifier and the roller has been such that American flour now compares successfully in all foreign countries from which it is not debarred by prohibitive tariffs.—"Story of a Grain of Wheat."

A Rack for the Feed Lot. In the west we build a rack like this for feeding straw in an open lot to horses and cattle, says a correspondent in an exchange. Lay two logs, any length, say east and west, matching them at the ends on top, and lay the ends of them six feet on the inside. Build log cabin fashion until it is high enough to reach a cow's brisket. Then lay only one log and set it in the middle of the crib, notch it well and spike it down. Now lay poles all along, resting the foot of each under the bottom log on the inside and leaning the pole on the top log in the middle. Then lay one from the opposite so as to make an X, using the log in the center as a rest and the bottom log as a foothold. Fasten the end poles, and the others will stay in place as long as the straw is kept in there. You can make them any length desired. The poles being laid alternately give space enough to admit the horses to the straw, and by having the poles ten feet or more long the rack will hold a good load of hay or straw for about twenty feet in length of crib.

Electric Tree Cutting. The United States consul at Frankfurt reports to Washington results of an experiment conducted in Germany on cutting trees by electricity. A platinum wire heated to a white heat by an electric current is used like the old time saw. It works very quickly and makes no sawdust. The slight charring of the surface over which the wire has passed acts as a preservative to the cut log.—American Gardening.

Dipping the Hogs. Some day I hope to have a dipping vat for my hogs, says A. Homan in Field and Farm. I intend making it out of brick and cement and to have it conveniently located, so that it will not be much trouble to drive the hogs through it every month or so. This is the only sure way of keeping lice killed all the time. It is also a good arrangement to clean the hogs thoroughly once in awhile.

Things That Are Said. When a person says "I know," we must have great respect for him or pity him. Sad experience teaches what one must go through in order really to know.

Those who have sneered at scientific farming will have to come to it or they will fare badly in the general rush for success.

The importance of the good and competent farmer cannot be overestimated. He is an object lesson that all neighboring farmers would do well to imitate.

Brains and energy are cranky. They are not content to run continually in old grooves, but are constantly looking out for new and better ways of doing work.

In promoting progress in agriculture it is very desirable that practical farmers keep a careful record of facts which relate to the culture of the soil on their farms.

No farmer can afford to be ignorant of any question that confronts the public today.

An Impossible Combination. He was trying to be dignified, but the orange peel made a failure of the effort.

He accepted the situation with becoming philosophy. "I find," he said, "that a man can't stand on his dignity and the back of his neck at the same time."—Chicago Tribune.

Now, Was It? Clerk—Is this to be charged, madam? Lady—Oh, yes; you'll have to. My husband has just lost his position!—Harper's Bazar.

LAZY MAN'S PARADISE.

The Women Are the Hard Workers in the West Indies.

On market day in the West Indies thousands of peasant women and girls can be seen walking along the roads to the town from their palm thatched huts in the mountains and woods. They carry on their heads immense loads of bananas, oranges, yams, plantains, brown sugar or tobacco, stepping along at the rate of four miles an hour with the gait of a princess.

Constant carrying of heavy loads gives them a splendid carriage. They will walk forty miles to market to sell 30 cents' worth of produce. Often they could sell the same stuff for a better price at their homes, but they enjoy the merry company on the road and the fun and gossip of the market place too much to give up their weekly jaunt. Most people think such a tramp hard work, but they regard it as a picnic. Tramping along over rough mountain tracks, fording swift rivers, tugging fractious mules in the way that they should go, the women never let their loads fall. They could dance a jig without dropping them.

Meanwhile the men folk, who have not even taken the trouble to sow or harvest the crops, much less carry them to market, are sleeping in the palm thatched hut or lying down in the yam patch outside and smoking the strong native tobacco.

"On my estate," said a coffee planter to an American friend, "I employ about 600 people in the busy seasons. The women outnumber the men by more than two to one and do far better work, though they are only paid 18 cents a day as compared with the men's 24 cents. The difference in wages is most unfair, but it is regulated by an iron bound custom."—Kansas City Star.

Jungle Housekeeping. The negro housewife in the West Indian jungle finds housekeeping very easy. Fruit and vegetables grow wild all about the hut, and the river abounds with fish.

On wash day all she has to do is to pick a few of the berries of the soapberry tree, take her clothes to the river and use the berries as she would use ordinary soap. Even her cooking pots greasy on the trees, the calabash cut in halves being used for this purpose. Calabashes are used also for bowls, basins and jugs for carrying water from the river, while the small ones make excellent cups.

In the afternoon, when she is ready for her cup of tea, the negro picks half a dozen leaves from the lime bush growing at her door, boils them, squeezes the juice from a sugar cane for sweetening, and the coconut supplies the milk. Thus she has a delicious cup of tea without depending on the grocer for it.

She makes the mats for her floor out of the dried leaves of the banana, plaited and sewed together, as the old country people in this country make their rag mats.

Colchester's Oyster Feast. Famous indeed is the Colchester oyster feast, and to be invited is considered the highest compliment the town can confer not only from the importance of the function, but because that meal is an unlimited supply of the finest obtainable natives, of which some sacks are consumed. Even from the times of the Romans these oysters have been celebrated, says the London Chronicle. Exclusive rights to the oyster fisheries were granted to the town under a charter of Richard I., and in the reign of Elizabeth horse loads of oysters were accepted as gifts by the courtiers of the time. Massinger's Justice Greedy commences his day with "a barrel of Colchester oysters," a statement that shows how altered are the customs of today.

THE END OF NIAGARA. In Twenty-Five Centuries the Great Falls Will Have Disappeared. In 2,500 years hence the discharge of the Niagara will have become intermittent, ceasing at low stages of the lake, and finally the Niagara river, on the rising edge of the basin, will have its waters turned back and southward, and no water will flow over the Niagara escarpment of that day. Through this agency alone Niagara falls will cease to exist long before the escarpment has been worn away to the river level at Grand Island, but as it is even now lessening the volume of water poured over the falls the erosive power of the stream is diminishing, and we must therefore increase the period necessary for the retreat of the Canadian falls to the south end of Goat Island and the stealing of the waters of the American falls.

Assuming the continuity of the forces named, we might outline the probable future life and death of the falls thus: With progressive loss in water volume the Canadian falls will reach the south end of Goat Island in from 1,000 to 1,500 years, the death of the American falls.

The flow of the waters will now have become intermittent, and at first only at periods of mean and high water in Lake Erie, eventually at high water alone, will there be any discharge over the escarpment. This will continue for a period of from 1,500 to 2,000 years.

The entire flow to the north will cease, and the river will flow back into Lake Erie, leaving the escarpment dry at a point not very far south of Goat Island and with a height of about 100 feet. This will be 3,000 years hence the death of Niagara falls.—John M. Clarke, Ph. D., LL. D., in Harper's Weekly.

An Effective Touch. A western senator tells a story of a judge who had occasion to fine a lawyer in that state \$100 for contempt of court.

After court had adjourned the lawyer approached the judge and said, "Your honor, I want to ask a great favor of you."

"What is it?" inquired the judge. "I have a pressing obligation to meet. That hundred you took for that fine was the money I had to meet it with. I wish you would lend me \$100 for a few days."

"Hi, Mr. Crier," shouted the judge, "convene court again!" Court was reconvened, and then the judge remitted the fine.

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