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WONDERFUL INSECTS.

The Marvelous Ways of Various Species of Ants.

Lieutenant Colonel Sykes saw at Poomani ants carrying out grain to dry in the sun. Dr. Linnaeus in Texas found ants which planted a certain seed bearing grass, reaped it and carried the grain into their cells, where they stripped it of chaff and packed it away. The paper relating this was read by Darwin before the Linnaean society. Another observer has told us of ants which grow mushrooms.

The foraging ants of Brazil and western equatorial Africa are terrible creatures. Elephants and gorillas fly before them; the python takes care not to indulge in a meal till he has satisfied himself that there are none of them about. They have a "leisured class," much larger creatures, which accompany their march. "The subaltern officers in a marching regiment" they are not fighters, however. One curious conjecture as to their function has been made. They are indigestible, and birds spare the whole army lest they should get hold of one of these tough morsels. This, it must be allowed, looks a little too strange.

Slaves the ants certainly have, but they do not make slave raids; the larvae of the inferior race are carried off and hatched out. The crowning marvel, however, is that the British slave owning ant, and he alone, makes his slaves fight for him.—London Spectator.

CHILDREN IN THE HOME.

They Bring Anxiety, but Very Much More Comfort.

The children of the family—one is apt to look on them as burdens, bothers and expenses.

When the baby comes, he is ever so welcome, the mother has more work to do. As it grows into childhood and to maturity it is more and more care, worry and expense.

And so the little children, those innocent trespassers, are borne with as patiently as possible until they grow to a successful manhood or womanhood.

A few stop to think deeply about this, or it would be plainly seen how erroneous the impression.

The children of the family, instead of being burdens, are burden bearers; small saviors who are daily means of grace, and who lead the world worn parents once more into the paths of innocence and peace.

A baby's tiny hand clasped around his mother's finger has still heart throbs of sorrow and of bitter trouble; a baby's arms around his father's neck have brought to the man's weary brain a renewal of that love which is all that makes life livable.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

BLOWING OUT A CANDLE.

The Effect a Puff of Breath Has on the Flame.

A burning candle is a gas manufactory on a small scale. The wax or tallow is converted by the heat of the flame into gas, and in that form enters into chemical combination with the oxygen of the surrounding air.

This chemical union causes a very high rise in temperature in the elements concerned. In fact, it produces what we know as flame of fire, which is simply the white hot molecules of carbon and oxygen. The gas making process is started by the match in lighting the candle and is afterward continued by the flame itself.

Our breath acts in three ways: (1) It carries away the particles of gas bodily. (2) It lowers their temperature at the same time, so that they are no longer capable of entering into chemical union with the oxygen. (3) The breath contains carbonic acid gas, which is incapable of supporting combustion and so helps to extinguish the flame.

Betting For a Friend.

A gentleman was requested by a lady to put her a tenner on a certain horse if he fancied it. Now, he did not fancy the animal nor back it and was greatly surprised to see it win. Of course he was pleased, but his satisfaction was interrupted by the reflection that the lady would doubtless imagine that her tenner had been invested. The trainer inquired the price—20 to 1. Though a poor man, he was—and is, I should say—so kindly and scrupulous that he would not disappoint his friend, and sent her £200, which he could exceedingly ill afford. Doubtless to this day she has no knowledge of the truth.—London Sporting News.

The Passing of Chivalry.

When gallantry prevailed in the south no woman was allowed to carry home a bundle of any kind. If any gentleman caught one in the act of lugging a purchase from some shop to her domicile he felt in duty bound to tip his hat, make low obeisance and beg the privilege of acting as her expressman. This common courtesy was accepted of all men in the spirit in which a queen would allow a vassal to serve her. Nowadays southern women, like their northern sisters, tote their own packages.—New York Press.

Three Very Good Reasons.

Candid Minister—Good morning, Janet. I am sorry to hear you did not like my preaching on Sunday last. What was the reason? Janet—I had three very good reasons, sir. Firstly, ye read yer sermon; secondly, ye did not read it well, and, thirdly, it was no worth readin' at a'—London Tit-Bits.

Crushed.

"Very well, sir," said Dr. Quack after his quarrel with the undertaker. "I'll make you sorry for this."
"What are you going to do?" asked the undertaker—"retire from practice?"—Exchange.

THE RAILROAD FIREMAN.

Building a Fire in a Locomotive Is Not an Easy Job.

The average citizen manages to set the house in an uproar every time he has to make a fire in the heater, but his job is a trifle in comparison with what a railroad fireman faces when a new fire has to be built in a locomotive. As a starter about 200 pounds of wood are necessary to fire up the ordinary engine. The wood used is old railroad ties cut into convenient blocks. When the fire box has been lined with wood it is drenched with oil, and the match is applied.

As soon as the fire gains headway forced draft is applied, the operation necessary being performed in the roadway, where all apparatus for quickly producing high temperature is at hand. When a good bed of blazing wood has been produced the fireman gets busy with his shovel, placing coal in even layers over the flames. This part of the work is hard on the back, and the aggrieved individual whose woe is evident to the whole block when he labors with the heater would go down and out in the first minute at it. Under the forced draft it is only a few minutes before the coal has been reduced to a sheet of embers at white heat, and by this time there is enough steam pressure generated to permit of the locomotive being moved under its own power.

Continuous resort to the shovel on the part of the fireman does the rest. It is only about once a month that a new fire is built in a locomotive while in service. The balance of the time the fire is kept alight by being banked when the iron horse is not on the road.—Philadelphia Record.

THE HAIR COMB.

It Was In Remote Times Used In Religious Ceremonies.

It would be curious to know what mystic meaning our forefathers attached to the simple act of combing the hair. We learn from old church records that the hair of the priest or bishop was combed several times during services by one of the inferior clergy, but what such a queer proceeding signified no one knows. The comb is also mentioned as one of the implements used during high mass, but only when sung by a bishop. Mass combs of the precious metals are still reckoned as the most valuable possessions of some European churches, though they are of no use in modern ceremonies. Besides the gold and silver combs, the poorer churches had them of ivory, iron, horn and even wood. Combs especially known to antiquarians are those of St. Neot, St. Dunstan and St. Malindus. That formerly belonging to St. Thomas, the martyr of Canterbury, is still kept in the church at Thetford; that of St. Cuthbert, "the woman hater," at Durham cathedral.

From sundry references in old legends to the use of the comb in divinations and from its appearance in combinations with pagan emblems on rude sculptured stones in many of the old countries, it seems probable that it was a widely known pagan device and one that was highly venerated.—London Standard.

The Girdle of Old.

Howell quotes as familiar a French proverb, "Il a quite sa ceinture" (He has given up his girdle), which intimated as much as if he had become bankrupt or had all his estate forfeited, it being the ancient law of France that when any man upon some offense had the penalty of confiscation inflicted upon him "he used before the tribunal to give up his girdle, implying thereby that the girdle held everything that belonged to a man's estate, as his budget of money and writings, the keys of his house, with his sword, dagger and gloves." The fact that the girdle was used as a purse had much to do with its importance in general appreciation. We have an English proverb confirmatory of this appreciation. It is said, "Ungirt, unblest," and that it was in very common use is clear from the frequency with which the phrase occurs in old out of the way literature.—Chambers' Journal.

Flowers of Good Cheer.

Although Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes never practiced medicine, those who knew him intimately say that he cheered more sinking invalids, cured more sick people and did more good, even from a medical standpoint, than many of his young physician friends. The secret of his power lay in his overflowing cheerfulness and kindness of heart. He scattered "flowers of good cheer" wherever he went. With him optimism was a creed. "Mirth is God's medicine," he declared. "Everybody ought to bathe in it. Grim care, moroseness, anxiety—all the rust of life—ought to be scoured off by the oil of mirth."

No Judge at All.

"Isn't that young man fond of music?" exclaimed the young woman.
"I don't know," answered Miss Cayenne. "Judging by the way he will stand up and listen to himself sing by the hour, I should say he isn't."—Chicago Journal.

Strong Diet.

Veterinary—So your new bull pup is sick? What seems to be the matter with him? Owner—A little of everything, I guess. While we were away this afternoon he chewed up and swallowed the dictionary.—Detroit Free Press.

The Small Children.

"I wonder what it is," said the family man, "that makes landlords and janitors dislike to have small children in flats." "The small children, I guess," replied the savage bachelor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

However things may seem, no evil thing is a success, and no good thing is a failure.—Longfellow.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Get Fully Acquainted With the Terms of Your Policy.

"What the average purchaser of life insurance doesn't know about the thing he is purchasing would fill a good sized book printed with very narrow margins," says an insurance expert. "For instance, I talked not long since with a man who wanted he was insured for \$10,000 on the fifteen year endowment plan. That is, he thought he had to make payments for fifteen years—which was true—and that at the end of that time he could get \$10,000 in cash or take a part in cash and a part in paid up insurance, which, as it turned out, was not true. The rate he was paying was so very low for what he said he was getting that I asked to see his policy, and when I looked at it I found, just as he might have found on a brief examination, that while he was insured for life, with only fifteen yearly payments, he could not get the \$10,000 or any part of it for a good many years more. No insurance company in the world will permit the footing of a patron like this. If it can help it, and yet to attribute such a mistaken idea to fraudulent misrepresentation on the part of an unworthy agent would not always be fair. Many men who take insurance, and especially those who do not decide to go in until they have looked at it a long time, go in finally with a rush. They don't give the agent time to tell them what they are getting, and often don't find out for years afterward. Another thing that many insured persons do not know is that a rebate on the first payment, arranged between the insured and the agent, sometimes renders the whole transaction invalid."—Philadelphia Record.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Why the Festival Is Celebrated on Dec. 25.

There are no definite allusions in the writings of any of the disciples of Christ as to the date of his birth, nor has there ever been produced proof of any character as to the exact period in the year when Christ was born. There are, very true, occasional references to the event in the Scriptures, indicating that the Nativity occurred in the winter season. The institution of the anniversary dates back to the second century of Christendom, and it has been since uniformly celebrated by nearly all branches of the Christian church with appropriate rejoicings and ceremonies. The frequent and somewhat heated controversies, however, relative to the date of Christ's birth, early in the fourth century led Pope Julius I. to Thomas, the martyr of Canterbury, is still kept in the church at Thetford; that of St. Cuthbert, "the woman hater," at Durham cathedral.

Explanation of the Differences Between Their Work as Painters.

Durer was born a German, Leonardo an Italian. This sums up much of the difference between their work as painters. The Italian race, under its sunny skies, has an inborn love of beauty. The German, in a sterner climate—"How I shall freeze after this sun!" wrote Durer, during his stay in Italy, to a friend in Nuremberg—retains to this day the energy that carved its way through the vast forests of his country and some of the gloomy romance that haunted their dark shadows. The German spirit is characterized by a "combination of the wild and rugged with the homely and tender, by meditative depth, enigmatic gloom, sincerity and energy, by iron diligence and discipline." Very remarkable qualities these, and to be found in Durer's work, which is the reason that we describe him as being so representative of the Teutonic race.

But it was not only the differences of race that helped to mold the genius of these two men differently. Each was a manifestation of the "new birth" of art and learning that was spreading over Europe—Leonardo of the form of it which appeared in Italy and Durer of that which prevailed in Germany.—St. Nicholas.

SHAVING IS ANCIENT.

The Custom Was Probably Followed In Prehistoric Times.

It is not improbable that prehistoric man shaved, for curiously shaped shells and flint flakes have been discovered which have been supposed to be very ancient razors. In remote parts of China men have their chins scraped, without water or soap, by instruments very similar to these, and the men of the stone age would most likely find out at a very early stage that to leave hair upon their face was to give a useful handle to their enemies.

That, indeed, was the reason why Alexander the Great compelled his soldiers to shave, and his order is among the earliest definite instances of shaving on record, although there can be no question that the practice existed long before his day.

The oldest Egyptian sculptures show some men clean shaven, and others partially so, with curled beards. It is recorded in Genesis that Joseph, when he went from prison to the presence of Pharaoh, about 1500 B. C., "shaved himself and changed his raiment."

Alexander's Palace.

The palace of Alexander the Great was an imposing structure in its time, and the wonder is that any vestige of it stands today. It was built in a manner much more substantial than that of today, though advocates of steel construction claim that the modern structure will defy time as long as any of those built by the ancients. Time alone will determine how much truth there is in this contention. On the Asiatic plain are the massive remains of an ancient gateway fringed with weeds, and vaguely knowing who he was, the natives tell that this is all that is left of the palace of Alexander.

The Patient's Idea.

Dr. Price-Price (diplomatically)—I don't know whether I sent you a statement of what—or you owe me. Mr. Knox—Neither do I. Dr. Price-Price—Ah, you didn't get it then? I guess I didn't send you a statement. Mr. Knox—Oh, yes, but it looked more like a statement of what you think I possess.—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Warning Mistake.

Bilkins—Have you know Colcheshire to acknowledge he has made a mistake. Pilkins—I did once. Bilkins—How did it happen? Pilkins—He put the lighted end of his cigar in his mouth.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Old Ocean's Joke.

"There's another bunch of bridal couples on that ship," remarked Father Neptune.
"Yes," replied the Atlantic ocean, "I'm being crossed in love pretty regularly these days."—Philadelphia Press.

Of the best society it used to be said its conversation affords instruction, while its silence imparts culture.—Goethe.

A GOOD WIDE YAWN.

It is a Splendid Reviver For the Whole Body.

A good, wide, open mouthed yawn is a splendid thing for the whole body. A yawn is nature's demand for rest. Some people think they only yawn because they are sleepy, but this is not so. You yawn because you are tired. You may be sleepy also, but that is not the real cause of your yawning. You are sleepy because you are tired, and you yawn because you are tired.

Whenever you feel like yawning just yawn. Don't try to suppress it because you think it is impolite to yawn. Put your hand over your mouth if you want to, but let the yawn come. And if you are where you can stretch at the same time that you yawn just stretch and yawn. This is nature's way of stretching and relaxing the muscles.

Don't be afraid to open your mouth wide and yawn and stretch whenever you feel like it. Indeed, if you are very tired, but do not feel like yawning, there is nothing that will rest you so quickly as to sit on a straight back chair, and lifting your feet from the floor, push them out in front of you as far as possible, stretch the arms, put the head back, open the mouth wide and make yourself yawn.

These tense nerves will relax, the contracted muscles will stretch and the whole body will be rested. Do this two or three times when you are tired and see what it will do for you.

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To photograph these sound waves a small mirror is attached to the end of one of the prongs. On this a powerful beam of light is projected by a lens, so as to strike it at an angle of forty-five degrees. The light is again reflected from its surface, but in a new direction, and a very slight alteration in the position of the mirror makes a large one in the reflected beam.

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FORMIDABLE GUNS.

The Bombarde Used by the Turks in the Fifteenth Century.

In 1478 Mohammed II, in forming the siege of Scutari, in Albania, employed fourteen heavy bombard, the lightest of which threw a stone shot of 370 pounds weight, two sent shots of 500 pounds, one of 750 pounds, two of 850 pounds, one of 1,200 pounds, five of 1,500 and one of the enormous weight of 1,640 pounds, enormous even in these days, for our 80 ton guns throw only a 1,700 pound projectile, our 100 ton throws one of 2,000 pounds, and the 110 ton throws an 1,800 pound shot with a high velocity.

The stone shot of Mohammed's guns varied between twenty and thirty-two inches in diameter, about the height of a dining table, 2,534 of them fired on this occasion weighing, according to a calculation of General Lefroy's, about 1,000 tons, and were cut out of the solid rock on the spot. Assuming twenty-four inches as the average diameter of the shot fired at the siege, the total area of the surface dressed was nearly 32,000 square feet. At this siege the weight of the powder fired is estimated by General Lefroy to have been 250 tons. At the siege of Rhodes in 1480 Mohammed caused sixteen basillisks or double cannon to be cast on the spot, throwing balls two to three feet in diameter.—Chambers' Journal.

WHEN A MAN STARVES.

How It Feels to Go Without Food For Seven Days.

For the first two days through which a strong and healthy man is doomed to exist upon nothing his sufferings are perhaps more acute than in the remaining stages; he feels an inordinate, un-speakable craving at the stomach night and day. The mind runs upon beef, bread and other substances, but still in a great measure the food retains its strength. On the third and fourth days, but especially on the fourth, this incessant craving gives place to a sinking and weakness of the stomach, accompanied by nausea.

On the fifth day his cheeks appear hollow and sunken, his body attenuated; his color is ashy pale and his eyes wild, glassy and cannibalistic.

The sixth day brings with it increased suffering, although the pangs of hunger are lost in an overpowering languor and sickness. The head becomes dizzy; the ghosts of well remembered diseases pass in hideous procession through the mind.

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To take the photograph the light is turned upon the mirror in a darkened room, and the tuning fork is set in vibration, while a sensitive plate is rapidly passed in the path of the reflected pencil of light. On development the plate shows sound waves recorded as a wavy line, and each note has its characteristic curves.

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WEDDED TO A VASE.

Cingular Marriage Ceremony That Was Witnessed in China.

One of the most extraordinary of Chinese customs to western minds is the not infrequent practice of marrying celebrated widows to native vases. An American traveler witnessed such a ceremony, which was performed with great pomp. The widow was of high station. When the news of her husband's death reached her she was inconsolable and wished to enter the state of widowhood, but her father demurred. Somebody suggested that another husband might be forthcoming, and, as may readily be surmised, at this stage of the proceedings the woman was in despair. A wise teacher of the Confucian philosophy was consulted, and he recalled to mind the ancient ceremony of marriage to a flower vase. It was a rite of great antiquity, legend attributing its origin to an empress who ruled before the Christian era. It was decided that the woman might "marry the red vase." It was necessary, however, to procure the imperial sanction. This the great wealth of her father obtained, and on May 1 the wedding was solemnized.

In the procession the vase was carried under a silken canopy on a palanquin borne by youths of noble birth, while the bride followed in another palanquin guarded by twelve maidens and twelve matrons. A military guard and a civic escort made up the parade. Her bridegroom, the vase, is a specimen of great value and antiquity; indeed it is said to excel in delicacy of ornamentation anything of its kind in the Flowery Kingdom.

FOR THE BACHELOR.

Advice That May Help His Course of Love to Run Smooth.

Agree with the girl's father in politics and the mother in religion. If you have a rival, keep an eye on him. If he is a widower, keep two eyes on him.

Don't put too much sweet stuff on paper. If you do you will hear it in after years when your wife has some especial purpose in inflicting upon you the severest punishment known to a married man.

Go home at a reasonable hour in the evening. Don't wait until a girl has to throw her whole soul into a yawn that she can't cover with her hands. A little thing like that might cause a coolness at the very beginning of the game.

If, on the occasion of your first call, the girl upon whom you have set your young affections looks like an iceberg and acts like a cold wave, take your leave early and stay away. Woman in her hour of freeze is uncertain, coy and hard to please.

In cold weather finish saying good night in the house. Don't stretch it all the way to the gate and thus lay the foundation for future asthma, bronchitis, neuralgia and chronic catarrh to help you to worry the girl after she has married. Don't lie about your financial condition. It is very annoying to a girl who has pictured a life of ease in her ancestral hall to learn too late that you expect her to ask a baldheaded old parent who has been uniformly kind to her to take you both in out of the cold.—Chicago Journal.

Woman's Life in Japan.

Advocates of the physical equality of women and men might find argument to support their theory among the Japanese. The girls and boys wrestle on equal terms, and the women are said to be as strong as the men—supple, "bounding with the vim of life and graceful in every line." The Japanese women seek abundance of air, drink pure water and go out in the sunshine the first thing in the morning. Consequently consumption is a rare disease. Instead of living in overheated rooms they merely add extra clothing to what they wear already. Women always have some time for recreation. Even the poorest woman goes to the bath at night and later on meets her friends. But all go to rest early.

Divorce and Occupations.

There has always been a lower percentage of divorces among men engaged in agricultural pursuits than in any other calling, not excepting the clergy. Soldiers, sailors and marines, in the other extreme, show the highest average of marriage infidelity. Next giving out a little discontented chaff. While I was watching him a delivery cart came down the street at full speed. The young bird was likely to be crushed, but I was not the only observer of its distress. As I watched about a dozen sparrows flew down and gathered round it. I didn't know what was going to happen for the minute, but I was soon enlightened. The flock of newcomers fairly hustled the little one out of the way of the oncoming cart and into the safety of the ditch. I don't know exactly how they did it, they moved so quickly, but I think it was in the same way that a man is carried onward in a crowd. He helps himself a little, and the people around him sweep him forward. The little incident clearly showed that sparrows are not always as selfish and unfeeling as they are painted.—Amateur Sportsman.

Japanese English.

At a recent exhibition of pictures in Tokyo, Japan, the following notice was posted: "No visitor who is mad or intoxicated is allowed to enter in, if any person found in shall be claimed to return. No visitor is allowed to carry in with himself any parcel, umbrella, stick and the like kind, except his purse, and is strictly forbidden to take with himself dog or the same kind of beasts. Visitor is requested to take care of himself from thievly."

The Silver Tongued One.

"So that's the silver tongued orator, is it?" said the man in the rear seat. "Wonder why they call him that?" "Because," replied the weary listener, "silence, which is golden, is so much more valuable than his oratory."—Cincinnati Tribune.

Novels Versus Husbands.

Some women will believe things in novels that their husbands couldn't make stick with affidavits.—Galveston News.

PAINFULLY SEDATE.

A Professor's Evening Party in the Paris Latin Quarter.

"It was difficult to imagine that I was in the heart of Paris, among people bred and born in the capital," says a writer telling of the section of the Latin quarter in which the professors of the University of Paris have their homes. "These men, these luminaries of science, how different they looked among their womankind! Since then I have visited many professors' homes and have found them all curiously alike. No matter whether the apartment be on a second, third or fourth floor, whether it be an expensive or cheap one, the inmates are all alike, clean alike, dress alike. If you have seen one home, you have seen them all. Follow me to a fourth floor in the Rue Gay-Lussac. We are ushered into the drawing room. The furniture is mahogany, always mahogany, and of a bad period. There are no flowers, but a dusty fern in a majestic pot; on the mantelpiece a clock and a candelabra, with framed photographs in the spaces between; over the cottage piano the portrait of M. le Professeur in the green embroidered uniform of a member of the Academy of Science, with his dress sword, over which he generally stumbles. But do not think that the professors' families are blind to beauty. They will admire and appreciate a work of art as well as you or I, but in their homes is occurring in a buty a negligible quantity. They also give very little attention to their bodies—to the inner or outer man. I have often wondered whether the same tailor supplies them all with their old fashioned coats.

"Nor does the inner man fare much better. The cooks in their establishments seem to be altogether different creatures from those we meet elsewhere. They eschew slang, their grammar is better, but their cooking is worse—very much worse—than in the homes of the less intellectual members of society. The women form a distinct type. They seem to belong to a past generation, and their dress is in keeping with the style of their hair. Living among themselves, they appear to have no notion of what is occurring in the worldly part of Paris. Their dress-makers are 'of the quarter,' and their milliners make their hats with the odds and ends brought to them. Such a thing as a fashion paper never crosses their path. I am certain these ladies are much more interested in the latest microbe than in the latest hat. They have little notion of comfort.

"An evening party at one of their houses is a never to be forgotten entertainment for the outsider. They still dance the schottisch, but the greater part of the evening is devoted to what are called 'society games,' a gapping trap to the butterfly from among the flimsy game, but I

HUNDREDS OF HORSES DIE.

When the various societies for the relief of animals opened their offices in Philadelphia Tuesday of last week, after the double holiday, they received calls from all parts of the city requesting them to remove horses stricken with paralysis. These calls were so numerous as to be startling.

The unprecedented prevalence of the malady is attributed to the over-feeding of the horses in warm stables while they were idle because of the double holiday.

A peculiar feature of the situation is the fact that the suffering horses were the property of large concerns from which the animals receive the best of care. According to M. N. P. Davis, secretary of the Pennsylvania Society, a moderate estimate of the number of horses affected was from 250 to 300. The majority of cases were fatal, entailing a loss of thousands of dollars.

Doctor Trowbridge, of the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Hospital, in explaining the situation, said: "Horses were fed heavily in the Christmas holidays, owing to the extra work they had been called upon to do before that. That work was followed in many cases by two and a half days of idleness in warm stables where heavy rations were served by over-keen drivers. The horses, stilled and unable to assimilate their food, succumbed when called upon to work again."

The disease is technically known as azoturia, and is commonly referred to as spinal meningitis. It is usually fatal, except in the cases of exceptionally young and vigorous horses.

Tax on Whiskey in Bond

John P. Poe, of Baltimore, representing the Roxbury Distillery Co., appeared before the County Commissioners of Washington county in regard to the suit instituted against the Roxbury Company to recover \$3,900 in the shape of taxes on Whiskey in bond. The whiskey was taxed at the rate of \$8 a gallon, the unpaid taxes extending over the years 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904. The contention of the distillery company was that the property in question was not taxable by the County Commissioners. At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Poe announced that his client was ready to pay the taxes in full, together with interest to date, costs, etc. A Court of Appeals decision on a similar case is said to have had material bearing on the outcome of this case.

Bold Holdup During Blizzard

Dazed as the result of a blow on his forehead, apparently inflicted with a slingshot, Edgar Chenoweth, aged 24 years, residing at 1325 York road, Baltimore, stumbled into the home of his sister, Mrs. Parkhurst, on Gilmore lane, near the York road, shortly after 7 o'clock Tuesday night and stated that he had been held up and robbed. He then lapsed into unconsciousness and was taken to his home. Dr. J. C. Steinhilber was summoned. The young man was soon restored to consciousness and able to look over two colored men whom the police suspected and brought before him to be identified, if possible. He stated that neither of the men picked up by the police was his assailant.

Prof. Albert P. Mathews, of the University of Chicago, declares that the present creation of life has been proved the result of physiological-chemical reactions.

In his annual report Governor Otero, of the Territory of New Mexico, takes a decided position against the uniting of that territory with Arizona as one state.

Frank Gardner, aged 17, was rescued from drowning by the heroism of a girl near Delaware, N. J.

STATE OF OHIO, CHIEF 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. 1888.

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GOVERNOR WARFIELD SAVES \$2,325 FOR THE STATE.

Annapolis, Md., January 4.—Gov. Warfield by one transaction today made for the State \$2,325, which is a trifle more than one-half of his annual salary. The coup was made in the transfer of the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to the Western Maryland Railroad Company.

F. S. Landstreet, vice president of the railroad company, whose bid was \$155,000 was accepted by the Board of Public Works, tendered in payment as required by the Constitution, state stock amounting to that sum. The stock was that of the consolidated loan of 1899, and was in \$100,000, \$50,000 and \$5,000 lots. Mr. Landstreet said he had bought the stock in New York at par.

Governor Warfield called attention to the fact that the State had recently purchased this stock for the sinking fund at \$98.50 per share, and as the State could go into the open market and buy the stock at this figure, he believed that the purchasers of the canal should pay the difference between the market and face value of the securities.

F. A. Richmond, of counsel for the Western Maryland Railroad Company, called attention to the terms of the bid, which specified that the state stock should be taken at par. He believed that the stock submitted by Mr. Landstreet fully covered the purchase sum.

Mr. Landstreet said that he had no wish to evade payment of the sum mentioned by the Governor. He explained that the stock was below par because of the approach of its maturity, in 1916, and because of the tax imposed on it by the state. He expressed a willingness to pay the difference between the market and face value of the stock, and presented a check covering that amount which was accepted, and which will be converted into state securities by Treasurer Vandiver, the securities to be added to the sinking fund. The canal thus cost the Western Maryland Company \$157,325.

No More Stomach Troubles.

All stomach trouble is removed by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It gives to the stomach perfect rest by digesting what you eat without the stomach's aid. The food builds up the body, the rest restores the stomach to health. You don't have to diet yourself when taking Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. J. D. Erskine, of Allentown, Mich., says, "I suffered with heartburn and stomach trouble for some time. My sister-in-law has had the same trouble and was not able to eat for six weeks. She lived entirely on warm water. After taking two bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure she was entirely cured." She now eats heartily and is in good health. I am glad to say Kodol gave me instant relief." Sold by T. E. Zimmerman.

Chicago Spent Over \$23,000,000 For Christmas.

It is estimated that it cost Chicago more than \$23,000,000 to celebrate Christmas this year. Never has money been expended so freely in celebrating a holiday in the history of the city. Shopkeepers say that people began to buy Christmas presents in October. While \$18,500,000 of this estimated total is accounted for in the Christmas receipts of the stores, Christmas dinners, trees and decorations are taken into consideration as follows: Turkeys and other poultry, \$500,000. Other articles composing Christmas dinners, \$1,000,000. Gifts by corporations and firms to employees, \$1,500,000. Cost of shipping 600,000 Christmas presents by express, \$150,000. Cost of mailing 2,500,000 presents, \$75,000. Christmas decorations, \$250,000. Christmas charitable gifts, \$50,000.

PORT ARTHUR SURRENDERS.

Representatives of Generals Stoessel and Nogi met and arranged terms for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese. According to them, the Japanese were to take possession Tuesday. It is believed honorable terms have been made to the Russians.

The Russian Naval officers who arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur tell of the fearful conditions which prevailed just before the surrender. The Japanese are reported to have made an attack on the Russian center south of Mukden and to have been driven back with heavy loss.

Vice Admiral Rojstrensky's division of the Russian second Pacific squadron arrived at Tamatave, Madagascar.

Chief Justice Gabbert announced the decision of the Colorado Supreme Court to grant the petition of Governor Alva Adams for the opening of all the ballot boxes used in Denver at the late election, and a full investigation of all frauds.

Nine Perished in One Family.

Fire consumed the home of Frank Noweski, a Polish miner, at Morris Run, Pa., early Tuesday, and the entire family of 10, except the eldest son, aged 18, was either burned to death or smothered. The charred bodies are in the ruins of the house.

The Noweskis lived in a log house on the outskirts of Morris Run. There were no immediate neighbors. Monday night the family retired as usual. Soon after 2 o'clock Tuesday morning the eldest son was awakened by the smell of smoke. The room in which he was sleeping was on fire, and it was with the greatest difficulty that he made his escape from the house.

It is not known how the fire originated, but it is thought that a stove fell over and the burning coals set fire to the house.

Noweski was employed by the Morris Run Coal Mining Company. With his fellow-miners, he had been on a strike since last April. Recently smallpox broke out in Morris Run. Noweski and his family were among the sufferers from the disease but every member of the family recovered, and the quarantine had just been raised from their home.

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Order Nisi on Audit.

NO. 7735 EQUITY. In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity.

JANUARY TERM, 1905. In the matter of the Auditor's Report filed the 4th day of January, 1905.

Cyrus F. Smith, Mortgagee of George Smith, on Petition. ORDERED, That on the 28th day of Jan. 1905, 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 4th day of January, 1905. SAMUEL T. HAFNER, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County.

True Copy—Test: SAMUEL T. HAFNER, Clerk. Eugene L. Rowe, Sol. Jan 6-3t

NOTICE TO ROAD SUPERVISORS.

OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 20, 1904.

The January Session of the County Commissioners for 1905 will commence at their Office in the Court House, on MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1905, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The first three days, January 2nd, 3rd and 4th, will be devoted to general business. The Board will then adjourn to meet again the following week to settle with and appoint Road Supervisors in accordance with the following schedule:

SECOND WEEK.

January 9, Buckeystown District, No. 1. January 10, Frederick, Ballenger and Braddock Districts, Nos. 2, 23 and 24. January 11, Middlebrook District, No. 3. January 12, Creagerstown District, No. 4.

THIRD WEEK.

January 16, Woodboro District, No. 11. January 17, Urbans District, No. 7. January 18, Hatters and Woodville Districts, Nos. 10 and 18. January 19, New Market District, No. 9. January 20, Petersville and Mt. Pleasant Districts, Nos. 12 and 13. January 21, Jefferson District, No. 14.

FOURTH WEEK.

January 23, Mechanicstown Dist., No. 15. January 24, Jackson District, No. 16. January 25, Johnsonville District, No. 17. January 26, Linganore and Burksville Districts, Nos. 19 and 22. January 27, Lewistown District, No. 20. January 28, Tipton District, No. 21.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Supervisors are 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. ASPHERMAN, Clerk. dec 30-3ts

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Clothing, Clothing.

A chance for you to make money without working. Every Suit and every Overcoat in our immense Clothing Department will be closed out at cost, and lots of them away below cost, as every suit and every overcoat must be closed out regardless of cost. So call to see us and see if you ever had a better chance to save money, and money saved is money made. Former price of men's suits ranging from \$2 to \$15, now \$1.25 to \$12 for the best youth's long pants suits, former price \$2 to \$8, now they range from \$1 to \$5.75. For the best boy's knee pants suits, former price 75c to \$5, now they range from 40c to \$3.50. Don't wait, come at once, as delays are dangerous.

Overcoats.

A beautiful line on hand yet, in fact, just bought 50 a few weeks ago at away down prices. Come quick, as they are handies and must go at the great sacrifice sale. Prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$13.50, now they go at \$1.50 to \$9.50 for a fine Overcoat. Come our way. Boys' coats, former prices, \$1.50 to \$8, now they must go at 75c to \$5.50. This is one of the greatest sacrifice sales of clothing ever offered here before. They all must go for cash only.

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This is the place to buy gum goods. All guaranteed. If they break, a new pair, and prices are lower than ever. No second-grade goods like you get at lots of places, and pay highest prices for. Buy the Ball band and then you are just right. When you want something good come our way and we will save you money.

Queensware and Glassware.

A full and complete line of all. When in need of a fine set of dishes, call and see us. A beautiful line of China which will be sold at low prices.

Boots and Shoes.

This issue among many of our lines that we stand second to none. Every pair of shoes that leaves our Shoe Department has our guarantee right with them and here is where you can find any kind you want at prices that we will guarantee you are rock bottom. When in need give us a call and be convinced that what we say is right and you will find style, quality and prices right.

Leather Boots.

A full and complete line that must be closed out at sacrifice prices. Boys' \$1.50 Boots, now \$1.00; Boys' \$2.00, now \$1.50. Men's \$1.50 Boots, \$1.15; Men's \$2.00, now \$1.50; Men's \$2.50, now \$2.00; Men's \$3.00, now \$2.25. They are new goods and first class.

Bed Blankets.

A full line of Bed Blankets, prices ranging from 60c to \$6.00, will be closed out at 40c to \$5.00.

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The heaviest fleeced lined underwear on the market, every 42 shirt weighs 20 oz. and can be bought at Snider's for 37c, other places 50c; 100 men's fine fancy shirts, all regular 50c and 75c shirts, this month, 25c. How's this!

Cord Pants.

Every pair sold on a guarantee. Men's regular \$1.50, our price \$1.00. The \$2 kind at \$1.69; the \$2.25 kind, \$1.89. The \$2.50 kind, \$2.10; the \$2.75 kind, \$2.39. Boys' long cord pants, 99c and up. Boys' short cord pants, 39c and up.

Horse Blankets & Lap Robes

A beautiful assortment. All must go at cost. Come, boys, they are fine and must go.

Groceries.

A full line of fancy and staple groceries always on hand. Best Frankland granulated sugar, 5c; Best brown, 5c; Arbuckles, Lion and York coffee, all 10c a pack; hominy, 2c a pound; Oatmeal, 4c a lb.; Prunes, 5c, and up; Raisins, 6c, and up; peaches, fine, 9c, a lb., 3c for 25c; apricots, 12c; Buckwheat flour, 3c; Rice, 6c, and up; Best Water White Coal Oil, 12c. A full line of Syrup at 30c, 35c, 40c, per gallon.

M. R. SNIDER, Harney, Md.

PUBLIC SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a power of sale contained in a Mortgage from John J. Green and Sarah D. Green, his wife, to Morris A. Birely, bearing date the 16th day of April, 1903, duly recorded in Liber D. H. H., No. 19, Folio 20, &c., one of the land records of Frederick County, the undersigned Mortgagee, will sell at the Thurnmont National Bank, Thurnmont, Frederick county, Maryland, on

Saturday, the 14th day of January, 1905, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the following real estate, viz: All that tract of land situated near the upper Mechanicstown road, in Frederick County, State of Maryland, about 2 miles south of Mt. St. Mary's College, adjoining the lands of Samuel Hemler's heirs and of the late John T. Peddicord and others, being known as the old Seiss property, containing

16 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 27 PERCHES of land, more or less. The said property is improved by a good

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with kitchen attached, a good stable, chicken house and other outbuildings. An excellent well of good mountain water is near the door and a lot of choice fruit trees are on the premises. About four acres of this land is under cultivation and the balance is timber.

Terms of sale prescribed by Mortgage:—Cash.

MORRIS A. BIRELY, Mortgagee.

WANTED—Quickly, few persons to represent long established wholesale house among retail merchants and agents. Local territory of few counties. \$18 salary and expenses paid weekly. Expense money advanced. Commission extra. Permanent engagement. Business successful. Previous experience not essential. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Address, SUPERVISOR, 226 Dearborn St., Chicago, sep 10-11

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Corrected by Patterson Brothers. Steers, per D..... 3 1/2 @ 4 1/4 Fresh Cows..... 20 00 @ 20 00 Fat Cows and Bulls, per D..... 2 1/2 @ 3 Hogs, per D..... 5 1/2 Sheep, per D..... 3 1/2 Lambs, per D..... 4 1/2 Calves, per D..... 6 @ 6 1/2

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Notice to Creditors.

THIS is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Frederick County, Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

ANNIE M. ADAMS,

late of said County, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers therefor, legally authenticated, to the subscribers, on or before the 15th day of June, 1905; 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 our hands this 9th day of December, 1904.

EDWARD J. ADAMS, C. FELIX ADAMS, Administrators.

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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, got up to make money, whether 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. 6, 1905.

FREDERICK COUNTY PHONE 33

A fine auditorium to cost about \$5,000 to be built at Washington Grove, Montgomery county.

Governor Warfield signed the commission of Hon. Isidor Rayner as senator elect from Maryland.

John W. Wood, a clerk in the Annapolis postoffice, was arrested on a charge charging him with embezzlement.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given \$203,000 for the erection of a new building for the Maryland Institute, Baltimore.

Mr. A. C. Schmidt, who bought two inches of land on Baltimore and Light streets, Baltimore, for \$1,225, says he has been offered \$1,600 for the strip.

Dr. Martin P. Scott died in Hagerstown December 30, aged 82 years. He was a native of Fauquier county, Virginia, and widely known as a medical man.

Martin H. Landis, of Hagerstown, died Dec. 29, at the State Hospital for Insane, at Sykesville, near Baltimore, aged 65 years. He held for many years various positions with the Cumberland Valley Railroad.

The Camden Female Seminary is now a stately building, having been recently repaired, enlarged and improved at an expenditure of \$17,000. J. Ben. Brown was the architect and Henry C. Patchett the builder of the handsome structure.

In Baltimore William C. Gittere, who admitted tricking the woman he had divorced with by a bogus marriage, was held on the novel charge of obtaining board, lodging and medicine from her under false pretenses.

In another column appears an advertisement of the Oxford Distilling Company, manufacturers of Parker Rye, an extremely high grade whiskey, a genuine Maryland product, and one which is bound to win favor from everywhere.

Dr. E. W. Mumma, one of Adams county's oldest and most widely known physicians, died at his home in Bendersville Tuesday, Dec. 27 from the effects of a stroke of paralysis received about one year ago, aged about 75 years.

We call the attention of our readers to the new advertisement of Mr. M. R. Snider's Department Store, at Harney. Read it carefully. He carries in stock everything usually kept in a first-class store, and his prices speak for themselves. The advertisement appears on another page of this issue.

Sixteen grand prizes, 150 gold medals, 348 silver medals, and 253 bronze medals making a grand total of 767 grand prizes and medals, were captured at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, at St. Louis, by the State of Colorado and individual exhibitors from the Centennial States.

The Kennedy Coal and Coke Company, recently chartered with \$1,000,000 capital, proposes to develop 3,000 acres of coal land in the Meyersdale region, in the vicinity of Boswell. The promoters propose a trolley line to give a direct route between Boswell and Johns-town.

At the suit of Mrs. Sarah Ohler against the administrators of Oliver Morrison, deceased, for services claimed to have been rendered the deceased, on motion of the defendants the Court decided that Mrs. Ohler was not entitled to recover, thereupon the plaintiff took a non pro.

S. Davies Warfield, president of the Baltimore Continental Trust Company, Monday night announced the absorption of the control of the Consolidated Gas Company by the United Electric Light and Power Company. The controlling interest in the gas company was secured some weeks ago by Horton, Storrs & Griscom, of New York, through a syndicate of Baltimore bankers. They, in turn, transferred it to the light and power company, and the two will be consolidated as soon as plans are perfected.

Fire at Union Bridge. About 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning fire broke out in the large frame building on Main street, Union Bridge, owned by Albright & Senesey and occupied by Jacob Peipert as a clothing and shoe store. Mr. Peipert carried a stock approximating \$8,000 in value. This was damaged to the extent of about \$5,000 by the fire and the floods of water poured upon it by the Union Bridge Fire Company, which succeeded in suppressing the flames and saving the building from destruction, although the damage to the interior was considerable.

Proposition To Reduce Course To Three Years.

The Navy Department is considering the reducing by another half term the course of midshipmen at the Naval Academy, sending the graduates to sea immediately after the completion of the three years, because of the need of junior officers.

The midshipmen have for the last three years been given a three-and-a-half-year course of instruction. Heretofore the course had been four years. The graduation of the present first class will take place on January 30.

Sale January 12, 1905

Owing to the inclement weather on Jan. 3, Mr. Bryant B. Wertz has postponed his sale of Horses, Cattle, etc., until Jan. 12, 1905, at 12 o'clock. Sale rain or shine.

Died of Blood Poisoning.

Mrs. Louise Rohman died at her home in Cumberland as the result of having picked a pimple on her lip. Blood poisoning developed. She was aged 40 and the wife of John Rohman. Four children survive.

Seven Japs Hit By An Engine.

Seven Japanese who were walking along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, intending to walk from Corinth, W. Va., to Washington, D. C., were struck by a Baltimore and Ohio engine a few miles west of Westport, Allegany county, and two were badly injured. They were taken to Piedmont and are now under the care of physicians. They stated that when they arrived at Washington their government was to send them home, it being their intention to enter the army.

No Jiu-Jitsu For Cadets.

Annapolis is not to have a jiu-jitsu instructor as was stated, as Professor Tamshita, who is considered by the Naval Academy the only reliable exponent of the system in this country cannot accept. The remarkable strength and prowess of the Japanese soldier and sailor is so largely attributed to the perfect physical condition maintained by jiu-jitsu that Uncle Sam is anxious to try the experiment on his embryo officers of the navy. It has been learned recently that many of these Japanese exercises are modeled after those of T'paita which turned out heroes by the nation full.

January Wedding.

Miss Lena Marea Ott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ott, of near this place, and Mr. Charles A. Sites, of Oak Grove, Pa., were married at the parsonage of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in this place, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. J. O. Hayden. The bridesmaid was Miss Verna Knox, and the best man was Mr. Harry Pecher. After the ceremony the happy couple were driven to the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was held in the evening from 6 to 10 o'clock. The heavy snow storm of that day prevented many of the friends of bride and groom from attending the reception in the evening.

Railway Company Gives Bond.

The Baltimore and Frederick Electric Railway Company Monday deposited with the city register of Frederick a bond for \$2,000, with the American Bonding Company of Baltimore as surety, to be forfeited to the city in case the railway company does not have its proposed electric railway completed and in operation in Frederick by September 5 next. A representative of the company stated that it would proceed at once to close its options on rights of way and would get everything in readiness to begin the construction of the road as soon as weather conditions permit.

Had Narrow Escape.

Annie Bell, colored, 6 East Williamson street, Baltimore, was slightly burned on the arm during a fire which occurred in the kitchen of her home Tuesday morning. The woman's six-year-old daughter was in the room when the fire started, but was removed to a place of safety by her mother. The fire was caused by a can of gasoline, which was placed too near a heated stove, becoming ignited. The flames set fire to a sleeve of the woman's dress, but she extinguished them with an apron. Several articles of clothing and some furniture were burned, but the woman put out the fire before the arrival of the firemen.

Removal To Carroll County Court.

In the Circuit Court at Frederick Tuesday Judge Motter granted a petition for the removal of the case Fraternal Savings Institution of Baltimore vs. John M. Dinterman to another county for trial, designating the Carroll County Court as the one in which the case shall be tried. The savings institution holds a note alleged to have been given by Mr. Dinterman several years ago to men who put lightning rods on his barn. Mr. Dinterman alleges that the men were swindlers, and that his signature to the note was procured by fraud. The case has been tried three times in the Circuit Court at Frederick and each time the jury has disagreed.

For Business In 1905.

Advertising is a necessary item of business expense, as much so as rent, license and insurance. Unless "advertising pays," there are many fools in business.

No matter how small a business, there should be an appropriation for printer's ink. And no matter how small the appropriation, the investment should be intelligently farmed.

A small space, well farmed, is better than a large space improperly farmed. Begin the year 1905 with an advertisement in THE CHRONICLE and follow in the footsteps of the most successful business men of the country.

Young Starr's Tragic Death.

Irving Starr, aged 22 years, of Ellerslie, Allegany county, was accidentally killed Sunday night near Mount Savage Junction by being thrown against the track in attempting to get off a freight train. Mr. Starr, in company with two companions, went to Hyndman, Pa., Sunday afternoon, returning Sunday night on a freight train.

His companions jumped off the train without injury, but in being thrown against the rails Mr. Starr received injuries to the back of his head which resulted in his death in a few minutes. He resided at Ellerslie with his brother (John Starr) and two sisters (Misses Margaret and Bessie Starr), and was the main support of the family.

UNCONSCIOUS IN SNOW.

Drift Was Forming Over Drunken Man When Rescued.

About 2 o'clock Wednesday morning Patrolman Oliphant of the Central district had his attention attracted by a dark object lying under the elevated railway tracks at North and Saratoga streets, Baltimore. He investigated, and found an unconscious and partially intoxicated man lying in the snow, the lower part of his body nearly covered by a fast forming drift.

At the Baltimore City Hospital, after the man had been placed in hot water and rolled in warm blankets, he revived sufficiently to give his name as Henry Shaefer. The police believe the name is fictitious. He stated that he was a bookkeeper residing in the northern section of the city, and that he had been out with friends and had taken too much to drink.

On the station blotter the man was charged with being drunk on the street, but in view of the circumstances Justice Poe dismissed the charge.

TRAINS SLOWED IN.

Wind and Snow Delay Traffic In Frederick County.

The snow storm of Tuesday and the high wind of Tuesday night and Wednesday morning had the effect of blocking the roads throughout this county with huge drifts of snow. All the incoming railroad trains on the Pennsylvania railroad between York and Bruceville were caught in a snow bank and had to be dug out. All of the mountain roads are closed with drifts, the only thoroughfares open Wednesday morning being the turnpikes. The wind was the heaviest of the winter, and the snow is drifted to a greater extent than at any time since the cold weather set in.

SNOW STORM.

On New Year's Day the weather was delightful, being unusually warm for this season of the year. Monday was another fine day, but Monday night these conditions began to change, and early Tuesday morning it began to rain, which soon turned into sleet. The temperature continued to fall, and it soon began to snow. The snow continued to fall with unabated fury until late in the afternoon, when it stopped. Between five and six inches of snow fell. The wind blew a strong gale all the time the snow was falling, and continued blowing until Wednesday morning. The snow was drifted to a considerable depth, and in places the roads were almost impassable. Tuesday was one of the most disagreeable days of the present winter. Wednesday morning the thermometer registered 10 degrees above zero.

Oil Stove Fire.

Fire in the general merchandise store of C. M. Boulden, in the business section of Elkton, Md., Thursday of last week damaged property to the extent of \$8,000. The fire originated in the shoe room and the contents were consumed. The local fire company by hard work confined the flames mostly to the rear of the store, but the stock on the first floor was greatly damaged by smoke and water. The loss to the building was comparatively small. The building adjoins the courthouse, which was not damaged in the least. The loss is partially covered by insurance in the following companies: Norwich Union, on building; Citizens' Mutual, Farmers and Mechanics', Montgomery County Mutual, Cecil Mutual, Kent Mutual of Maryland and Kent Mutual, of Dover, Del., on stock. The fire originated from an overturned oil stove.

Celebrated His 62nd Birthday.

Mr. Michael Hoke, a member of the Board of Town Commissioners, celebrated the sixty-second anniversary of his birth at his home in this place, on Sunday last, by giving an elaborate dinner in honor of the occasion to the members of his immediate family and a few invited guests. The occasion was highly enjoyed by all present. Among those who surrounded the festive board were all of Mr. Hoke's sons and daughters, his two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Rowe, of this place, and Mrs. Lewis Krise, of Virginia Mills, Pa., and one brother, Mr. William H. Hoke, of this place. Mrs. Eliza Crowl, of Sharpburg, Mr. Hoke's eldest sister, was unavoidably absent. The other guests were Mr. Lewis Krise, of Virginia Mills, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. John Musselman, of Fairfield, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hospelhorn, of this place, and Mr. Chas. Pfeiffer, of Baltimore.

Manager Of The W. Va. Pulp Mills And Paper Company Is Dead.

James Lindsay Luke, aged 38 years, manager of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company plant, at Luke, Allegany county, died at 5 o'clock Monday morning at his home in that place of pneumonia.

Mr. Luke, who was a member of the company, which owns several large pulp and paper mills, took a leading interest in Republican politics and was active in the Masonic fraternity. He is survived by his widow and two children, his father (William Luke, of Baltimore), five brothers (John G. Luke, David L. Luke and Adam K. Luke, of New York; William Luke and Thomas Luke, of Covington, Va.), and one sister (Mrs. Robert D. Hopkins, of Baltimore).

Speedy Relief.

A salve that heals without a scar is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. No remedy effects such speedy relief. It draws out inflammation, soothes, cools and heals all cuts, burns and bruises. A sure cure for Piles and skin diseases. DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of counterfeits, they are dangerous. Sold by T. E. Zimmerman.

In Frederick William Brongle, aged 22 years, narrowly escaped from death by a dose of arsenic which made him very ill, but he is recovering.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES.

The week of Prayer Services are being fairly well attended. The first three nights the services were held in the Lutheran Church. The sermon on Sunday evening was by Rev. James Nourse, of the Presbyterian Church, his subject being, "The World-wide Conditions of True Worship." On Monday evening Rev. A. M. Gluck, of the Reformed Church, preached a sermon upon "The Kingdom of God on Earth," and on Tuesday evening "The Visible Church of Christ" was the basis of a sermon by the Rev. Charles Reinwald, pastor of the Lutheran Church. On Wednesday evening services were held in the Presbyterian church. Subject, "All Peoples and Nations," by Rev. James Nourse. Last night the services were held in the Reformed Church and the subject was "Missions—Home and Foreign," by Rev. Charles Reinwald. To-night the services will be held in the same church. Subject, "The Family and the School," by Rev. A. M. Gluck. On Sunday evening, Jan. 8, the services will again be held in the Presbyterian church. Subject, "The Reign of the Prince of Peace." The sermon on this occasion will be preached by Rev. George W. Harris, pastor of the M. E. Church.

Muskrats As Food.

Hunters are reaping a harvest from muskrats, which are reported to be unusually plentiful. Each muskrat captured nets the hunter from 15 to 30 cents. They receive from 15 to 25 cents for the hide and 10 cents for the meat, for which they find ready sale. Many people will not eat muskrat meat, simply because the animal has the word "rat" attached to its name. The fact is that they are one of the cleanest animals that exist. While they live in the marshes and holes along the banks of the rivers and creeks, they will not eat anything but what is thoroughly clean. In the fall and early spring hunters get many muskrats by shooting them at night while they are feeding. The muskrats will come to the edge of the water to wash the roots he wants to eat, and the hunter, lying in wait for him in a boat, shoots. Usually several of the animals will be together, and a good shot quite often bags two or three at once. The principal way the hunter gets the muskrats is, however, by setting steel or jump traps for them.—Sun.

Fined For Cruelty To A Horse.

William Simms, colored, aged 34 years residing at 945 Pears alley, Baltimore, was fined \$5 and costs and committed in default by Justice White, at the North-western Police Court, Tuesday afternoon on the charge of cruelty to animals. He was arrested by Sergeant Boone on information received through John E. Harris, agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It was stated at the hearing by Charles B. Lowell and George S. McCleary, at whose instigation the arrest was made, and who are employed in the American Can factory, on Oak and Twenty-sixth street, that the colored man had mercilessly beaten a horse, which he was driving, over the head with the butt end of a large whip. This, they said, occurred on the dump on December 27 in sight of the factory. Simms stated that his wagon at the time was empty and that the horse became balky and would not move hence the whipping, which he claimed was not excessive. As he was led from the courtroom to a cell the colored man told a pitiful story of having no money to pay the fine. He stated that his wife was ill, and that the full proceeds of his labor were required to support two children too small to work.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Samuel Minnich and three children, who were visiting Mrs. Minnich's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoke, have returned to their home in Carlisle, Pa., accompanied by Miss Sarah Hoke.

Mrs. William Rosenstiel, Mr. Harry Hoke and friend, Mr. Charles Pfeiffer, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoke, have returned to their homes in Baltimore.

Mr. George A. Saffer, of Baltimore, and Mr. Charles A. Saffer, of Philadelphia, spent a few days visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Saffer, on Green street.

Mrs. Fannie Phillips, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sophia Knouff, in this place.

Mr. George W. Grottle, of Greenville, Ohio, who had intended leaving here this week for Taneytown, Md., to visit friends, has on account of the inclement weather, postponed the trip until next week. He will return to this place in the near future. On February 1, he will go to Baltimore, to visit his sister, Mrs. J. Kaffer.

Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement: "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena, Mont.

After using Ely's Cream Balm six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh.—Joseph Stewart, Grand Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cts. or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

Mr. Diehl Bardette, of Montgomery county, was married in Frederick to Miss Lansdale King, of Poolesville, by Rev. E. C. Thirkield.

SALE REGISTER.

March 10, at 11 a. m. F. B. Twissell will sell at his residence, about three-quarters of a mile south of Motters Station, along the Emmitsburg Railroad, 3 head of horses, 5 head of cattle, farming implements, etc.

March 14, at 9:30 a. m., J. D. Duhal will sell at his residence, on the road leading from Maxey's Mill to Rocky Ridge, 1 mile southeast of Motters station, 3 Horses, 1 Head of Cattle, 20 Hogs, Farming Implements, etc.

THE NEW STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

The Board of Public Works, consisting of Governor Warfield, Treasurer Vandiver and Comptroller Atkinson, Wednesday elected Frank I. Duncan, of Baltimore county, state insurance commissioner, to succeed Lloyd Wilkinson, whose term of office of four years expired last spring, and whose term was extended until December 1 last to enable him to replace the office records, which were destroyed by the February fire in Baltimore. Mr. Duncan will take possession at once. It is understood that Mr. Duncan will make a clean sweep of the office employees, among whom are Dr. Traut, of Baltimore county, chief clerk; W. B. Usilton, and Mr. Wilkinson's brother. The salary of the commissioner is \$2,500 per annum.

Mr. Duncan was elected by the votes of the Governor and Comptroller Atkinson. Treasurer Vandiver voted for Mr. Wilkinson. Before casting his vote for Mr. Duncan Dr. Atkinson made a strong plea for the extension of the term of Mr. Wilkinson for one more year. It had been believed by Mr. Wilkinson's friends when his term was extended until last December, that the extension was to be until December 1 of this year. Such, however, was not the case, as was stated by the board.

SEPARATED 30 YEARS; WANTED HUSBAND BACK.

"I will go to jail; I will not live with my wife," was the decision of Henry Sheridan, colored, aged 73 years, 1014 Front street, Baltimore, when brought before Justice Goldman, at the North-western Police Station, Baltimore, Tuesday, on a charge of non-support and willfully deserting his wife, Martha Sheridan, colored, 1312 Stockton street, Baltimore. Before the Justice the wife said that her husband had deserted her 10 years ago and had promised a number of times during that period to return and live with her, but had not kept his word. She said that they were both getting advanced in years and that she would like for her husband to come back and dwell with her in their old days. Sheridan said that he and his wife had been separated for 30 years and that he had been boarding with a woman on Front street for a number of years. He said that he left his wife because she had treated him very badly. After deciding to go to jail, Sheridan was taken back to his cell. Later Justice Goldman had him brought before him again and told the old man he would give him another chance if he would promise to try and live with his wife. This the old man promised to do and departed to begin his married life again.

Tonic to the System.

For liver troubles and constipation there is nothing better than DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous Little Pills. They do not weaken the stomach. Their action upon the system is mild, pleasant and harmless. Bob Moore, of Lafayette, Ind., says, "No use talking, DeWitt's Little Early Risers do their work. All other pills I have used gripe and make me sick in the stomach and never cured me. DeWitt's Little Early Risers proved to be the long sought relief. They are simply perfect." Persons traveling find DeWitt's Little Early Risers the most reliable remedy to carry with them. Sold by T. E. Zimmerman.

For Sale or Rent.—A House and lot, containing 12 acres of ground, one mile north of Emmitsburg. Apply to dec 16-1f JAMES A. SLAGLE.

\$3,667,000.00 For Farmers. The New York produce exchange has received from Washington the final figures on the various crops and for the first time there was included information regarding the farm value of each crop, the total value of the crops aggregating \$2,667,499,220.

The final figures for the corn crop are 2,467,480,934 bushels, worth on the farm \$1,077,461,440, and for the wheat crop 552,399,517 bushels, worth \$570,489,874 to the producer. The oats crop is placed at 894,595,552 bushels, \$279,900,013, and hay at 60,606,528 tons, value \$529,017,625.

Dr. John S. Fulton, of Baltimore, secretary of the State Board of Health, has been presented with a silver tea service in recognition of his services in the cause of public health. The service consists of a tea pot, coffee pot, chocolate pot, spoon holder, sugar bowl and cream pitcher of the colonial pattern, on a large silver tray.

MARRIED.

SITES—OTT.—On January 3rd, 1905, at the parsonage of St. Joseph's Church, in this place, by Rev. J. O. Hayden, Mr. Charles A. Sites, of Oak Grove, Pa., to Miss Lena Marea Ott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ott, of near this place.

DIED.

TOPPER.—On January 5, 1905, at her home near this place, after an illness of more than a month, Mrs. Lizzie Topper, wife of Mr. Maurice A. Topper, aged about 22 years. The funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in this place, on next Monday morning.

ECZEMA AND PILE CURE.

FREE. Knowing what it was to suffer, I will give FREE OF CHARGE, to any afflicted, a positive cure for Eczema, Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Piles and skin diseases instant relief. Don't suffer longer. Write F. W. WILLIAMS, 406 Magnolia Ave., New York.

MAD DOG'S AWFUL WORK.

L. B. Lau and George Taylor, of Gettysburg, Bitten.—Many Dogs Bitten and Killed.

A white dog with red spots belonging to Christian Gophart, of Bonneville, became mad last Friday morning and before the animal could be killed by the owner it had bit several dogs at Bonneville and then left that village and went to Gettysburg, biting many dogs en route.

After the animal had escaped from Bonneville a telephone message was sent to Gettysburg stating that the dog was headed that way and that he was mad. The fact however was not generally known by the citizens of Gettysburg, but several persons armed themselves and kept a watch for the rabid animal. Unfortunately the dog found his way into town and on entering bit the fine Newfoundland dog belonging to Adam B. Black, Esq., on Hanover street, then crossed to York St., where he bit Edward C. Bailey's shepherd dog. The animal then continued its course to the W. M. R. R. and followed the same to Carlisle street. On reaching this thoroughfare the mad animal met George A. Taylor, clerk in J. E. Snyder's grocery store, and gnawed his left hand. Fortunately the snapper on Mr. Taylor's hand prevented the skin from being broken. Continuing on out the street the dog met L. B. Lau, who resides on Stevens street. Mr. Lau not thinking the dog mad paid little attention to him until the animal buried his teeth in his right hand badly lacerating it.

Mr. Lau immediately went to the office of Dr. H. M. Hartman and had his hand dressed. Dr. Hartman advised him to take the Pasteur treatment and in accordance Mr. Lau accompanied by Dr. Hartman left for the Maryland hospital Baltimore on the afternoon train, where he was treated.

The dog continued out Carlisle street to the Frenoble farm, thence towards Bendersville, biting a dog belonging to James Ross, two of Charles Coban's and a number of other dogs between Gettysburg and Arendtsville.

On its way from Bonneville to Gettysburg the dog is known to have bitten dogs belonging to the following persons: A. L. Rinehart, Wm. Hewitt, J. H. G. Wicks, Samuel Allison, Morris Sanders, I. H. T. Rummel and Mrs. A. M. Deatrich.

The animal was finally killed at Paradise Schoolhouse near Arendtsville by Harry Raffensperger, with a club after several dogs had been bitten.—Gettysburg Star and Sentinel.

FAIRFIELD ITEMS.

Fairfield, Jan. 4.—Mr. Wm. Rife, of Kansas, and brother, are the guests of D. C. Shulley and family, and Mrs. J. C. Shertzer, of Fairfield.

Mr. Mervin Marshall, of Highfield, and Mr. Morris Marshall, of Taneytown, Md., are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, of Fairfield.

Mr. Walter Spangler, of this place, who went to the hospital some weeks ago to have an operation performed, came home on last Friday. Mr. Spangler is feeling pretty good at this time. His disease was ruptured.

Our butchers are not so busy at this time. Pork killing is about over. They paid \$5.50 per cwt. for pork.

Mr. Dick Polly will get some rest as horse shoeing is over on account of the thaw. There certainly was a rush at his shop for the past several weeks, in fact all the blacksmiths had all they could do. Horses could not travel the roads without sharp shoes.

Out of every million persons born 41 years and 112 women reach the age of 100 years.

There will be communion services in the Lutheran Church in Fairfield, on next Sunday morning, January 8.

James Dixon, Post 83, G. A. R., of Fairfield, will have a bean soup in his hall on Saturday night, January 21. All are cordially invited. A good time is expected.

There was a fantastic parade in Fairfield on Monday last. The parade was a large one, consisting of horsemen and wagons. The one wagon represented a postoffice, and its occupants were stamping letters. On this wagon was a sign bearing the inscription: "No smoking or swearing in the office." Another wagon represented a harness maker, with collars, etc., hanging about the wagon. Taken in all it was well gotten up. A large number of people were in town, some of whom came from the surrounding country to witness the sport.

Whist Mr. Christy Frey, of Fairfield, was feeding a stone crusher, the belt came in contact with one of his legs, and had it not been for a piece of timber his leg would probably have been torn off. His leg was considerably bruised, and with the aid of crutches he is able to walk about.

It is said that among every hundred women there are seven widows and among men only four in one hundred are widowers.

Those who make shirts say that in an ordinary white shirt there are no less than 21,000 stitches.

Mrs. John Manherz is on the sick list at this time.

YAHU IS AGAIN YAHOKIC.

Miles River Neck Is Once More Agitated By The Mysterious Creature.

The Easton correspondent to the Baltimore Evening Herald, writing under date of Jan. 3, gives the following interesting account of a wild animal which periodically appears in certain parts of Talbot county, to the great apprehension of the people, especially to the colored population:

"The lowlands of Miles River Neck are again echoing the bloodcurdling shrieks of the hideous yaho, proclaiming to the terrified colored populace of Unionville and to the by no means indifferent white people of the neighborhood this strange and unfathomable creature is again in their midst—an announcement that causes uneasiness to everyone in this section.

"This is the fifth time within fifteen years that this mysterious animal has made its appearance in the vicinity. Many reputable people of tried veracity, both white and black, testify to having at one time or another heard the soul-piercing screams of the yaho, but the number who claim to have seen the creature is small. Of this number no one can give a detailed description of the animal, for none stopped long enough to make a close inspection. Indeed, there is doubt whether it is a human being bereft of reason and living the life of a wild beast, or is a dumb animal. Certain it is that the thing is a most uncommon creature, and either seen or heard is sufficient to strike terror to the hearts of the most valiant.

"Sunday, as a gentleman of Easton was journeying on foot to the home of his mother, on Miles River Neck, he heard the unearthly shrieks of the yaho near Unionville. Thoroughly frightened by the weird cries, which proceeded from a dense wood a few hundred yards away he did not deem an investigation advisable, but quickened his steps towards his destination, not neglecting to cast an uneasy glance over his shoulder every few feet in the direction from which came the sounds.

"After advancing a short distance the gentleman met Robert Jackson, a colored man who had also heard the shrieks, and was in an extremely agitated state of mind. He refused to continue on his trip, which would have carried him past the woods and closer to the source of the mysterious cries, and the two men hurried to Unionville.

"The colored people there soon learned of the return of the yaho, and they immediately took steps to guard themselves against a possible attack.

"It is solemnly averred that the animal has, upon one or two occasions, attacked parties in vehicles, and in one case made a horse run away and injure its driver.

"Some people who claim to have seen it say that it is similar to a gorilla, only taller, and has a head twice as large as that of a man, with long, large, projecting teeth, and that its eyes are sunken deep into the head. Its body is covered with a long, thick growth of hair, and its arms, legs, hands and feet correspond in general make-up to those of a man, except that they are much larger.

"Three years ago it made its appearance in the vicinity of Kirkham, about five miles from Easton, but it soon found its way back to its old haunts near Unionville, where it was heard a number of times during the nights and days thereafter.

QUALITY IN CROPS.

Studies of the Effect of Irrigation on Standard Grains and Roots.

In crop production as a rule more attention is given to increasing the yield than to improving the quality of the product. In the majority of cases it is the maximum crop rather than the optimum quality which is sought in practice.

The Utah experiment station has reported some interesting studies of the effect of irrigation on the composition and quality of crops. The experiments were made on shallow, gravelly bench land with wheat, oats, corn, potatoes and sugar beets.

The results with wheat show that the yield of grain and straw per acre increases as the amount of water increases, up to a certain limit. If more than thirty inches is applied, the yield both of grain and straw diminishes.

The yield of ear corn, and, with one exception, of stover, increased with the increase of water. In this respect corn appears to be different from the other grain crops, wheat and oats.

With sugar beets not only does the moderate use of water (about twenty inches per season) give the largest yield of beets, but it produces also beets that are richer in sugar than either those grown with less or more water.

The proportion of marketable potatoes was largely increased by frequent small applications of water. Only a little more than one-half of the potatoes raised with two irrigations were marketable, while nearly nine-tenths of those raised with six irrigations were suitable for the market.

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The possibility of keeping injurious insects in check by the introduction of their natural insect enemies is a popular subject with fruit growers and farmers.

During the past year the bureau of animal industry distributed 1,000,000 doses of black leg vaccine, and over 10,000 persons reported highly satisfactory results.

The lack of potash in a soil is often manifested by a yellowish brown discoloration of the leaves of the potato plant.

Open stover can be used to excellent advantage as roughage for beef animals, and, with a moderate amount of grain, it compares very well with hay, says a Virginia feeder.

Real life wheat, Banner oats and Missouri barley were grown under spell or summer, summer fallow, and wheat in some Canadian tests, and in each case the highest yields were obtained where the crops followed spell or summer and the lowest where they followed wheat.

Recently we have been grinding the alfalfa, mixing it with ground corn and feeding it as slop. Not only the small pigs and hogs, but the old brood sows, have done much better than ever before on alfalfa meal and ground corn, says a Virginia feeder.

"Do man get through the world findin' fault," said Uncle Eben, "has picked out such an easy job for hisself that he can't expect much appreciation."

FERTILIZING THE POTATO.

Home Mixed Versus Factory Mixed Fertilizers—Barnyard Manure.

A thorough preparation of the soil and intensive cultivation of the crop, aside from favorable weather conditions, are not sufficient to insure a large yield in many localities where potatoes are grown for the market.

The New Hampshire station has recently published the results of a series of experiments mainly devoted to the study of the potato fertilizer problem.

An application of 1,500 pounds per acre of a ready mixed fertilizer was used in comparison with an equal quantity of a home mixed fertilizer.

When the fool has made up his mind the market is gone by.—Spanish Proverb.

The worst bankruptcy is to lose heart.

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Still in Service. "Can't you do a little something for an old soldier?" whined Tired Tiffins.

Wasn't Wise. J.—So you told Mrs. Cunningham that she looked as young as her daughter. I suppose that caught the old lady? B.—Yes, but it lost me the daughter.—Stray Stories.

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THE "I" AND THE "J."

Why They are Dotted and How the Practice Originated.

The dot over the "i" originated in an accent which was put over the letter when doubled or placed next to a "u," a practice traced back to the eleventh century.

Originally "i" and "j" were modified forms of the same letter. In the fifteenth century the "i" at the beginning of a word was lengthened and ornamentally turned to the left, while in the middle of a word it was unaltered.

When the king of Spain was at Xeres he greatly admired a horse belonging to Senor Rivero, one of the notables of the town, who at once presented him with the animal.

Like a skillful courier Senor Rivero laid out and sent the king the horse which he had so much admired as a souvenir of Xeres.

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