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From this date until January 1, 1895, THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER offers the following inducements, which are for cash and cash only.

The "idea of national unity" was discussed long years ago by our forefathers and their words of wisdom can be repeated with as much application and force now as then.

One of the duties of the government is that of affording its subjects means of gaining an education. The peccability of our common country rests upon the vigilance of the people.

Let us not forget that we have no division of the citizens of this country into the "nobility" and the "people."

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Society in all large cities has to be continually on its guard to protect itself against the impostors. Friends are very careless, in too many instances, of who they introduce into the home of the city in which they live.

The sultan of Turkey refused absolutely to allow inquiry into the Armenian outrages by the United States. It will seem strange to even the casual observer that the United States should want to investigate the affairs of any other country on the globe.

WINTER racing is becoming very popular in the South. Some of the fastest stappers that move over the tracks in the North in the summer and fall are transferred to the South in the winter.

ITALY has some of the finest battle ships and cruisers in the world, and probably wants to test them against a weak power like Brazil before taking sides in the new European political struggle.

ONE of the sources of safety for banks is a perpetual rotation in office. Let the receiving and paying teller exchange places, the bookkeepers exchange books, the vice president and assistant swap one another's personal accounts, the cashier now and then put on the messenger's cap.

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OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Christmas festivals were the principal attractions this week and everybody seemed to enjoy them.

Miss Nettie Woods, of Des Moines, is the guest of her brother, Mr. J. E. Woods. She will probably remain for some time.

Mr. Robert E. Crump, of Hedrick, visited in the city this week, the guest of Miss E. B. Rinehart.

Rev. E. W. Rinehart will be in the city this week, the guest of Rev. Thomas E. Ryan.

There will be a concert given at the Baptist church next Tuesday evening under the management of Miss Helen Johnson.

Messrs. Isaac, Will and Samuel Downey went to Muehakoock Tuesday to spend Christmas.

The Bazar which was given at the A. M. E. church was a success socially and financially.

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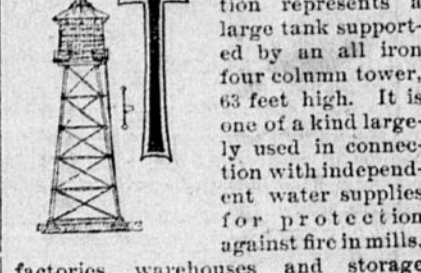
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WONDERS OF SCIENCE.

LATEST DISCOVERIES AND NEW INVENTIONS.

A Safety Tank for Holding Water to be Used in Case of Fire—A Foot Propelled Bicycle—Tearing France in a Balloon.



HE ILLUSTRATION represents a large tank supported by an all iron four column tower, 65 feet high.

The Chemistry of Cleanliness. Few people realize the importance of keeping the surface of the body in a state of cleanliness.

A Tour of France in a Balloon. An interesting experiment in aeronautics was tried in the latter part of September to determine the conditions under which a series of ascensions might be made for a certain number of days, executed successively with the same gas and the same balloon.

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A GOOD advertisement is the best solicitor. It appeals to the people who may want what it tells about, but does not intrude upon people who care nothing about the thing.

ENGLAND is advertised to have interfered in behalf of the Armenians. It is always a good time to buy a lock to put on the stable door after the horse is stolen. It helps out the locksmith.

If a foreigner will be kind enough to wait, when preparing to attack an American seaboard city, until we can get the Ericsson torpedo boat in floating order, we may be able to protect ourselves. Seven different attempts have been made to try that boat, but each time something about her machinery has broken.

The Mail Gazette says the most conspicuous feature of the reign of Queen Victoria is the establishment and development of democracy in Great Britain. As most of the thrones of Europe will be occupied by the queen's descendants, it is not likely that her majesty has lost faith in royalty as a comfortable future occupation.

ACCORDING to the last account of the Armenian affair, 6,000 persons were killed by the Kurds and the inhabitants of three villages were forced to embrace Mohammedanism. If Islam in Europe depends on this kind of missionary work, the Christian powers should swiftly unite to hurl it back into Asia—sultan, mosque, bag and baggage.

The United States senate never has been famous for accuracy of speech. Perhaps two thirds of the orators call China "Ching" or "Chinar." During the Sino-Japanese war the country was called "Sammy-a" and "Samoy." Scholarship and elegance of pronunciation are not characteristic of senators, but in practical affairs, such as the condition of the stock market, they are perfectly at home.

The report of Governor Sheakley of Alaska shows that the territory is steadily advancing, that the natives are self-supporting and that they ask nothing but fair treatment. The Indian police force consists of only two chiefs at \$15 per month each and nineteen privates at \$10 per month each. And yet with all this there does not seem to be any corruption in the force. The natives cannot be said, therefore, to be fully civilized.

The establishment of a system of rudimentary instruction in Russia, promised by the new czar, will be one of the most important procedures of the modern or any other period, and it is a necessary prelude to the complete civilization of that country. That and parliamentary government will give them a long lift ahead, and perhaps mitigate some of the national and social discontents which make the lives of these and other high personages so uncomfortable.

The discovery of the Connecticut bacteriology that the germs of disease may be found inside of oyster shells ought not to tell against the bivalve generally. The same indictment could be brought against all fish, flesh or fowl that found their nourishment close to the outlet of a sewer, as was the case with the oysters that conveyed typhoid fever to the students of Wesleyan university. A decent oyster bed is not thus located, and none are likely to be thus placed after this lesson.

The assassination of President Carnot has made the fortune of the hardware dealer in Cotte where Caserio bought the knife with which he committed the crime. The man's name is Guillaume. Since the origin of the knife became known, no day has passed without Guillaume's receiving orders for the "Carnot poignard." These orders came not only from France, but also from foreign countries. In such numbers that the dealer cannot fill them. One house in Brussels alone ordered 800.

There is to be a rivalry between John Jacob Astor and William Waldorf Astor as to who shall own the finest hotel in America, patrons of the best hostilities will be apt to rejoice that the two Astor boys have millions of dollars to spend. The latest from John Jacob is that he is going to erect alongside the Waldorf an eighteen-story hotel that will surpass that palace as much as it surpasses all other hotels in America. The "Jacob" if that is to be its name, patterned after William Waldorf Astor's middle name selection, is to be 350 feet long, 100 feet wide and with the Waldorf will fill out the Fifth avenue block between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets. If the two hotels should finally be run together they will surpass all hotel palaces of the world.

It is decided by high authority that it will require years to determine the full value of the anti-diphtheria serum, but so far the experiments are most encouraging. The great danger is that it may fall into disrepute by the use of improperly prepared serum.

A NEW ORLEANS policeman states that he is satisfied he felt an earthquake shock the other day. An earthquake that would, shock a policeman surely would leave some broken window glass lying around to prove that it had been in business.

The owners of the Gettysburg battlefield association, 800 acres, offer to convey it to the government for \$2,000. The land around, on which part of the battle was fought, can be secured for \$100,000. General Sickles has introduced a bill for the purchase. Both tracts should be bought.

THERE are 2,136 officers on the active list of the army, or one to about every twelve soldiers. This is an argument either for an increase of privates or a decrease of officers, according to the point of view.

SELECTED HAWKEYE MENTION

KNEEBES CASE.

The Horseman Makes Some Statements at Sioux City. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 28.—Robert Kneebes, the American horseman arrested in Germany on the charge of "ringing" the mare Bethel, and who is out on bonds, is here taking evidence in his own behalf. In an interview he said: "The mare Bethel is in this country and I can prove it. I do not propose to make the whereabouts of the animal known, for the reason that I have more enemies here who would do me harm if they could than I have in Germany. Hefener, the man who caused me all the trouble, is the biggest ringer who ever went abroad. A fact which has never been given to the public is that Hefener never swore in Germany that the mare Nellie Kneebes was Bethel. It is true that I intended to take Bethel abroad, and told him so, but never did take her." When asked about the statements of the men who went to his ranch at Wakefield, Neb., and to the farm of George Freeman, Elkpoint, S. D., and testified that the mare shown there was not Bethel, he said: "They went to the wrong place. I can take them to Bethel inside of twenty-four hours."

UNDER THE BED.

That's Where One Woman Found a Burglar. KEOKUK, Dec. 27.—Captain Thomas Warner's daughter was awakened by a noise in her room. The house was roused and a thorough search from cellar to garret was made. A window was found open and it was thought the intruder had escaped. At length Mrs. Warner's woman instinct prompted her to look under her daughter's bed, and a man was found there. He would not come out, and Captain Warner stood guard for thirty minutes before word could be got to the police. Before the arrival of the officers the man crawled out, and Captain Warner shot him. He crawled back and remained until the police came, when he was conveyed to jail. He is a powerful negro, calling himself Peter Jackson. The pistol ball took effect in the tip of his nose, and ranged up and back, lodging behind the right eye, which had to be cut out to enable the extraction of the ball. He may die.

SYMPTOMS OF APOPLEXY.

Senator-elect J. H. Gear Seriously Stricken. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Congressman John H. Gear, of Iowa, was stricken suddenly at an early hour yesterday morning with symptoms of apoplexy at his apartments in the Portland, and for several hours it was feared it might result fatally. Dr. Garner was summoned, and cupping and leeching were resorted to with such beneficial results that the distinguished patient is now resting quietly and easily. For a while he was unconscious, and this gave his wife considerable uneasiness, but under the treatment he rallied perceptibly. The members of the Iowa delegation and other friends who called at the Portland were assured that Gear was out of danger and with care and attention he would soon be about again as usual.

CASOLINE ACCIDENTS.

Several Persons Badly Burned at Fort Dodge. FT. DODGE, Dec. 28.—Two accidents have happened in this vicinity from gasoline stoves. Bartley Gilday and wife and baby were burned badly by their stove exploding and setting Mrs. Gilday's dress on fire. Gilday caught up the baby and losing his presence of mind jumped out the window. The child's head struck the sash and it was badly hurt. Gilday went back and burned his hands frightfully in extinguishing the flames. Mrs. James Toobey, of Dancombe, was dangerously burned from the same cause. She ran out doors and before the flames could be put out she was perhaps fatally injured.

FORGERIES BY THE WHOLESALE.

More Sensational Discoveries in the Woodbury County Investigation. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 24.—The citizens' committee investigating the county booting has made another sensational discovery. The committee has been working on the warrants of 1893 and finds forgeries by the wholesale. Seventy-five thousand dollars' worth of warrants were issued without a pretense of consideration. Even the poor fund was shamefully robbed. There are about seventy-five forgeries in all, ranging from \$5 to \$5,000. They have been brought to light by the most careful examination and will be easily proven, so the committee's counsel claim.

Address The News, Des Moines, Iowa, enclosing this notice and fifty cents and you will receive the Twice-a-Week News one year.

D. S. Bell, charged with the murder of Lewis McKinley, at Creston, on January 18, 1891, has been taken into custody.

COL SHAW'S SWORD.

Will Be Preserved by the State Historical Society. ANAMOSA, Dec. 28.—Col. William T. Shaw has sent his old sword, which he carried as commander of the Fourteenth Iowa on many a bloody battlefield, to the State Historical Society for preservation. It will be treasured as a rare relic. Col. Shaw is getting along in age, being now 72 years old, and is spending the winter with his family in California. The old colonel has a fighting record, and is known all over Iowa and the United States.

POWDER EXPLOSION.

Two Men Perhaps Fatally Hurt in a Mine. OTTUMWA, Dec. 28.—Victor Johnson and Frank C. Phillips, miners, were perhaps fatally burned in the Foster coal mine by the explosion of a keg of powder. One of the men was carrying an open keg of powder and a small piece of slate fell and knocked a spark from his lamp into the powder, exploding it.

Four robbers boarded a Milwaukee train near Sioux City and robbed many passengers of their valuables.

VINEGAR WORKS BURNED.

A Big Loss at Marshalltown May Fall on a Des Moines Man. MARSHALSTOWN, Dec. 28.—The Marshall Vinegar and Pickle Works burned to the ground with all its contents. Joseph Holmes was the proprietor. His dwelling adjacent to the plant was also damaged. Loss \$25,000; no insurance. Mr. Holmes had just sold out the plant to George Redhead, of Des Moines, but there is a question as to the actual transfer, which will doubtless cause trouble and litigation. All the insurance had expired on the eleventh of this month, except on the residence, and had not been renewed. The origin of the fire is not known.

CASS COUNTY BANK.

Two of the Directors Granted a Change of Venue. ATANTIC, Dec. 24.—Dr. N. Richards and Dr. G. S. Montgomery, directors of the late Cass County bank, have been granted a change of venue to Audubon county by Judge Lewis. Their trials will occur in the course of the next month or two.

CONDENSED ITEMS.

The Jones county calf case has been again decided by the supreme court. The costs, amounting to \$2,886.84, must be paid by the defendants. At Chicago recently Judge Brentano overruled the motion for a new trial for the Meadowcroft brothers, bankers, convicted of receiving deposits after the bank was insolvent. They were each sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and fined \$25. They were at once taken to jail. Miss Fanny Markel, aged 34, jumped from the high wagon bridge over the Mississippi river at Clinton to instant death. The fall broke her neck. She had a hallucination that she was responsible for the death of Monte Shoemaker, a near neighbor, who was killed by the cars a few days ago.

Independence dispatch: Ex-Congressman S. H. Weller, called "Calamity" Weller, who represented the Fifth Iowa district as a greenbacker in the eighties, has been found guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses. Weller is now editor of a populist newspaper in Independence. He will appeal the case. The trouble came from the purchase of a pair of horses two years ago.

Thomas Pratter and Mrs. Lundey, of Rulo, Nebraska, have been arrested at Red Oak, having eloped early in November. They were stopping at a boarding house, living as man and wife. Mrs. Hall McMillan, of Glenwood, arrested the elopers on the charge of adultery and the grand jury indicted them. Pratter left a wife and three children, and Mrs. Lundey a husband and child.

Mrs. Barbara Dietrich, aged 58 years, committed suicide in her room in the Windsor hotel at Davenport by taking arsenic. She had been married twice, had had rather an unhappy history, and lately has been nervous, restless and full of suspicion of her relatives. She left a note saying her own children had deeply wronged her, but this was wholly imaginary on her part. She lived an hour and a half after being discovered, and was able to talk, but could not be saved. She leaves one son and three daughters.

One night last week a safe in West Liberty was blown open and \$150 in silver secured by the robbers. Two men suspected of having committed the robbery took No. 5 train of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and got off at Iowa City. There they boarded No. 2 train, east bound. When the train reached West Liberty, the city marshal, deputy and a number of others boarded the train and attempted to arrest the suspected parties, but they were held at bay with drawn revolvers. The train proceeded on its way, the city marshal and deputy staying on the train. When the train neared Moscow one of the robbers threw up the car window and threw out a hatful of silver and also a large package of papers and then pulled the bell rope and endeavored to stop the train. Conductor Donahue held to the rope and prevented it from working. One of the robbers, however, drew a stick of dynamite from his pocket and threw it out of the window dropped the dynamite on the rail. The rear trucks of the car passing over it caused an explosion, almost throwing the car from the track and breaking all the windows on one side of the car. The engineer grew alarmed and stopped the train. The robbers backed out of the car, holding the train crew and marshal at bay with drawn revolvers, jumped off the train and disappeared in the woods. A posse of fifteen men armed with Winchester and shotguns started after them. The robbers surrendered and were lodged in jail at West Liberty.

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Hart, the self-confessed murderer of the little Good children at Paulding, Ohio, was taken to Defiance from Bryan, where he had been confined in jail, and was placed on trial. The hearing occupied less than half an hour. Hart pleaded guilty to each of the indictments against him and was not moved when Judge Snook sentenced him to be hanged on the second Friday in April, 1895. The prisoner's attorney appealed to the court for mercy, but Judge Snook was not inclined to give the prisoner anything less than the maximum penalty.

Stole His Own Child. SPRING GREEN, Wis., Dec. 22.—Morris Ensign, an employe of the Great Northern railway at Minneapolis, whose marriage three years ago to Miss Lilly Roberts, of this city, caused so much comment, they each being only 15 years of age, took his 2-year-old son from his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. R. Roberts, of Valparaiso, Ind., who is visiting here. He secured possession of the child by pretending to wish to buy some candy, then drove to Arcene and took the 8 p. m. train for Minneapolis. His wife is attending to the child in prison.

Serious Charges Against Chicago Aldermen. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—In connection with charges made against Alderman Powers in the Herald, that he offered to defeat a cigarette ordinance for \$25,000, which was to be divided among forty aldermen. Powers makes serious counter charges against the cigarette agent and a reporter, both of whom he accuses of having attempted to bribe him and other councilmen. The agent reiterates the charges and says he will be aldermen are implicated.

ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

DESTITUTION IN NEBRASKA.

Blizzard Comes and Finds the People Poor—If Prepared for It. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 27.—Telegraphic reports from many parts of the state show that a great cold wave is sweeping down upon Nebraska and the entire northwest. There are rumors, as yet unverified, of great suffering from the drought district. In many of these counties the only fuel is cow chips, and the unparalleled warm weather has made the destitute settler hopeful that this fuel would be sufficient for some time and little provision has been made for protection. Without doubt this blizzard, preceded by snow, means death to many persons in the southwestern portion of Nebraska, and in the northern parts of the state there has been a great delay in shipping provisions and fuel, and a hitch in the state relief commissions which will be the occasion of much suffering. A leading wholesale merchant says that while Omaha is in much better condition to care for its poor and the poor are better off than last year, in the country the condition is incomparably worse than last year. They are much discouraged and are unable themselves to render assistance to their neighbors. Fuel is urgently needed and is asked for from all hospitable people everywhere. It must be sent at once.

ANOTHER DEFAULTER.

Took Part of the Bank's Funds For Twenty Years. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—E. R. Carter, transfer and coupon clerk at the National Bank of Commerce, has been arrested as a defaulter. He is charged with appropriating \$30,000 of the bank's funds and it is said has confessed. He is 44 years old. He lived with his wife and children, a daughter 23 years old and a son 12 years old. For twenty-nine years Carter has been in the employ of the bank. According to his story he began stealing twenty years ago, first taking only small sums. It is not learned that he speculated or indulged in any vices, and he claims to have used the money in his living expenses. The loss, of course, is not a serious one for the bank, which has a capital of \$5,000,000, and surplus and undivided profits of \$3,500,000.

QUADRUPLE TRAGEDY.

Shot His Wife, Two Children and Himself. BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 28.—William S. Whitman, of Winslow, a manufacturing suburb in this city, shot and killed his wife and two boys, and then going upstairs, shot himself, dying instantly. Whitman is said to have been of intemperate habits, on account of which his wife separated from him and recently obtained a divorce. He called at the house and expressed a desire to say good-bye to the children, of whom there were six. On being admitted for the purpose, he had some words with Mrs. Whitman, and suddenly producing a pistol, he shot her, and afterward the only two children present, boys, aged 13 and 15 years respectively. He then proceeded up stairs and committed suicide.

COUNSEL FOR CHINA.

Ex-Secretary Foster to Leave for Japan at Once. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—John W. Foster, ex-secretary of state, has been requested by the Chinese government to go to Japan and meet the plenipotentiaries of the former government, to aid them in the negotiations for peace. He has accepted the invitation and expects to leave Vancouver for Yokohama on January 7. Foster desires to have it understood that he goes to Japan purely in a private capacity, as adviser of the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

BRECKINRIDGE LECTURES.

A Cincinnati Audience Listens to His Address. CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge delivered a lecture at Pike's opera house on "Eras of American Development and Their Great Men." It was an intelligent audience, many of whom were women. A constant secured \$90 of the box money before the lecture, on an alleged claim of Attorney Gustav A. Meyer for services in taking depositions in Cincinnati a year ago, of witnesses for his defense in the suit of Miss Pollard against him.

THE CATHOLIC BAN.

Is to be Promulgated Against Three Secret Societies. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—The Papal decree admonishing Catholics to avoid membership in the three societies, the Odd Fellows, Sons of Temperance and the Knights of Pythias will be read in the Catholic churches next Sunday. Every one of these orders has many Roman Catholics on its membership lists to whom there is now a choice of two courses—either to give up their church or sever their connection with the societies.

RACE WAR.

QUITMAN, Ga., Dec. 26.—T. H. Maulden, a constable, was killed by two negroes in one of the turpentine camps. The negroes were captured by a posse and jailed. One of the posse was killed later by four negroes. Another posse was formed and the search for the negro was continued and the negroes collected to defend him, and the whites also rose in arms. Several were killed on each side. Finally the governor ordered troops to the scene and martial law has had a quieting effect.

CHICAGO BOODLERS.

Bizzard in Kansas. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—A mild blizzard swept over central Kansas yesterday. Snow began falling shortly after midnight and kept steadily falling all day and night. The snow in many places is six inches deep.

Attempt to Blow Up a Church.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.—An attempt was made to blow up Laurel Hill church, near Staunton. Dynamite was placed under the building. The lamps and windows were broken and the organ moved from its position.

EUROPE'S FATAL GALE.

Storm Is the Most Disastrous Known in Thirty Years. LONDON, Dec. 24.—Reports from various parts of Great Britain show that the storm, which is the worst in thirty years, is abating. The exact number of deaths resulting from the many disasters on sea and on land is not known, but it is probably not less than 100. The damage to property is great. Reports from outside of Great Britain show that a heavy property loss has been sustained in Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, and other countries by the sudden rise of rivers, the bursting of dykes, and the wrecking of shipping. The storm raged with the greatest fury. Telegraphic communication with Scotland is completely interrupted, while the wires in the midland counties and Ireland are more or less damaged. There is hardly a town of any size but reports personal casualties and damage to property. Manufacturing towns in the north and west suffered badly. Roofs were torn off and chimney stacks collapsed, crashing through adjoining buildings and killing and injuring a number of working people. In many places the residents were afraid to venture into the streets during the storm. Several fishing boats are missing. Three boats were swamped off Stornoway and were twenty-two occupants were drowned. Much damage was done to houses in Dublin and the suburbs of that city. People in the Donegal Hills are reported to be suffering terribly, their cottages being wrecked and flooded.

THE WAR ENDED.

The Emperor of China Sues for Peace on Any Terms. LONDON, Dec. 23.—Important dispatches have been received from Tokio indicating clearly that practically the war between China and Japan has ended. Whatever instructions have been conveyed to the commanders of the respective military and naval forces from the governing powers of the two empires is not told in the advices, but assurances are given in quarters known to be thoroughly cognizant of diplomatic affairs that the emperor of China has been prevailed upon to send commissioners to Japan and that these envoys have such power of concession as will doubtless enable them to bring about an immediate and thorough end of hostilities. The details of their authority are not given, but the presumption is not ignored in diplomatic quarters that the concessions asked by the Japanese government have met with the acquiescence of the reigning power of China.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 25.—General Kasura December 19 attacked General Sung's position seven miles west of Hait Cheng. The position was defended by 10,000 Chinese, who were routed after four assaults. The fight was the fiercest that has yet taken place. The Chinese loss is estimated at 500 killed or wounded. The Japanese also suffered severely.

VANDALISM.

Serious Depredations in the National Capitol. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The senate end of the capitol has been the scene of more or less vandalism within the past few years. Less than a week ago some one entered the closets on the basement floor and broke several bowls and now the barber shop has been robbed of all its portables in the way of razors and shears, while other articles were wantonly destroyed. These acts are of but little consequence in themselves, but they have created some apprehensions in the minds of the executive officials of the senate, who fear the vandals may next turn their attention to the valuable pictures and statues which adorn the buildings, or possibly to the archives on file in the various rooms, many of which could be reached with comparatively little effort by any one who had once gained access to the building. There seems to be as yet no definite theory on the part of anyone in explanation of the depredations, but the officials generally consider that they might have been prevented if the capitol police force, which numbers only sixteen to watch, had been larger.

BRIVITIES.

A real estate dealer of Des Moines recently completed a \$110,000 cash sale of east side property, the purchaser being Mr. J. N. Huston, who was United States treasurer under President Harrison. The property is located on the east side, near the fair grounds, and has been known as the Gates tract. Mr. Huston has been in the city for several days and regards East Des Moines as an exceptional city for manufacturing purposes. He says that very soon Indiana and Ohio factories depending on gas for fuel, will have to seek locations where cheap fuel can be very easily procured. Des Moines is such a place. By some it is asserted that a tin plate factory will soon be built on the plot.

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Cliff House Is Gone.

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ARMENIAN OUTRAGES.

The Porte Opposed Inquiry by the United States. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The latest advices from United States Minister Terrell, at Constantinople to the state department, indicate that the porte is still firm in its opposition to the inquiry proposed to be made into the Armenian outrages by United States Consul Jewett under the conditions prescribed by the president. It is probable the United States minister will persist in his efforts to induce the porte to accede to the request, and if it should be finally refused, Jewett will still undertake the inquiry with which he is charged, and the Turkish government will be held responsible for his safety, for the state department cannot concede the right of a foreign nation to prevent its officers from collecting information for its own use and guidance.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—The sultan has finally and positively declined to allow United States Consul Jewett to make an independent inquiry into the Armenian troubles by accompanying the commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The refusal of Turkey to allow an independent investigation into the Armenian outrages was not unexpected at the state department. Minister Terrell has been pressing for permission for the past week, but the tenor of his advices to the department gave little hope that it would be acceded to. The reluctance of Turkey to grant the request is accounted for by the formidable proportions to which the agitation in the United States in favor of intercession on behalf of the Armenians has attained. The intensity of feeling displayed in the various mass meetings and church assemblies in the United States have convinced the porte that it would be placing its interests in dangerous hands, and when it learned that the person chosen to make the inquiry was the son of an American missionary and native of the very country where the outrages are alleged to have occurred, a prompt negative was returned to Terrell's request. There does not appear any way of getting behind this decision, for Jewett being refused to make investigation, an officer of the United States, could not safely undertake it as an individual. Therefore all connections of the United States with the proposed inquiry are at an end, and the investigation will be made entirely by Europeans.

FATHER M'GLYNN.

Celebrates High Mass for the First Time in Eight Years. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn celebrated solemn high mass at the church of Holy Cross on Forty-second street yesterday. It was the first occasion on which Father McGlynn has been celebrant of high mass in a church in this city during the past eight years, and the immense concourse which gathered to greet him in the early morning, returned in augmented numbers seven hours later to hear his sermon. The gathering, which thronged and packed the church were probably the most fashionable and numerous assemblages which ever filled the edifice. The sermon was merely a conventional Christmas discourse, avoiding matters relating to the sensational incidents of his troubles with the prelates.

NINETEEN ARE DEAD.

Frightful Railway Collision on an English Road. CREWE, Eng., Dec. 24.—The Manchester express, on the London & Northwestern railroad, came in collision with a baggage train at Chelford and nineteen are dead already, and over sixty persons injured, some of them, it is feared, fatally. Many heartrending scenes are reported.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

Parported Draft of the New Constitution. BERLIN, Dec. 24.—What purports to be the draft of the new Russian constitution is published here. It provides for an imperial parliament and a diet for each province, to be elected by universal suffrage. The czar remains the supreme head of the state.

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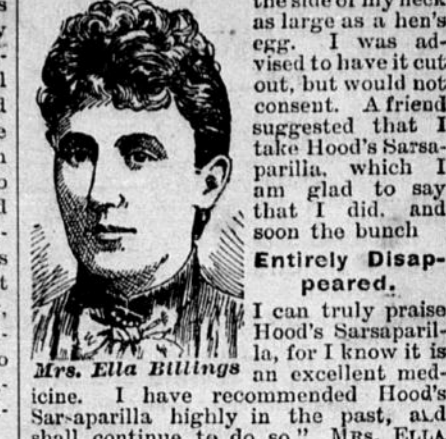
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FAREWELL, OLD YEAR.

Farewell, old year, we walk no more together...

I knew not then what precious gifts were Under the mist that veiled thy path...

I only saw the dreary clouds unbroken. I only heard the plash of icy rain...

O dear old year, I wrangled a father's kindness...

Good-bye, kind year, we walk no more together...

A NEW YEAR'S WEDDING.

Old Rafferty Plays an Important Role in a Conspiracy.

BUBBLE was booming, and it was Christmas Eve in Bubble...

Under the gaslights flickering glare Down at the foot of the hallway stair...

Whoa-ah, that! Train must due, Tyn? Hope 'tis. O'ive a sort of a nice aboard-me cousin Molkie's child...

Without alighting he stooped over the side of the wagon and extended a big blue-mittened hand...

shoulder and sauntered off. Casting half-curious, half-stolid glances at the newcomer...

"An' how did ye have all the friends in Coolathole, Hanna? Is Father O'Flynn still parish priest? Dead! An' Tom Grady? A noise little boy Tom was...

"Something of shrinking came into Hanna's face, but she turned to him wholly questioning and innocent."

"No, dear pa, the young girl replied. She drew back from her lover's side, 'we're only watching'...

church, the square solem school house, a couple of little box-like houses, then they were out of the town proper and driving directly northward...

"You're Hanna?" A girl stepped out and down on the platform. "Hi, thar," called old Rafferty...

see Sarah Sheehy's daughter much when he was home? "His father told him if he spoke to one of our old lads in the farm, who...

"Should she tell? How he had spoken of her? Why not? "He wasn't ever away from young Sarah's side while he was in Coolathole," she answered, deliberately...

"Hand it here!" roared old Rafferty. He was fairly furious, stamping, foaming. "A fit descendant she of Tim Sheehy—thryin' to investigate my son in my wife's face. Hand it here!"

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course we did. That was the plan Father" he held out his hand. The old man, with a will-eyed, dismayed look at it in hesitation...



Reading the Brief but Loving Epistle. Fiercely he grasped his son's hand, fervently he shook it. "I-I hardly knew Sarah Connolly—just by sight, Ellen Jane—O, no, that made no difference at all in my mind..."

THE NEW YEAR.

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Every one of our actions finds its reflection in the life of some one else. No matter how humble may be our surroundings, we have an influence on some other life...

Thus in the year before us we have it pretty much in our own hands. Personal advantages are few; we need only supply the individual elements. The past is valuable only for the lessons it can teach...

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Not Taking Any Chances. Mother (to her son, who is about to visit a wealthy uncle)—Now, Johnny, if you must refuse at first, it's polite, you know. Johnny (quickly)—But he might not see me a second time.

How's This? We offer \$100 reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's catarrh cure. E. J. Cheney & Co., proprietors, Toledo, Ohio.

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

The fashionable chirography of the period is vertical. Souvenir caps and saucers have crowded out the spoons.

The stock collar has come to stay. The variety of them is infinite. Some of the winter hats must cause the dream-a-kind of enervating.

English girls use artificial means to make them taller than nature decreed. Evidently the prejudice against green as a popular color has died away.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

The first building and loan association in the country was organized near Philadelphia in 1831.

The first glass windows in Western Europe were made by a Greek in 518 for a church built by the Frank King Childebert.

The largest search-light in the world is now on Echo mountain, near Los Angeles, Cal. It is of 3,000,000 candle-power and can be seen for 200 miles.

There are more than twenty counties in Ohio each with its county town in the center of the county, and as many more with county towns only a few miles from the center.

The idea of having a coon as a campaign emblem originated in 1844. Henry Clay was derisively referred to as "that same old coon," and his followers immediately adopted that emblem.

Ninety-five years ago the Religious tract society was founded. Since then it has printed the gospels in 201 languages and has issued the "Pilgrim's Progress in eighty-seven languages."

The population of the world, by the latest calculation, is estimated to be nearly 1,500,000,000, the greater half of which is contributed by our Asiatic brethren, who number about 800,000,000.

The shipments of gold coin between the various states, territories and parts of the United States, etc., from March 1 to October 1 of last year amounted to \$147,907,500; the cost of transportation was \$93,451.

The world's crops of potatoes last year, according to an exhaustive investigation, were no less than 876,500,000 bushels short, as compared with the crop in 1893. In Ireland potatoes have not been so diseased for many years.

Dreaming Versus Hustling. The best way of dreaming over his work, "What are you doing?" asked his wife, sharply.

"Building castles in Spain, my love," he replied, with passive softness. Her eyes flashed. "Well," she said, "you'd better be building a cottage somewhere out in the suburbs."

A Welcome User of '95. The beginning of the new year has a welcome user in the shape of fresh Almanacs, descriptive of the origin, nature and uses of the national tonic and alterative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

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The Proper Issue.

He—I hope you do not subscribe to any of the new issues of the day. She—But I do. He—What? Are you an emancipated woman?

Butter and Cheese Making Machinery. Chicago contains the largest manufacturing in the world for the production of butter and cheese making machinery.

Blondes are not in fashion. It is the girl with "cheesnut brown" hair who reigns. Large silver waist buckles should be worn if there is wish to keep up with the procession.

The sure way of missing success is to miss the opportunity. To California in a Tourist Sleeper. The Burlington Route's Personally Conducted Excursions to the Pacific Coast are just the thing for people of moderate means.

Anticipating that many people will take advantage of low rates on the Pacific Coast during the holidays, the Chicago Great Western railway will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its line to points within 200 miles of sailing station at the rate of one fare and a third for the round trip.

The closet of prayer ought to be carpeted with praise. Great Rock Island Route Playing Cards. If you send 15 cents in stamps or coin to J. N. SEBASTIAN, Gen'l. Pass. Agent, C. E. L. & P. R. Co., Chicago, Ill., you will receive the slickest pack of playing cards ever handled.

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AROUND THE MAHOGANY.

Epitaphs, like poets and artists, are born, not manufactured. To the average Bridget "a pinch of salt" means a whole bucketful.

Spiced and pickled peaches are now essential at fashionable dinners. It is Southern tradition that colored cooks are best to prepare oysters.

Gastronomic scholars hold the wing to be the best part of the turkey. Since colonial days the chafing dish has never been so popular as now.

Closed baked, home made bread, in the English way, finds favor here. It would be a good law allowing only hermits and sailors to eat onions.

Genuine manufacture of codfish balls is one of the lost culinary arts. In the matter of cornbeef and cabbage, enough is equivalent to a feast.

Cabbage and cauliflower should not be cooked when company is expected. Few can recite "The Raven" backward; fewer can properly make Walden rambles.

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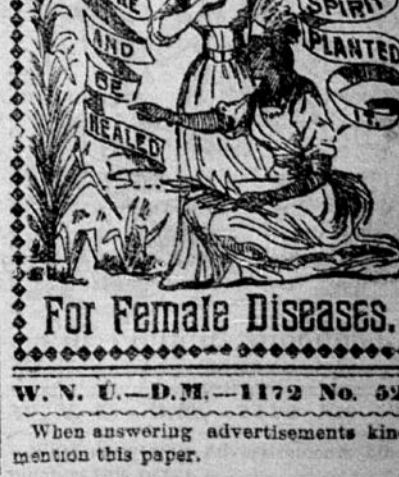
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R. D. Turner returned from Missouri Thursday. Rev. Gaston left Thursday for Macon and other cities.

Mrs. Clay Lewis has been on the sick list for several days.

Miss Eldora Green, of Newton, spent Christmas in the capital city.

Mrs. Holmes and mother, Mrs. Lee, left Monday evening for Oskaloosa.

E. T. Banks went to Davenport Wednesday night on Masonic business.

Dr. Edward Johnson, we are informed, spent the holidays in Polk City.

Mrs. C. F. Topson has been sick at her home for some time. She is somewhat improved.

Miss Mason, of Mt. Pleasant, an able teacher of our race, attended the teachers' association.

Miss Eldora Green, of Newton, and U. S. Jones, of Albia, attended the Pathfinder banquet.

U. S. Jones, of Albia, visited in Des Moines this week and paid THE BYSTANDER office a visit.

Mr. Foster, the genial weigh-master of Muchaknock, and his son, were seen on our streets during the Xmas festivities.

Die!—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bagburn, Thursday evening. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

There will be a free will offering and entertainment at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church the first Sunday in January. All are invited to attend.

THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER will be found on sale at the barber shop of Thurman Brown, on Fourth street, and also at T. E. Barton's shop on the corner of Fifth and Locust streets.

Mrs. Robert Richardson, a former resident of Des Moines, arrived in the city Wednesday and is at the home of Mr. Jeff Logan. She will remain several days and then go to Savannah.

Mr. Henry Craven has entire charge of the city circulation of THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER and he is now actively engaged in the work. He will call on every family in the city for subscriptions and also upon those who desire to pay.

All entertainments, festivals, concerts, etc., for which an admission fee is charged will hereafter receive notice in this paper at the rate of 5 cents per line. We make a decided reduction from our regular rates. Benefit entertainments for the poor and needy will be advertised free.

There was a very select tea given by Mr. and Mrs. Burnaugh last evening. Only the most intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Dorra, Mr. Rogers, of St. Louis, Mr. Moseley, Misses Berry and Burnaugh. A very dainty lunch was served in six courses.

The society event which took place Christmas evening was a grand success. The new hall at Ninth and Center streets was well and artistically arranged and everything needed for such an occasion was in readiness. The music was furnished by Prof. Elliston's orchestra and the refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Harding. A goodly number were present. The Young Men's Social Club deserves great praise for the manner in which the affair was conducted and those present were well entertained and look forward to another such enjoyable time.

You should have seen "Happy John" Brown walking for the cake.

Christmas eve was very appropriately celebrated by a Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. James Hreeden, Mrs. Golden, Miss Eva Robinson and Edith Stanton. A goodly number were present to enjoy the festivities. After the rendition of several musical selections the guests repaired to the Xmas tree, there to behold a neatly and artistically decorated tree laden with beautiful and useful presents. A bountiful repast was afterwards served by the affable hostesses, which consisted of nearly everything good to eat. The opossum and sweet potatoes vanished like mist before the morning sun and everyone present were reminded of the saying "it is good to be here."

For some time past dances or balls have been given in various parts of the city. The dancing part is all right under certain conditions. But these affairs of which we speak throw aside good behavior and violate all decency. Cigarettes, bad whiskey, profane and boisterous language are a few of the ingredients that assist in making the evening "enjoyable." The number of young men—who have pleasant homes, kind and affectionate parents and interesting and cultured sisters—who attend these bawdy affairs is alarming. It is surprising to see young men seeking such company in preference to a happy and refined family circle or the homes of intelligent friends. We will publish the names of all who attend these dances and it may serve as a warning.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A very sad and fatal accident occurred Monday afternoon, resulting in the death of Mrs. Waddy, whose former home was in Macon City, Mo. She had been a resident of Des Moines but a few months, having come here with her husband from Appanoose county. Mr. Waddy was a coal miner and was employed at the Christy mines until a few weeks ago when himself and family removed to the vicinity of the Clifton Heights mines.

A shot gun was kept about the house and in moving the household goods from one house to another, the gun being placed on the lounge, was accidentally discharged, the lead taking effect in the abdomen of Mrs. Waddy, who lived but a few minutes after the accident.

She was a loving wife and mother and bore a good Christian character. A husband and several children mourn her death. She was 64 years of age at the time of her death. The family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

LET DES MOINES LEAD.

Mr. Thos. McDaniels is a man of industry and enterprise. He believes in good, old-fashioned solid comfort at home—the Mecca of all good husbands. He has recently made some substantial improvements in his property on Sixth avenue. He has made additions in such a manner as to cause his friends to inquire for his residence and to ask if he has not removed. Besides additions he has put in hot and cold water in every room in the house, several bath rooms, and has a furnace that heats the entire residence from top to bottom. His home is as neat and comfortable as any in the city. He believes that there can be no better place found for the expending of surplus means than in the home and for the comfort of his family. His most estimable wife has assisted him in acquiring some of the best property in the city, and they can go on through life's path in comfort and ease, feeling that each has an equal share in the competence and prosperity which they have acquired. The homes of Des Moines people, acquired and being acquired, are not excelled by any city. Let the good work go on.

WILL RECEIVE CALLERS.

The members of Naomi Court No. 3, assisted by a number of ladies, will receive calls January 1st, 1895, from 2 p. m. until 9:30 p. m., at Masonic Hall, corner West Sixth and Walnut streets. Messengers C. A. Clegg, C. S. Stewart, J. P. Lewis, M. E. Brown, J. H. Shepard, E. D. Jackson, H. D. Woods, E. S. Willett, Thomas Williams, E. T. Banks, G. W. Denny, A. Baker, A. L. Bell, T. A. Clark, C. Clemens, I. E. Williamson, J. H. Poindexter, W. A. Seavey, D. A. Bashfield, G. I. Holt, J. T. Blagburn, D. Douglas, A. Langford, J. H. Breeden, Wm. Coalsen, W. D. Morton, M. N. Bell, Misses Agnes Roy, Zella Davis, Bessie Stewart, Mattie Robinson and Anna Davis.

LOST.

Edward Moseley, who has been representing an insurance company in this city, has severed his connection and made a contract with an old and established company of Waterloo, and will represent it in the southeastern part of the state with headquarters at Oskaloosa. Edward is a good boy, a good insurance agent and thoroughly reliable in what he says and does. He has many friends here who have appreciated his efforts to get into a new branch of business and who hope that he will stick to it and make a prominent man in insurance circles. He has ably assisted the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER in many ways and it heartily recommends him as an honest and capable young man.

A MISFORTUNE.

The entertainment given at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Xmas evening under the management of Miss Mabelle Lery was very largely attended. The program was well prepared, however owing to the fact that a fire took place, a post having caught from the extreme heat of the furnace, together with other minor misfortunes, it was not fully carried out. Those who appeared on the program acquitted themselves nobly.

OBITUARY.

Finley Hayes, an old resident of this city, who died a few days ago, was buried Monday from Burns' M. E. church, Rev. T. A. Clark conducting the ceremony. He was man of middle age and enjoyed a large circle of friends. A number of his relatives live in the city, among them his mother, Mrs. Smith. Sympathy is extended to the family in their great bereavement.

Zola, the French sensational writer, is coming to America to lecture and to gather materials for a book. Following the example of English Editor Stead, the distinguished Frenchman may give us something very much in his native vein under the title "If Zola Came to Chicago."

JAMES REID was hanged for murder in England the other day. "There was some doubt of his guilt, but unhappy Robert Buchanan, the playwright, wrote a letter in his defense. Buchanan is a notorious scold and grumbler, and it is the fashion in England as elsewhere to dissent from his opinions, so Mr. Reid was duly hanged.

SPAIN has decreed the abolition of public executions, the ostensible reason being that anarchists and others about to be executed abused the occasion by making incendiary speeches or posing as martyrs. The country which once led the civilization of Europe has lagged behind in this particular.

SCIENCE shows that possible danger lurks in everything. Butter, for instance, may contain pathogenic germs, and every one knows how bad they are. So, also, it is shown in the London Lancet, that bread contains many kinds of living bacteria. And the conclusion is reached that many unaccountable diseases may be eventually traced to the agency of bread.

FRANK'S BEAR HUNT.

"So you think you would like to go bear-hunting with me, do you? Well, well!"

Uncle Frank struck a match, and, between puffs of his cigar, as he lighted it, looked quizzically at little Frank. "Yes, indeed!" exclaimed little Frank, who was not so little at all, being thirteen and "nearly half-past," as little Margery said. He pressed closer to Uncle Frank and looked eagerly into his face.

"I've heard you tell such lots of stories about bear-hunting, Uncle Frank, and I'm sure you were not so much older than I the first time you went bear-hunting with Uncle Will—your Uncle Will."

"I was seventeen, Frank." "Well, that's only four years older." "I was nearly eighteen, in fact, and



"OLD BILL TOLD LOTS OF STORIES."

was a great deal too young to have patience and knowledge enough to watch for game. To know how to fire off a gun isn't everything."

"Oh, I know. But I've learned lots about the bear's habits, how he feeds, and how he prowls about at night, and all that."

Uncle Frank laughed at the flushed face of the would-be hunter.

"I think I wasn't much older than you, Frank, when I had an accident near-hunt. Did I ever tell you about it?"

"No, not tell it now!" "It was about twenty years ago, of course, and bears and other 'big game' were more plenty than to-day in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky."

"What was their names, Uncle?" "Oh, I don't remember. 'Tom' and 'Sam' will do for names, Margery, eh?"

"Now, the utmost we had ever shot with these same guns were birds, because the only things they carried was bird-shot, but I don't believe we thought much about that. As we were starting, old Bill Green, a well known hunter of the village, said to me: 'It's just about a good bear's season, boys, and I'm going up the mountains myself to look for a bear's skin. So I'll camp out with you a night or two on my way up.'"

"We were glad to have old Bill Green with us, and he said that he had camped that night, for there was no chance of a bear or any other animal so near the town. Old Bill told lots of stories you'd have thought he had killed all the bears within three hundred miles of this place, and that not one of them weighed less than 1,000 pounds."

"Yes, this same old rifle's done good work," Bill would say, nursing it fondly.



A Queer Black Shadow Seemed to Move.

ly. And we each looked at Bill's rifle and wished we could get a chance with it ourselves.

"Old Bill was a wily old hunter. He didn't run all over looking for bears, here, there and everywhere. He knew the places in the hills, where the bears' dens had been, year after year. He knew all the best bears' feeding places. And he could tell at what time of year the bears would come down to the stream's edge for food, after their long winter's sleep, and where the best berries grow and where were to be found in profusion the wild potato roots, which the bears loved."

"So it happened that by the second day, when we had penetrated further and further into the brush, and higher and higher up the hills, old Bill had filled our heads so full of bear and bear habits that we could see and hear nothing else. We watched for bears' tracks along every opening. For bears, Bill said, liked a clear road when they could find one. We eagerly examined every patch of berry bushes and every clump of wild lilacs, if perchance we might find marks of Mr. Bear's ravages in search of his dinner."

"I think now that old Bill was rather amusing himself with us. He could not have seriously meant to go bear-hunting with three greenies like us. I suppose he meant to leave us the next day and go higher up the mountain himself. But chance favored our youthful ardor and checked Bill's laughter at us. The afternoon of the second day we had crept quietly up the side of a mountain stream and were sitting near the head of it. It was a place where Bill had declared he had shot a huge bear only last spring. We sat there quietly, watching the trees and brush, when Bill laid his hand softly on mine."

"Hush!" he said. "I've been 'hushing' all the time, but I did it harder after that. And we began to hear a low growling, and the brush fell off under the trees slowly and rustled, and we could hear twig snapping and see the leaves shaken off the young trees as they swayed before some huge unseen thing walking under them. Bill listened intently, they whispered again. 'It's a bear calling her cubs,' said he. The bear had got wind of us, of course, but if she was willing to make up with us in other way, it was quite ready to let her. For Bill had impressed upon us the danger of green hunters meddling with a bear when she had her cubs with her."

"But I knew I was horribly disappointed. I could not sleep that night, thinking of the bear who had missed her cubs that night, while the rest lay sound asleep on the leaves they had collected for birds. I sat up and leaped against a stone and longed with a terrible longing that my chance to kill a bear should come. I picked up old Bill's rifle from where it lay beside me, and I thought for a minute, I looked over it and wondered when I could get such chances as he had had."

"It was a half-echoed night. The moon peeped out now and then, but it was gloomy in the little clump of trees on the edge of which we were lying. Just in front of us was a broad stretch of open grass and then other trees stretched up the mountain side."

"While I looked across the open a queer black shadow seemed to move near the trees on the further side. I watched it closely. 'It is coming this way,' I thought. And in a minute the black shadow came from out the trees and walked out on the open grass. Then my heart thumped till I could hear it. It was a bear!"

"He came slowly on. My heart stood still then and my hands got cold. Then suddenly I dozed, and I never ever did it—I lifted old Bill's rifle to my shoulder, took a sight at the black shadow and fired. The shot rang out through the hills. I heard a loud growl almost a roar. Old Bill and the boys started up."

"'Get whizz! What is it?' cried Bill. 'It's here, here, enough to tell him what it was, but he found it quickly enough, for the strange part was this: If I had been a hunter as long as old Bill I couldn't have fired a cleaner or a surer shot. The bear was dead almost as soon as we got to him. But I think Uncle Frank's shot was the one that did it, and not me at all."

"'That rifle couldn't miss a bear,' I said proudly afterwards."

"And yet you say a boy as big as I couldn't go bear-hunting," protested Frank, reproachfully.

"I mean, of course, not deliberately," replied Uncle Frank. "You couldn't go bear-hunting deliberately and be successful. But if it all happens some day by accident, as my first bear hunt was, then, of course, it's all right."

"Uncle Frank's eyes twinkled again, and he got up and lit another cigar and left Frank to think it out."

Birds and Lightning.

The question has lately been asked in England whether birds are ever killed in the wing by lightning. Several observers have answered it in the affirmative by recalling instances in which they have actually seen birds thus killed. Doubt seems to have been entertained as to whether a bird on the wing is not protected from lightning by virtue of its being separated from contact with the earth."

But even the more shock caused by the passage of a lightning stroke through the bird's eye, it is not sufficient to kill a bird without any actual electrical contact. How great such a shock is, in many cases, every one knows who can recall the crashing sound of a near-by thunderbolt."

Some observers assert that birds are peculiarly sensitive to the approach of a thunder-storm, and almost invariably seek early shelter from it, as if fully aware of the peril of remaining upon the wing when there is lightning in the air. But for this exhibition of caution on the part of birds, the number of birds killed by lightning would probably be far greater than it is."

It would be interesting to know whether birds possess and instinctive knowledge of the danger of perching in tall, exposed trees in the open field during a thunder-storm. A correspondent of the "Companion" has the impression that they are in the habit of congregating in the forest undergrowth and in the shrubbery on such occasions. This might be mainly due, however, to a desire to find shelter from the rain.

Identifying Your Own Baby.

Suppose that 100 babies are left in the nursery of that Presbyterian church which has set up a nursery for the care of babies while their mothers are in church, is it certain that every mother can pick out her own baby when the service is ended? According to the bachelors in the church, all babies under 2 years old look so much alike that nobody could tell one from another, except by the dress. According to the mothers in the church, any mother could pick out her own baby from a thousand babies if the whole of them were drosses of the very same kind. This is the question that the bachelors and the mothers put questions to the mothers. We can tell these bachelors that they are ignoramuses. The fond mother of an unparalleled baby could pick her baby out from among all the other babies of the same world. Babies do not look alike any more than grown people. Let the bachelors ask their own mamma.—New York Sun.

A Scholar at Eight.

James Mill began the instruction of his son, the future economist, in Greek at 3 years, and conducted it so relentlessly that before he was 8 the young John Stuart—who had meanwhile found time to devour Home, Robertson and Gibbon—had already read the whole of Horatius, Xenophon's "Anabasis," "Cyclopaedia" and "Memoirs of Socrates," parts of Lucian and Isocrates and six of the "Dialogues" of Plato; that is to say, vastly more than is required for an education of any and far more than is taught in most of the colleges of this country.—Babyhood.

Queer Coincidence.

Here, says a correspondent, is a little story of a coincidence that is true: Mr. K. H. Stone was in our office when a couple of callers from Cleveland Ohio, came—one Mr. Kilbourne, of the "Ohio Merchant," the other his father-in-law, Mr. Hoyt. Mr. Kilbourne introduced Mr. Stone, and he then introduced Mr. Stone to Mr. Hoyt. "Well," said Mr. Stone, "this is strange. Here I have been introduced by Mr. Kilbourne to Mr. Hoyt, while my own name is Kilburn Hoyt Stone." When you get to anything to match this let your readers hear of it.

Quite Too Evident.

Val—Is poverty a crime, mamma? Mamma—I should judge so by the efforts of some people to conceal it.

DES MOINES PASSENGER TRAINS.

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PEOPLE CARRIED FOR A CENT

result of a Street-Car War in Savannah, Ga., Georgia.

The bottom has almost, if it has not quite, dried up of street-car fares, and one cent will carry a person now any part of the city. The last reduction was decided on at a meeting of the directors of the Electric railway company. Bull and Bay streets and Bull and Best streets are named as junction points, and from either of these points to the other, which is just half the length of the big belt, and going either direction the fare is one cent, says the Savannah, Ga., News.

A passenger can board the street car anywhere on the line of the belt and ride to one of these junction points for one cent, but if he goes beyond it he must pay another cent. It costs two cents to ride all the way round the big belt, but by making it one cent on each half of the line the belt meets the competition of the lines of the City and Suburban, which run practically parallel to it.

The fare on the Indian street line is also reduced to one cent, although there is practically no competition in that direction. President Collins said he did not claim that the one-cent fares would pay, but whether they pay or not is not the question.

"Our competitors seem to want the one-cent fares," he said, and we are going to throw the throttle wide open. It is a question of one cent, first the ozone out, and we will give them their fill of the low fares."

President Collins was asked how many people his lines were carrying. "You mean," he replied, "how many we are unable to carry that want to ride. That is the most serious question with which we have to deal now. We carry all we can possibly handle in the afternoons, and on Sundays it is simply impossible to accommodate the people who want to ride. We could easily use 100 cars. As it is, we have been running double on some of the lines, and at times when the travel required it."

An Inconvenient Piano.

The late Leopold de Meyer, of Dresden, a brilliant and popular pianist in his day, was once summoned to play before the sultan at Constantinople. Going thither he borrowed a grand piano from one of the Austrian secretaries of legation and had it set up in a large reception room at the palace. There he awaited the coming of the sultan; but when that illustrious monarch entered the room he started back in alarm, and demanded of his attendants what that monster was standing there on three legs. Explanations followed, but were in vain. The legs had to be taken off, and the body of the instrument laid flat on the floor, and Leopold de Meyer, sitting cross-legged on a mat, went through his program as best he could in that awkward attitude and without pedals. But the commander of the faithful was delighted, and when the last piece was played gave the artist over a thousand pounds as "snack-money."—Answers.

A True Saying.

The husband was complaining and the wife was busy about, hunting for the sunny places. "Life is a burden," she sighed. "Yes, dear," she answered, "but you know we couldn't exist very well without it."

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