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CITY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Powell entertained a few friends Monday night.

Mr. I. L. Brown a prominent man of Marshalltown is in the city.

Mrs. B. J. Holmes is in Keokuk in the interest of the House Hold of Ruth and will return to-morrow.

Mr. John Glass of Six and University Avenue has been quite sick for more than a week.

Sunday School will open at 2:30 Sunday so as to give way for the sacramental services.

E. B. Elliston, who visited his family in Omaha a few days last week, has returned.

J. H. Nixon, Jeweler, No. 313 West Third street, tunes pianos and repairs organs.

I. E. Williamson was one of the judges from the First precinct and Second Ward at our recent city election.

Will Graves, who has been visiting friends and relatives at Deadwood, S. D. for several months, returned to the city last week.

Leavitt Woodson who has been at Champaign, Ill., for some time returned home this week.

Rev. J. W. Malone, presiding elder is in the city and will preach at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Morton of W. 11th., street went to the hospital Monday to undergo a surgical operation.

Misses Hannah, Ruth and Grace Lewis have been indisposed for the past two weeks with the measles.

Tracy Blagburn returned from Kansas City this week where he has been visiting his family who has been spending the winter there.

Mr. Frank Smith was in the city this week visiting old friends. Mr. Smith has a run from Platt Kansas to El Paso, Texas, he returned Friday evening.

Don't forget to give me a call Equal Rights Barber Shop and Bath Rooms, 320 West Third street. Bath rooms open until 12 on Sundays.
CHAS. J. ROY, Prop.

The Iroquois club met at the home of Miss G. McCraven last Thursday and decided to hold a very important business meeting next week, at the home of Miss Nettie Williams. All members are requested to be present.
PRES. BESSIE JACKSON.
Sec'y. LOUISE CLAY.

The Messrs Lawrence Morgan and Edward Williams who have been absent from the city for nearly a year, different cities in Illinois, returned home this week.

Miss Grace Simpson of Kansas City after a delightful visit returned to her home Wednesday morning. It has been said that she will return to our city again in the future.

Mrs. Dade, who has been with the Orpheus Jubilee Co., arrived in the city this week. Her husband took sick and is in St. Louis. She is not with the company now.

The Saylor Coal Mining Company sold their mine and apparatus to a company from Boone county, who owns the Fraser mines. They will change proprietors about the first.

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Miss George Blackburn of Oskaloosa is in the city the guest of Mrs. Wm. Buckner and will spend several days in the Metropolis before returning to her home.

Among the colored applicants for positions under the new mayor, James M. Brenton, are: For patrolman, Ira Miller, Ira Jones, George Taylor, James E. Todd, Edward G. McAfee, Levi Riley, Wm. Smith, Albert Moss, J. G. Robinson and Clay Lewis. For health officers, George Wells, and Geo. Cloggett. For a member on the detective force, Prims Lewis and Thad. S. Ruff.

MASON & DOWN'S CONCERT CO.

As advertised for several weeks the Mason & Down's Orpheus Jubilee Concert Company gave a concert at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium to a large crowd. The Auditorium was almost crowded with the best white and colored citizens. Among those present were Governor Cummins and wife, Secretary Martin and wife and several senators and representatives with their wives, also city and county officers, and they all enjoyed it from the hearty encores received after the rendition of each piece. Their singing was refined, cultured and captivating. Mr. Downs has an excellent bass voice, but Arthur Payne lead them all. He has a deep rich bass voice. In fact the altos and tenors were all good.

AT ST. PAUL.

Sunday is quarterly meeting; the third of this conference year. Rev. Jao. W. Malone will be present and will have charge of the day. In every way St. Paul was never in a better condition than now, with the spiritual tide high; the largest membership of its history, hence the largest following and collections, and with one of the most aggressive and progressive Sunday Schools in the connections. A dozen auxiliaries with their respective Presidents St. Paul will roll up this quarter the largest report, by far of any of its history. Each secretary of the different clubs is requested to write a full report of their work, to be read Monday night at the quarterly conference. General class and Love Feast Monday night. Presiding Elder Malone will preach both morning and evening. The sacrament sermon will be preached by some visiting pastor from out the city. The boys' choir will sing at 10:30. Sunday School at 2:30 Sunday.

We received a very beautiful invitation from Alonza W. Draine of Keokuk to attend the Keokuk Medical commencement April 11th. Mr. Draine is the first colored man to graduate from the Pharmacy department in Keokuk and perhaps the only colored man to graduate from that department this year in Iowa. We extend congratulations and wish young Draine much success.

Mrs. L. R. Palmer, Grand Matron of the Grand Court of H. of J. of Iowa and its jurisdiction, will start on her annual visit of the subordinate courts on Monday and will visit the following places; Oskaloosa the 14th, Buxton 15th, Albia 6th Ottumwa 17th, Keokuk 18, 19th, Burlington, 20th, 21st, Daventport 22nd, 23rd, Cedar Rapids 24th, Marshalltown 25th, Sioux City 26th 27, Omaha 28th, 29th. She has organized several new courts and will set up one while on this trip, the society is in good condition and many of them have increase their membership, the coming session of the Grand Court will be held in Keokuk in June which promise to be one of the grandest gatherings in the history of this order in this State.

Magnetic Sand Bar in Norway.

The fiction of the mysterious lodestone mountain which drew the nails out of ships that approached near enough has a certain foundation in fact, says a French paper, only the fact has suffered expansion. On the coast of Norway, near Joerdn, there is a sand dune of nearly three-quarters of a mile in length. The sand is mixed with particles of lodestone, and when a ship comes in the vicinity the compass becomes irregular and the vessel is entangled in a kind of whirlpool and thrown ashore.

Minnesota Forest Preservation.

The hopes of Minnesota champions of forest preservation have been somewhat dashed by recent developments in connection with the Chippewa Indian reservation. It was proposed at first to save the whole tract of ancient pine lands for scientific care as a national forest. The wishes of lumbermen, some pressure from other quarters to open the lands for settlement, and the willingness of Minnesota representatives to please both classes, have led to a considerable modification of the original plan. The segregation of forest lands is to be limited, according to present proposals, to 225,000 acres, and these are not to be turned over to the department of agriculture until the pine timber, or all but 5 per cent of it, has been removed, New York Evening Post.

NECROLOGY.

Last week death claimed one of our well known and pleasant citizens, Mr. John Wingo, who died very suddenly of heart and lung troubles last Friday morning at 310 Grand avenue. He had only lived here about five years, but by affably ways made friends. He came from Omaha, Neb., here, but had spent several years in Lincoln, where he was quite active in politics—having held several public offices—he also mixed some in politics here. He leaves two children, whom we understand lives in Illinois, and a mother and brother at Patterson, Ill., where a telegram was received from the latter asking that his body be sent there for burial, which was done. His relatives has the sympathy of his Des Moines friends.

Died last week, Mr. W. H. Young, better known as "Pap" Young, after suffering a long time at the hospital. He got some better and left the hospital, but very soon the disease took a reaction and he succumbed. He was well known and generally liked. His remains were laid to rest in woodland cemetery.

We forgot to mention in our last issue the death of Mr. John Smith, who died at the hospital of pneumonia and, other complication of diseases. He had no relatives living here, but has many in Missouri, yet no one here seemed to know their post-office address, hence could not get communication to them. He was not a member of any church as was known, or any secret society, but kind friend took charge of the body and laid it away in Woodland cemetery. He was a hard working and industrious man.

Mrs. Maggie Strange died at her home on Oak street Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness of several weeks. Her remains were taken to St. Louis, her former home, for burial. Mrs. Strange was a member of the Corinthian Baptist church, who not only led his class but passed the highest examination that any man ever passed in the institution.

MILLIONAIRE DEAD.

In Philadelphia Col. John McKee was a Real Estate Operator.

Philadelphia, April 9.—Colonel John McKee, the wealthiest Negro in Philadelphia, is dead. His estate is estimated at about 1½ million dollars. At one time he owned more than 1 million acres of land. He owned a restaurant in this city until 1866, when he retired and engaged in real estate operation. He was 81 years old.

Philadelphia, April 10.—By the terms of the will of Colonel John McKee, said to have been the wealthiest Negro in the country, who died a few days ago, Archbishop Ryan of the archdiocese of Philadelphia, will come into the possession, as trustee, of an estate valued at upward of two million dollars. Colonel McKee owned nearly 400 pieces of real estate in Philadelphia, 4,500 acres of farm land in New Jersey and two hundred thousand acres of coal, mineral, oil and farm land in Kentucky, West Virginia and Illinois. He is survived by one daughter, Abbie A. Syphax, who has five children living, and by Harry McKee Minton who is the son of a second daughter. This daughter is dead. The surviving daughter is cut off with an annuity of \$300 and after her death her surviving children shall receive annuities of \$30.00 each. Harry Minton is bequeathed an annuity of \$30.00 and after the death of all the annuitants, the annuities shall revert to the residuary estate in the hands of the archbishops. The will specified that the residuary estate shall be used for two purposes:

First to build a Catholic church, rectory and convent in McKee City, N. J. and second to build and maintain a Catholic institution in Philadelphia for the education of both white and colored male orphans, to be known as McKee College. The education of the beneficiaries of the will is to conform as nearly as possible to that given at the naval academy. The executors are directed to negotiate with the secretary of the navy for the use of a battleship or cruiser on which advanced pupils may be given their final training.

MEN OF THE HOUR.

We shall write this week an article on the real men of the hour, who are doing a wonderful work in their line of profession to raise the standard of the American Negro to that equal to any people in America or Europe.

One may read the long dry columns or the weary pages of white newspapers each day and seldom find mention about the progressive, conservative and steady going colored men, but on the contrary you will see in large bold type where some "nigger" has committed a crime, or stole something or in a shooting scrape. In brief something to humiliate, ridicule and hold him up to the reading public as a criminal, a brute or something for people to be afraid of. Now we do not object to the publishing of worst side of our race if you will take the same time to hint the names of the hundreds of good, honest colored men who are leading an honest life and making good citizens. Why don't those white newspapers go to our churches, our societies, our clubs, our secret societies and our newspapers and there tell the public of the good side, as well as the bad; they do us an injustice. Why don't they tell us of some of the colored men of the hour like young Colridge Taylor of London, England, the Negro music composer, who is now writing music for the Episcopal church of England and stands in the class of Beethoven; Moryat Hayden, Scarlati and Divorack. Why don't they tell us of Bishop Tanner's son in France studying art, and who has already produced some painting bought by the Royal Art galleries of Paris for \$50,000.00. Then think of Rosco C. Bruce standing at the head of Harvard University in scholarship and oratory, will soon be valedictorian. Then Prof. Scorbah of Wilberforce college, who is author of a Greek book that is used in Yale college. Then think of Abele of the Pennsylvania University, who not only led his class but passed the highest examination that any man ever passed in the institution.

Iowa is proud of her own S. Joe Brown, who passed last year the highest examination in law of any ever sent from the Iowa State University. Why don't they mention Alexander Dumas and Paul Laurence Dunbar in the literary world. There is Booker T. Washington building up one of the largest industrial and normal institutions America has. There is Major Taylor, the world champion bicycle rider; saying nothing of the hundreds of other men of the hour—not even mentioning the men who have pioneered and blazed the way for our race to progress. Such men like Douglas, Bruce, Langston, Lynch, Pinchback, T. Thomas Fortune, Smalls Elliott, etc. Oh, if space and time would permit we would give our readers a long list of those men of the hour. Next week we will mention a few of the women of the hour.

COALSON RETAINED.

Governor elect Cummins has announced that he intends to retain Mr. William Coalson as his messenger. Last January when Governor Cummins was installed into the office he made a complete change in the office force, save the stenographer and Mr. Coalson. While there were some opposing Mr. Coalson's re-appointment, yet there could not be one word said against his work or against him as a christian gentleman. He is honest, courteous, gentlemanly and punctual. He knows his duties and always performs them in perfect satisfaction. He is a race man and his retention will be approved by the masses of colored people of Iowa. Mr. Coalson is perhaps one of the best known race men and has a host of friends who will be pleased to hear of his appointment.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Black who came from Des Moines to attend Mr. Black's mother's funeral returned home Wednesday.

Miss Parthena Mosley accompanied her mother to St. Paul, Minn., last week.

Mrs. Cecelia Pool came up from Ft. Madison Saturday to attend the funeral of her daughter Mrs. Hunt.

The Messrs. Moss of Fairfield were down Sunday.

The funeral of Mrs. Hattie Hunt was held at the A. M. E. church Tuesday at 2:30 P. M. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ferrabee. Mrs. Hunt was born February 10th 1848 in Missouri and died the 6th., in Mt. Pleasant, she formerly lived in Keokuk and Salem but has lived here a number of years during her stay here, she has always been a peaceful and much respected christian woman. Mrs. Hunt took sick the night of March 30th., and died the same week, during her brief illness all that kind and loving hands could do for her was done, she leaves to mourn her loss her husband, four sister and one brother. The floral offering by her many friends was large and beautiful.

Quarterly meeting will be the second Sunday in May.

Last Sunday was Trustees day.

There was an entertainment Thursday night at the A. M. E. church for the Presiding Elder's benefit.

Rev. Miller took his little daughter Fann with him when he left the city.

Mr. Thomas Jefferson of Keokuk came up to attend the funeral of his sister Mrs. Hunt.

The sick list increases, Master Thornton, McNeal has been added to it also Mr. Anderson and two of his children, Mr. Bert Wells and Mrs. Fannie Jones does not improve any.

The ladies literary society met with Mrs. Burnough Thursday night.

Some of the members of the I. K. S. club visited the Island in Tracy's Lake Sunday afternoon.

Miss Hedge returned to Ottumwa Monday.

J. L. Bartlett went to Des Moines Saturday where he has secured a position.

The W. C. T. U. met at the A. M. E. church Saturday afternoon.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

The Stewards of the A. M. E. church gave an Easter Tea Thursday evening, it was quite a success.

The choir rendered some fine music Easter, Mr. Van Camp the choir master was at his best.

Rev. A. Ford of Boone spent a few days in the Rapids last week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Wm. Robinson who has been an employe at the Sinclair's Packing house had to stop work on account of suffering with the rheumatism.

Rev. J. B. Lucas spent Easter at his home in Grinnell.

We hope it would be a great help to our young society people if they would value their characters higher than attending these public dances, where they meet with most every kind of people.

The Y. P. S. C. E. elected the following officers, President, R. J. B. Lucas; Vice-President; Miss Romola Boney, Secretary, Mrs. Arceve Price, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. French Perkins, Treasurer, Mrs. S. L. Terry.

Again our great State is to be honored by the A. M. E. Annual Conference meeting with us again, it will convene in the city of Oskaloosa.

If any lady is thinking of purchasing hair goods why not patronize our only colored hair dealer in the city, Mrs. Klara Lewis 1423 S. Third Street.

Presiding Elder Malone will be with us on the 27th.

Those on the sick list are Mesdames F. Sandler, Hattie Raspberry, Messrs Louis Foster, Peter Johnson, Paul Williams and little Theresa Terry and Forest Martin.

MARSHALLOTOWN ITEMS.

Mr. Reed Waren who has been quite sick the past week is better at this writing.

Rev. Miller of Ottumwa preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

Miss Gracie Brown spent a few days visiting friends in Mason City.

Lawyer Woodson of Muchakinock spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. Emma Russell who has been sick the past five months is out shaking hands with friends again.

Mrs. Geo. Sutor spent a few days visiting her mother Mrs. Howard of Albion.

Mr. Taylor spent a few hours in the city last week, enroute from Chicago to his home in Mason City.

CLINTON ITEMS.

Mrs. Wm. Giles spent last week in Chicago the guest of friends.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fairfax is at home again after her annual visit of several months in Chicago.

The opening entertainment of the course to be given by the trustees was held on last Wednesday evening.

A supper will be given Wednesday evening at the church under the auspices of the stewards.

Rev. P. P. Taylor visited with his family last week leaving for Muscatine Sunday morning.

Rev. W. A. Seay gave a most beautiful talk Sunday night on the law of the A. M. E. church and its application defining the laws its meaning and the duties of the official bodies of the church.

We regret to see the Bystander diminished in size, due largely to the lack of sup-

port of its subscribers in a financial way. The paper is tender in years, the managers are doing the best they can under the circumstances to give their readers a creditable news dispense, but they cannot do much without money, therefore those persons who are delinquent to the cause should see to it at once that their obligations are cancelled by paying up there indebtedness, thus placing the paper on a stronger foundation, enabling the people who are at its head to give it new life and it may be the means eventually of giving us a paper second to none not only in this state but in all states, help the race by helping to build up these enterprises, no business can prosper when carried on mainly on a credit basis.
G. W. Luekey is transacting business in the city this week.

ALBIA NOTES.

Mr. Dean Jeffers from Marion County was attending a law suit in Albia this week.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. H. Shoddy on last Thursday evening all present report a nice time.

Mrs. Grannison and Miss Hattie Hill of Hilton attended lodge meeting in Albia Thursday.

Miss May Davis was elected by the House Irid of Ruth number 1380 as delegate to attend the House-Hold Convention in Keokuk next week.

Miss Mattie Boman has returned from her visit with her grand-mother in Missouri.

Miss Tena Folsom of Hilton spent a few hours in town Sunday.

NEWS FROM BUXTON.

William Archer has returned to his home in Des Moines after a few days pleasant visit in Buxton.

Miss Bessie Owens has returned from an over Sunday visit with her parents in Ottumwa.

The Young People's Society at the Baptist church continues to have interesting meetings. Mrs. Payton Reeves is President and she conducts her meetings so that all are interested.

A literary society was organized at the Methodist church last Friday night. Interesting meetings will be held every Friday evening.

Last Friday occurred the death of the 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robinson. She was buried Sunday. Rev. Williamson said the last comforting words to the sorrowing parents and committed the little sleeping one to its last resting place.

St. John's A. M. E. church is to have an orchestra to assist the choir.

Those who are to compose the orchestra are: Mr. Lewis London, 1st cornet and leader; Harry Lewis 2nd cornet; W. H. London, 1st violin; Geo. Roberts, 2nd violin; Sue Tate, clarinet; Ben Tate, flute and piccolo; John T. Washington bass violin and Addison Brooks clarinet. The part of slide trombone has not yet been assigned.

HOMESEEKERS VIA WABASH.

On March 4th and 18th, April 1st and 15th, May 6th and 20th, the Wabash will sell Homeseekers tickets to 32 states and territories at the low rate of one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Any one looking for a home, or wishing to make a pleasure trip should write S. W. Flint, P. & T. A., Wabash, Des Moines, Iowa.

SHE DID NOT RECLAIM THE COIN.

Though Given the Opportunity, Mrs. Stanford Did Not Repent.

Those who "pass the plate" in country churches are not often regaled with the glitter of gold among the contributions. It is related that about ten years ago Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stanford were traveling through the middle west enroute to Bloomington, Ind., one Sunday, and pursuant to their usual custom went to church. They attended the Christian church of Bloomington, then largely in the hands of Amzi Atwater.

When the plate was passed for the collection Mrs. Stanford dropped in a \$10 gold piece. Mr. Atwater was the deacon in charge of the collection-taking. It was noticed that the ushers held a hurried conference with him when the money was taken forward. At its conclusion Mr. Atwater said: "Ladies and gentlemen, there has evidently been a mistake. Some one has dropped a \$10 gold piece into the collection. If he will pass up after the services we will be glad to allow him to exchange it for the amount he intended to give." It is, of course, needless to say that Mrs. Stanford did not take advantage of the opportunity.

He Collects Antique Statuary.

Stanford White is one of the largest collectors of antique statuary in America. Not only is his house in Grammercy park, New York, a veritable museum of Greek and Roman art, but the lawn is now filled to overflowing with other examples.

Odd Names in Virginia.

One county of West Virginia has among its political subdivisions the Shab Fork, the Marsh Fork, the Shady Spring, the Clear Fork and the Trap Hill districts. Another has the Pipe Stem and the Jumping Branch districts.

Queer Japanese Customs.

At the birth of a Japanese baby a tree is planted that must remain untouched until the marriage of the child. When the nuptial hour arrives the tree is cut down and the wood is transformed into furniture.

Special Annotated Sections.

Toward the latter part of Dante Gabriel Rossetti's life he rarely left his house and garden and preferred to see his friends and acquaintances by appointment. Wee beside the too intrusive stranger. It is said that one day an enterprising man called, duly armed with a letter of introduction, and the servant was nearly yielding to the impulsive stranger, when on the painter of "Dante's Dream" leaped over the banister and said, in a firm, mellifluous voice, "Tell the gentleman that I am not at home."

J. P. Morgan's Dream in Boyhood.

"The dream of my boyhood days," observed J. Pierpont Morgan to a friend recently, "was to be a farmer and have the finest stock in the world—the dolce far niente of the farmer's life was my fancy." "Well, you have your farm and your stock—to say nothing of stocks," retorted the friend. "Well, but I am the man of all work, and I haven't got the dolce far niente; and can't buy it either, but a price as I might be willing to pay for it."—New York Times.

Sailors Want to Keep Warm.

Crews of several big oil tankers now at Point Breeze have appealed to the consuls of their various countries for assistance to secure the electrical heating of the vessels, and have made threats to desert unless their condition is ameliorated. No fire of any kind is allowed on board of these vessels. Most of them have electric plants for lighting and the sailors argue that heating arrangements can be installed cheaply.

Gamblers Are Superstitious.

Habitual gamblers are perhaps the most superstitious persons in the world. They invariably carry little portable mascots in their pockets, and it would be impossible to persuade them to enter into a game of chance if by some inadvertence their mascots were not with them. Lumps of lead, coins, snake rattles, locks of hair, nails, bits of bone, hairpins, are some of these charms.

Fairy Tales Becoming Realities.

The century is beginning with the great achievement of wireless telegraphy. With what it will send across the imagination of man if progress into the secrets and resources of nature continues at the same rate. We have already realized in common business life some of the wonders of the ancient fairy tales—Baltimore American.

The Partridge Detected in Turkey.

In Turkey the partridge is detected because once it betrayed the prospect to his enemies, and its legs are read because they were dipped in the blood of Hassan. If a man kills a panther he is imprisoned for twenty-four hours and then is handsomely rewarded. The crane is respected and it is a crime to kill it.

Tricky Dentist's Punishment.

A Berlin dentist was sentenced the other day to five years' imprisonment, a fine of 1,000 marks (\$23) and five years' loss of titles and privileges, for overcharging, cheating and injuring his patients as well as compelling them to sign contracts while under the influence of anaesthetics.

Carnegie's Coat of Arms.

Andrew Carnegie's coat of arms shows a reversed crown surmounted by a liberty cap. A weaver's shuttle and a shoemaker's knife are upon the escutcheon, Scotch and American flags are the supporters, and below is the legend, "Death to Privilege."

Wheat for Semi-Arid Districts.

Wheat-growing in the semi-arid districts of the west has been rendered less uncertain, it is thought, by the introduction of macaroni and several other varieties of wheat, which have already given promise.

New York's Civil Service.

Next year's appropriation for the civil service commission of New York city is \$26,000. The state expends for the same purpose \$40,000, of which \$2,450 is for printing and \$11,000 for postage.

Early Definition of Senators.

A senator is believed by some etymologists to have originally signified a man without lands, such a person naturally wandering to and fro in search of employment.

Doctors in Congress.

There is one physician in the present senate and four physicians in the present house of representatives. There is one clergyman in the present house of representatives.

Population's Rate of Increase.

Such has been the increase in population in civilized countries that the space occupied by one person a century ago must now contain three.

Telling the Bees.

The curious custom of "telling the bees" is observed in some parts of nearly every country in the world. Those who observe the custom always go to the beehives and tap gently on each one, then stoop and whisper under the cap or lid that Mary, Jane, Thomas or William is dead. This is done to keep the little honey makers from forsaking their place of abode should they have to wait and find out the news of the calamity themselves. The custom is alluded to in Whittier's poem "Telling the Bees."

At Swords' Points;

OR,
A SOLDIER OF THE RHINE.

By ST. GEORGE RATHBORNE

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CHAPTER IV.

"Hooh! The American!"

It was indeed a pretty sight, if one could only overlook the disfiguration of the principals necessitated by their armament, and both men handled their rapiers in dexterous and guard with a cleverness that would have brought out cheers from an American audience to make the very rafters ring, while three scores of Germans sat or stood around, watching every move, with a grim silence that was only broken by the clash of steel upon steel, or the sharp cries of the umpire directing the affair.

These lights had never shone upon a more gallant fight, and each student hugged himself with delight because fortune had been kind enough to make him a witness to it.

Those most experienced in such matters saw, however, that when ten minutes of this terrific work had passed by with but a few slight cuts on either side, Hoffman was gathering his forces and preparing to end the duel with one of his hitherto invincible tactics, and they trembled for the brave American.

To Karl's eager inquiries during an interval between the bouts, Paul only gave a short laugh and assured his second he was not playing with his opponent.

Again the rivals faced, but this time Paul was in deadly earnest, and amid a clash of steel it was seen that Hoffman's face was covered with blood.

Then the sonorous voice of the umpire was heard calling a halt while the surgeons ascertained just how serious the Prussian's wound might be. Hoffman seemed to be wildly pleading with him to tell the battle to go on—it was his first defeat and unusually bitter—but the doctor, realizing the gravity of the wound, was inexorable.

"Aufgabe!" he called out, signifying that the Prussian should be allowed to fight no more.

The umpire repeated the word, and in a loud voice declared the result in the stereotyped phrase:

"Saxo-Prussian is led away."

Then something occurred that had, perchance, never been heard upon a similar occasion—the glorious result, the signal downfall of the proud duellist who had lorded it over them so long, was too much for the students to witness without giving relief to their pent-up feelings.

"Hoeh, hoch, hoch the American!" they shouted. And "hoeh, hoch, hoch!" it was while they bore Rhineland, bloody as he was, into the ante-room to resume his street dress.

Paul had received a few slight scratches, but fortune had been very kind to him in this respect, for none of them were more than bagatelles.

As he, dressed again for the street, was about to break away from the admiring groups that surrounded him, he saw a tall figure pressing through the throng, and recognized the Englishman who had been assisting the surgeon who attended his bout.

His eyes, blue as the summer skies, beamed with good nature, and Paul was drawn to him unaccountably.

Then, too, the impulsive clasp of his hand, how hearty it was after almost formal congratulations of the Germans! Well, blood seems thicker than water, after all, and the day is surely coming when these cousins may stand shoulder to shoulder for peace throughout the whole world.

"A thousand congratulations, my dear boy. It was beautifully done, and I am proud to have been a witness to your victory. I hope we may meet again. Sir Noel Travers is my name, and I am probing into the colleges and hospitals of our German cousins."

Paul was dragged away by his comrades at this juncture, but he had a singular premonition that he would run across this big, frank Briton again in some uncertain future date.

To Paul's lodgings they rode. The day passed as had others, but Paul discovered what he had not known before, that he had many warm friends in the university.

And, of course, he was by courtesy compelled to accept their invitation to be a guest of honor at the grand banquet in the Kneipe or corps drinking hall that night, where the famous plamander with its chorus and pounding of empty beakers on the table opened and closed the festivities.

Still he was glad when the end came and he could leave the hall without giving offense, for other matters of a more personal nature demanded his attention.

One of the objects that had brought him to Europe—to Germany—gave promise of being attained.

He had seen the one he sought, the master who had for so many years been set to him.

How the memory of her thrilled him, and what agony swept through his mind as he remembered in whose company he had seen her.

The name of Hoffman, what a curse had been to his father. Was the fate to perpetuate his sire's in-mym?

enough in its way, but when she thanked him so sweetly, the mischief was done, for with the modest grace of those velvety brown orbs the little god of love had shot an arrow true to the mark, and ever since Paul had felt its point in his heart.

Several times he had seen her since, and on each occasion had received a bow and a blush of recognition. But no more.

However, on the occasion of their meeting, she had dropped a small kerchief, which Paul had discovered, and now he was on his way to her house to, he hoped, become definitely acquainted.

He found the house readily enough, and was shown into a small, dimly lighted parlor where he was to await the coming of the lady of the house.

It was just at this moment that his ear caught the sound of laughter.

It came from the next room, and was as merry and free from care as any sound he had ever heard—fresh, girlish laughter that quickened his pulse, since he could give a very good guess as to the source from whence it came.

Few temptations arise that there does not also appear the means of gratifying the desire, and in this case he noted the fact that the connecting door between the room in which he was seated and the parlor was ajar.

Utterly unconscious of what awaited him, he advanced gently toward the opening, and with eager eyes sought the object of his solitude.

Success immediately attended his efforts, for he discovered the nymph of the hazel brown eyes in direct range. She had evidently cause for merriment, and as Paul turned his eyes toward her companion he saw that it was a man.

The party's back was turned to him so that he could not discover whether he were young or old, comely or ugly, though he hoped the latter.

While Paul stood there wondering what all the fun was about and chagrined to think he was not in it, the man faced about, and the American felt a cold chill chase up and down his spinal column when, amid the multi-banded she discovered the handsome, sinister countenance of his bitter enemy, Conrad Hoffman.

CHAPTER VI.
Paradise Lost.

Probably in all his adventurous life up to date young Rhineland had never before experienced such a chill as beset him when he made this astounding discovery, and saw his hated enemy apparently quite at home in the apartments occupied by Hildegarde and her aunt.

The familiarity with which she received Conrad, the lack of conventionalities, declared that they must be related in some way.

And if so, what must follow?

His very blood ran cold at the thought—this fair, angelic creature connected with ties of kinship to the family, father and son, whom he had such reason to curse!

The idea was appalling.

In that minute of time Paul had as severe a mental struggle as comes to most men.

He conquered his weakness, too, and resolved to meet the emergency just where he stood.

There had been time to leave the house and avoid the encounter, but Rhineland was not the man to shrink at a duty, no matter at what expense to his feelings.

And when the lady entered, presently, with apologies for keeping him waiting, Paul was himself again, resolved, to play his part to the bitter end, no matter what the cost.

After a few minutes' conversation the good lady begged him to excuse her for a brief interval while she brought her niece into the room, saying she knew the young people would be friends since they seemed to have many views in common.

The time, then, had come, the fatal moment which had a short white back he had been anticipating so eagerly, while now, alas, he dreaded it still more.

He felt his courage ebbing from his finger tips when Hildegarde entered with her handkerchief, grin her face and saw the sudden wave of crimson that suffused her face and neck as she caught a first sight of him.

Ah! that telltale color would have brought amazing satisfaction to Paul but for the wretched discovery he had made.

Then he saw Hoffman, bandaged and all, looming up in the doorway. Paul was quite composed and ready to give and take fully as cheerfully as he had done when, sword in hand, the Saxo-Prussian leader slashed and hewed in the endeavor to down him in the schlager combat of the arena, but Hoffman promised to enlighten matters speedily enough.

He was rapidly working himself up to a white heat, when an explosion would follow.

Meanwhile the good lady of the house had introduced the young people and at least Paul might henceforth have the privilege of addressing Hildegarde upon their meeting, unless she took up Hoffman's quarrel and cut him direct.

Knowing what was coming Paul actually felt relieved when the man of bandages advanced to have his little say.

Hoffman was a man whose talents lay somewhat in the line of oratory. Consequently, when he let loose his vials of wrath upon the American he said some very bitter things in his tongue lashing.

The ladies were aghast.

Paul smiled through it all.

Wearing at length of the tirade, which he could not answer, he put up his hand as if to signal that enough had been said.

And Hoffman actually stopped,

though in all probability it was more on account of his lack of breath than any desire to humor his enemy that influenced him.

Having gained the floor, Paul stated his case in a frank and manly way, calculated to gain the respect of the gentler sex.

"Ladies, I am sure you will believe me if I say I had not the remotest suspicion when I came here to-night that I should find this gentleman present, or that he was connected with you in any manner whatsoever."

"Unfortunately he chose to take offense in the concert garden recently, accusing my friend and myself of an action of which we were entirely innocent, and as you doubtless know there followed the passage-at-arms in which I had to take part."

"I do not regret my action in the premises, but deem it my misfortune that I should have been compelled to disgrace any relative of yours. Since my presence here is evidently unwelcome to Myneher Hoffman, I shall insist upon withdrawing myself without further ceremony."

The effect of this manly speech was evident from the fact that both ladies smiled upon him.

Seeing which, the miserable Hoffman, smarting in the bitterness of his first defeat, snarled:

"One of you did insult the lady, and a German knows how to resent such things."

"Then it was the American turned upon him with flashing eyes, fully aroused.

"I say you know that is a base lie, since you should be aware of the sacred bond between that young woman and myself—that I would sooner cut my right hand off than offer her the slightest harm. I will even go further and solemnly declare, as you well know in your cowardly soul, that your presence in her society was the basest insult she could receive. I shall stand by these words always."

"And now, ladies, to me, permit me to retire with the hope that possibly we may meet again under other and more agreeable conditions."

Hoffman looked almost as white in the face as the bandage that padded his split cheek.

Evidently he knew to what Paul referred, and the consciousness cut him to the quick.

He glided over to the door, and as the other, having bowed politely to the ladies, was passing through, the Teuton said in a low but passionate tone:

"This is only the beginning between us."

(To be continued.)

COUNTRY OF CONTRASTS.

Free and Pastoral Life Lived by the Bulgarian Peasant.

It is a strange country of contrasts, this Bulgaria that people have so long watched as a danger spot. The peasant is a heavily built fellow, with a Kalmuk nose, if he happens to be pure bred from the original Samoyede stock, which is not likely. His language has become Slavic, which means a language in which "beefsteak" is "amphitelki" and "omelet souffle" is "omlet cuphle." The Bulgarian is a peasant or a soldier; he knows no other trade. As a farmer the sheep is all in all to him, food and clothing and companionship, says a writer in the Era. He lives in a hovel, should be understood why he should be taxed, and makes his women slave in the field. He is called clove-fisted, cheerful and suspicious, and has some of the virtues that often go with those qualities. When Bulgaria became practically free of the sultan there were many Turks left in the country. These are gradually being crowded out, but there is still a mosque in Christian Sofia, and in the palace of the Sobranje, or Parliament, where the members have better accommodations than the lords of Britain on the Thames embankment, some twenty Turkish deputies always sit together and exert an influence that they never could do in their own land by voting always with the party in power. Every Saturday the members of the Sobranje are paid at the rate of fifteen francs a day, all in silver five-franc pieces. These peasant lawmakers knot it up in handkerchiefs, grin slowly and shake the jingling pieces playfully in one another's faces. They are playing at statesmanship yet, but fairly well, upon the whole.

WATER CURE FOR LUNATICS.

Peccoliar Belief Which was Widespread in the Dark Ages.

The monks were the physicians during the dark ages, and the monasteries offered quiet retreat and seclusion for many insane, together with sympathy and protection which could not be found elsewhere. Spiritual agencies were everywhere popularly believed to be most efficacious in the cure of madness, and many and long were the pilgrimages made to the shrines of those saints who were believed to have special influence over the mentally afflicted, and many miraculous cures were said to have been brought about through exorcism and prayer. There were many wells through Europe and the British Isles, each with its particular saint, to which the insane were brought to bathe and to pray. At St. Nim's Pool in England it was the custom to plunge the patients backward into the water and drag them to and fro until their excitement was subdued. If they showed signs of recovery thanks were offered in a neighboring church, but if not the treatment was continued until no hope remained. From the seventh century even to the present day lunatics have made pilgrimages to the shrine of St. Dymphna, at Gheel, and here the first colony for the insane originated through a slow process of evolution, and stands to-day as the best representative of the community or family system of caring for the insane.—Popular Science Monthly.

William Waldorf Astor is to be invited to accept the mayoralty of Maidenhead for the coronation year. The holding of this office will not, however, entitle him to an invitation to attend the ceremonies at Westminster.

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Algy—"Poor Cholly nearly fainted dead away after his automobile broke the record for a mile, yesterday." Gus—"You don't mean to tell me the record is broken in it?" Algy—"Oh, dear, no; but, on my honor, he never once took his field-glasses off it from start to finish!"

The Chicago Journal tells this story: "Robson, do you know why you are like a donkey?" Like a donkey?" echoed Robson, opening his eyes wide; "I don't." "Because your better half is stubbornness itself." The jest pleased Robson immensely, for he at once recalled the opportunity for glorious dig at his wife. "So, when he got home he said: 'Mrs. Robson, do you know why I am like a donkey?' He waited a moment, expecting his wife to give it up. But she didn't. She looked at him somewhat pityingly, as she answered: 'Suppose it's because you were born so.'"

Three His Chances Away. Saut Ste. Marie, Mich., April 17th. Mr. C. L. Smith of 309 Avenue St., the Secy. of the Trades Council has written this startling statement for publication.

"I feel it my duty to make public the facts of my recent illness and recovery. I was very sick and sore, and had to walk with the aid of two canes. It was a very painful attack, but I don't know what it was. Some said it was Lumbago and others that it was Sclerotic or Rheumatism."

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Some people live off their wits and some live off the lack of wit in other people.

Dr. Rixey, who for some years was the private physician in the McKinley household, says that when the late president's mother sat down for the first time to a white house dinner what seemed to impress her most was the prodigious supply of cream. She commented on its abundance, and then added: "Well, William, at last I know what they mean when they speak of the Cream of Society." The president laughed. "I admit," said he, "that there seems to be an extravagant array of cream on the table, but you know, mother, we can afford to keep a cow, now."

SOME WONDERFUL CROPS IN WESTERN CANADA.

The Territorial Government Reports Show Results Beyond Belief.

Regina, Assiniboia, Canada, January 10th.—At the Agricultural Statistics Branch of the Department of Agriculture for the Territories, reports are now being received from grain threshers throughout the Territories, for statistical purposes. The reports are somewhat delayed this year, owing to the extensive crop and the delay in getting it threshed. The Department of Agriculture is leading the way in a new departure, with regard to the collection of crop statistics. In the older provinces, crop estimates are based entirely on the opinion of persons interested in the grain business who ought to be, and no doubt are, well posted upon the probable yields. Still the reports are simply a matter of opinion, in which a mistake may easily be made. The Territorial Department, however, has adopted the system of returns of crops actually threshed, upon which to base their reports. The accuracy of the reports cannot, therefore, be gained, for they represent a compilation of actual threshing results. In this connection, it might be mentioned that the Department is organizing a system of growing crop returns, which will be in operation next summer. The information thus obtained, with estimated acreage, will be available for business men, banks, railway companies, and other interests which have to discount the future in making provision for the conduct of their business.

The crop reports already to hand show some remarkable cases of abnormal development. In the Regina district, many returns are given of crops of wheat running from 40 to 45 bushels to the acre.

J. A. Snell, of Yorkton, threshed 28,000 bushels of oats from 450 acres, an average of 63 bushels per acre for a large acreage.

W. R. Motherwell, of Abernethy, threshed 2,650 bushels of wheat from a 50-acre field, an average of 53 bushels per acre.

In the Edmonton district, T. T. Hutchings threshed 728 bushels of wheat from a ten-acre plot, an average of nearly 73 bushels per acre.

S. Norman threshed 6,950 bushels of oats from 60 acres of land, an average of 116 bushels per acre.

The publication of the actual yields or grain threshed will likely open the eyes of the people to the great capabilities of the Western Canadian prairies.

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RACE ECHOES.

Mrs. Beatrice Ball of Denver, Colo., has been appointed to a clerical position in the County Clerk's office of that city.

Theodore Drury will present Gounod's Opera, Faust, in English at the Lexington opera house, New York, on the 5th May.

Eugene Marshall, the only colored student of the Junior class, at the University of Michigan, has won the oratorical contest and will represent that university in the Northern Oratorical Association, which will be held in St. Paul next month.

At Hamilton, N. Y., in the Rowlands contest prize oration in which six seniors of Colgate University took part, Samuel Howard Archer, of Petersburg, Va., a Negro, won the prize of \$50.

Hastings, Nebr., is quite proud of Miss Estella Craig, the first colored girl to be graduated from the High School of that city. In an elocution contest Miss Craig took second honors. The local press has this to say:

"The contest for first honors was close between Miss Helen Dillenbach and Miss Estella Craig (colored.) Miss Dillenbach was awarded first place and Miss Craig second."

ROCK ISLAND AND TWIN CITY NOTES.

Last Week. Easter Sunday was well observed by all of the churches—some having their special services in the afternoon and others in the evening. Each church was decorated beautifully. At the Baptist church in Rock Island at 3:00 p. m. the Knight Templars services were held. Fifteen of the Peoria Commandery were here to assist the Eureka lodge, and the grand showing they made on their march caused everyone to feel proud of them. Their services were not only appropriate but interesting as well. At the close there was a banquet tendered the visiting knights and the home knights, wives and invited friends at the Masonic hall. Teas spread was grand and every one heartily enjoyed being there.

Colonel and Mrs. Wm. Manning of Newton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Toliver Monday and Tuesday. The Colonel and wife were enroute home from Palm Beach, Florida, where they had spent the winter at their cottage there.

The many friends of Mrs. Chas. Hart are so pleased to know that she is able to be out of doors again after a long siege of sickness.

Mrs. W. H. Moore surprised his wife last week by presenting her with a fine Calmet Grand piano. It is of the Steinway make.

Mrs. Genevieve Toliver entertained the ladies of the Tossant L. Overture club at her home on 4th street in Rock Island, Wednesday afternoon. After an hour of business from 2 to 3 they spent the afternoon doing needle-work. Miss Mable Hill assisted the hostess in serving a luncheon at 4:30. The guests of the club were Mrs. L. Bright of Davenport and Mrs. Luella Walkup and baby Willard of Moline. At six o'clock the club adjourned to meet in a called meeting at Mrs. Lydia Moss Tuesday afternoon in Davenport.

Mr. Sam Kay, our popular caterer, has accepted a position as cook for the C. B. I. & P. new extension road into New Mexico. His run will be from El Paso to Santa Fe, with headquarters at San Antonio, Texas. While we are sorry to only be able to see his smiling face once in every three months, still we are glad that his estimable wife is still to make her home with us.

CHEAP COLONISTS RATES TO THE NORTHWEST?

To Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Northwest Wyoming the Burlington route will sell very cheap tickets every day during March and April from all stations.

First States in England. Blade skates were introduced into England from Holland about 1660 and were seen in London in 1662. John Evelyn, the diarist, under the date Dec. 1 of that year, describes how "sivers gentlemen performed before their majesties on the new canal in St. James' park, with skates, after the manner of the Hollanders." But in 1663 Holland had started a skating rink and was soon famous for its elegant skaters. In 1773 the first English skating rink was opened in London. This rink was variously trimmed with red, yellow, blue, green and white of various shades. A pretty feature of the small rink's costume is the fact that it was made of silver paper.

MUSCATINE NEWS.

Rev. Taylor returned home Saturday from Clinton after a pleasant visit with his family.

Mr. Henry Sazy of South Muscatine is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Johnson entertained at their home: Easter Sunday at a seven course dinner a few of their friends.

Miss Maude Oasley who was sick last week is much improved.

Robert Evans received word that his father was very ill and he left Monday evening for his home at Independence, Mo.

The social event of the season will take place on the 35th inst.

Mrs. J. W. Malone, assisted by ten young ladies are preparing the cantata "The Ten Virgins", to be rendered the last of the month.

William Brooks has accepted a position on the Helen Blair which runs from Davenport to Burlington. He is greatly missed by his Muscatine friends.

Mr. Fred Motts passed through here on his way from Chicago to his home in Washington. He stopped over a few hours calling on old friends.

The Danbar society will give an entertainment the 15th at the church, at which time there will be rendered a debate and musical program.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. Samuel Barnes gave a grand reception at his home, in honor of his Sunday School class, which consists of twenty young ladies and gentlemen.

It was indeed an elaborate affair. On entering the parlor the guests were handed neat little programs. The program which was very good was rendered without a flaw, after which dainty and delicious refreshments were served by Mesdames Oasley, Graves and White. The young ladies' costumes were neat and pretty and every one looked their best. Mr. Barnes has had this class (known as class No. 1) since 1891. He is one of the best teachers the school has and is beloved by his scholars. The guests at a late hour wended their way home voting Mr. Barnes a royal entertainer.

The J. C. C. Club are planning their costumes for the coming season.

Every one wonders why Misses Helen Johnson, Maude Oasley and Florence White are looking so sad.

Several of the girls are planning to attend the Sunday School convention at Ottumwa.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the stockholders of the McClean Arms Co., held at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on the 22d day of March, A. D., 1901, pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation of the association were amended so as to increase the preferred capital stock of the corporation (One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)) and the first section of Article 3 as amended shall read as follows:

"The capital stock of this corporation shall be Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$300,000.00), preferred stock, and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) common stock, and shall be divided into four thousand shares of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each, and when issued shall be fully paid and nonassessable."

In testimony whereof, I, W. G. Montgomery, as President of said McClean Arms Co., pursuant to a vote of the stockholders of said corporation, on the 22d day of March, A. D., 1901, at Des Moines, Iowa, have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said corporation, and acknowledged the same for and in behalf of the said corporation.

W. G. MONTGOMERY, President of the McClean Arms Co.

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FRILLS OF FASHION.

Variations in children's gowns blossom out from time to time, even though they are very slight, and small girlish rival their mothers in their ambition to keep up to date.

Soft wool materials make up very prettily in this way. In figured French fannel the collar may be made of the same and trimmed with rows of narrow braid or velvet ribbon. Skirts of the small gowns are usually plain, but the older girls have some sort of trimming either tucks, stitched bands, ruffles or velvet folds, stitched on.

The long-waisted mode, in which the first line runs down low in front is conspicuously evident among the gowns for girls over 10 years of age, and the small gowns for dainty little girls of 6 imitate this fashion as much as possible by having the long waist all around. Guimpe dresses, which never seem to go out of style, are suitable for all ages, from 6 to the more mature years of middle age.

Bolero jackets are very popular in the kingdom of small costumes, and the attempt to produce the effect of stolidness is seen in one little gown, where narrow lace revers are carried down the entire length of the front, as shown in the illustration. Another pretty effect is made by two box plaits in front, one at either side from the yoke to the hem, and two in the back, giving a long effect to the waist, which is defined with a narrow velvet belt ending in small velvet rosettes at either side of the front on the plaits. The skirt gathers on to the waist between the plaits, which apparently are a continuation of those in the waist. A collar of face covers the shoulders in the back and opens in front over a yoke of tucked white silk or batiste.

This gown of peat is draped for party wear and variously trimmed with red, yellow, blue, green and white of various shades. A pretty feature of the small girl's costume is the fact that it was made of silver paper.

BILLINGS' PHILOSOPHY.

It costs less to agree with a phoo! than to differ with him.

All men owe much more to chance than they are willing to admit.

Men who live the least to make munny, live the most to spend it.

Old age is a perch where all the akes, sorrows and ills of life cum to roost.

Obstinacy mite be excusable in a wise man, but wize men are never obstinate.

The best friend and the worst enemy than enny man has got iz his conscience.

Luv, which is simply the result of fear, will turn to hate the first good chance it gets.

There is nothing that God luv more, and nothing that makes us all feel better, than thankfulness.

The man who won't profit by the experiences of others, ain't going to profit much by his own.

Take all the folly and foolishness out of this world, and there would be but little excitement, and no fun at all in living in it.

When the bottom does fall out of a simply comik fool, he all goes to pieces in such a way that he never can be mended agin.

All human natur luv to tak the chances. There is grate fun in seeing how near you can go to a mule's heels without getting highested.

I have no doubt there is a perfectly honest man in the world somewhere, but I will travel 250 miles to see him, and give 10 dollars for the sight after I git there.

To lie well a man must have a greasy tongue, a level face, and abuv all a smart memory, so that he can tell the same lie at least twice alike out of 37 times.

A true kritick iz like a bee; he bunts for hunny, and nothing else, wherever he lights.—Josh Billings in New York Weekly.

HOUSEWIFE SUGGESTIONS.

A few drops of turpentine in hot starch adds luster to ironed linen.

Arrowroot tied in a thick cotton rag and boiled with linens and cottons imparts an odor to them that is pleasing.

English pottery with Dutch mottoes seems an anomaly and rather incoherent, but the effect is quaint and attractive. Candles ticks with strange birds and beasts appeal to the eye.

Silk and linen are woven together to make the handsomest table damask. Sometimes the goods is brought out in mauve, gold and white and an especially pretty pattern was all in soft rosy pink.

A shelf supported by brackets and from which falls a curtain is a good scheme to conceal a radiator. Then the shelf may be embellished by a large brass or copper pot or a few pieces of bric-a-brac.

To avoid wrinkling bodices and jackets they should be hung on frames such as men use for their coats, winding the frames first with cloth or silk, upon which, if desired, orris or other sachet powder may be sprinkled.

Little used matting, as in spare chambers or upper summer rooms, should be swept very clean, then wiped with a cloth wrung out of sweet milk. Do this once a year—it keeps the straw live and to a degree plain. If the milk wash is used in a living room or on a piazza, follow it by wiping with very hot clear water to keep the floor from drawing dries.—Chicago News.

PEOPLE'S QUEER WAYS.

In the extreme north and extreme south of England some remains can be traced of the old style of harvest home, which was usually celebrated during September. The emblem of it was the kern-baby, or, as it is called in the north, the kern-dolly, a tiny sheaf made of the last stalks of grain cut, tied with bright ribbon and carried home by the harvest queue, to be afterward hung on the wall of the great straw barn, while the harvesters feasted on boiled mutton and potatoes and home-brewed beer and then danced till morning.

A party of Bedouin Arabs, with camels, horses and donkeys, which camped for some weeks at the zoological gardens in Vienna, took with them, when they left for Trieste, seven Viennese brides, to whom they will be married with Arabian rites upon reaching their destination. All the women had property. Thirty others who wanted to take up a desert life were rejected because of their poverty.

A traveler in Abyssinia writes: "We here found quite a new currency—thin bands of iron, 2 feet long, 1 inch wide, sixteen of which go to the Abyssinian dollar. They are called 'dorma.'"—Chicago News.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

South Dakota has more Indians (11,000) than any other state. Of the territories Indian Territory has 56,000 and Arizona 25,000.

The common measure of road distance in Greece is the pike, three-quarters of an English yard, 1,000 pikes being about 750 yards.

The orange tree is very fruitful; a single tree will produce 20,000 oranges fit for use. A good lemon tree will produce 8,000 lemons.

By the advice of eminent oculists, the authorities of Munich have decided no longer to use gas or petroleum for lighting school rooms.

A curious custom prevails in Korea. If a man meets his wife in the street he ignores her presence and passes her as if she were a stranger.

Wash Given by Walter Raleigh. Among the bequests of the late Dr. Edmund Croker of Lisnabrin House, Tallon county, Waterford, Ireland, is a gold watch which Sir Walter Raleigh gave to the infant son of Richard Croker, the direct ancestor of Dr. Croker, in 1597. Sir Walter was sponsor to the infant son, who was named Walter, and to whom the watch was given. Until a few years ago the watch kept excellent time, although the case was worn to the thickness of silver paper.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Corinthian Baptist Church—situated on 11th St., between Crocker and School Sts. Preaching at 11 A. M.; Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 7 P. M. T. F. Griffith, Pastor.

St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 12:30 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. L. J. Phillips, pastor.

First African Baptist Church—Corner School and Fourth streets. Rev. F. Lomax pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 12:30 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. Mr. E. Houston, Superintendent; Young People's meeting 7 p. m., preaching 8:00 p. m.

Stevy M. E.—East Second and Des Moines street.—Sunday services, preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 4 p. m. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Prayer and class meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m. All are welcome. Rev. C. W. Holmes, pastor, 250 Des Moines street.

Mount Nebo Baptist Church—E. Second street, between Lactic and Grand avenue—Sunday services, preaching at 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 12:30 p. m.; Superintendent, Ross Johnson. Preaching at 8 p. m. Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor.

Tabernacle Baptist Church—Situating between Lactic and Grand avenue—Situating at 11 a. m.; Sunday School at 12:30 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m. Rev. J. H. Winshaw, pastor.

SECRET ORDERS.

North Star Lodge, No. 1, A. F. A. M.—Meets First Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—Fourth and Court avenue. J. H. Sheppard, W. M.; T. S. Ruff, secretary.

King Solomon Commandery, No. 6.—Meets Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Clegg, Sec.

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