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CITY NEWS.

FOR RENT—6 room house with bath
L. J. Shelton.

Mrs. L. Denny who has been critically ill for some time is not feeling any better at this writing.

Mrs. J. R. Erickson left the 12th for Hutchinson, Kansas, to visit relatives and friends and also in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. E. S. Burris of Rock Island spent Wednesday in our city on business. He made our office a pleasant call.

Rev. Wm. H. Stark and wife of Boone passed through our city Tuesday enroute to Galesburg to attend the A. M. E. church conference.

Mrs. J. W. Campbell and daughter Nellie, are visiting their mother and relatives in Mason, Mo. They expect to return about the first of the month.

Mrs. J. P. Hamilton who has been attending the National Grand Lodge of Elks in Dayton, Ohio, returned home Monday after having spent a delightful three weeks.

Lafe Jackson, a former Des Moines resident, arrived in the city Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Jackson hails from Minneapolis.

Mrs. Blain Thompson of Mexico, Mo., arrived in the city last Saturday. Mrs. Thompson was formerly Miss Pearl Hemmitt, a well known Des Moines girl. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson intend making their home here.

Miss Eldora Burton, daughter of Rev. W. J. Burton, Missionary of the Iowa-Nebraska Baptist association has come to Des Moines to enter Des Moines college. At present her home is with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hart in Lake Park.

Miss Lizzie Cowens of Denver, who was called here last week on account of the illness of her mother, returned home Monday leaving her mother, Mrs. Geo. White, much improved.

In the absence of Rev. B. U. Taylor of the A. M. E. church, who is attending conference, the pulpit will be filled Sunday morning by Rev. Walden and in the evening by Prof. G. I. Holt.

Miss Mabel Easter entertained at a whist party last night in honor of Miss Florence Russ of Quincy, Ill. Tables were set for twelve. A dainty luncheon was served, after which all returned to their homes after having expressed their appreciation of such a delightful evening.

The Negro Lyceum Association met Tuesday evening with Mr. G. H. Mason and after discussion of the proposed new Inter-State Literary Constitution voted to hold a social session next Tuesday evening at the residence of Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown, in honor of the president, Miss Letta Cary, who leaves Wednesday or Thursday for Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, having recently accepted an appointment as Professor of Modern Languages in that institution.

The Dramatic Art Club met Tuesday with Mrs. Warricks and had a general review of Paradise Lost. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Warricks, President; Mrs. J. H. Brown, Vice President; Mrs. H. Spaulding, Secretary; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. George Patton, Treasurer; Mrs. J. B. Bush, Instructor; Executive Committee Mesdames Rush, Hammit and Avery.

Mr. John J. Carter arrived in the city Wednesday evening from Minneapolis, where he has been on a business trip.

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While he purchased a beautiful four thousand dollar home in the aristocratic part of the city, near the site of the contemplated Art museum. He will remain in the city a few days visiting Mrs. W. B. Cottoms and sisters, Misses Rosa and Letta Carter. He will accompany his mother, Mrs. Bryan Carter to Keokuk before returning to Chicago.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, State Organizer of the Iowa Federation was out to Orab last Friday afternoon and perfected the organization of a club among the ladies of that place with Mrs. Wm. Austin as president.

The Second Division of the Union Congregational Missionary society will give an entertainment at the church, 10th and Park Sts., Thursday evening, Sept. 26, 1912. Everybody welcome.

Rev. Bowles and wife, who were visiting Mrs. Peter Bell, was called to Albia Thursday, owing to the death of Rev. Bowles' nephew.

Colinthian Baptist Church Announcement.

Services—Sunday, Sept. 22d.
10:30 a. m. Preaching by pastor.
12 M.—Sunday School.
6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m.—Report on the National Baptist convention and the trip to Houston, Texas.

On Monday evening, Sept. 23d the Progressive Choral Study club will give an entertainment at the church under the auspices of the Sewing circle. Admission 25 cents. T. L. Griffith, pastor.

Dr. T. L. Griffith reports a delightful trip to Houston and Galveston, Tex. He and Rev. F. B. Woodard of Buxton, went from the State of Iowa. There were about four thousand delegates present. Delegates were more kindly received in any city than in Houston. The sessions were held in the spacious Auditorium which was granted free of all charge. The sessions were full of enthusiasm.

The place of next meeting was left in the hands of a special committee. It is the plan to hold the meeting in connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Emancipation.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Geo. Lee died at his home, 2nd and Locust streets last Sunday evening. His death was quite a shock to his many friends, as he was only sick two days. The funeral services were held at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of Hawkeye Lodge No. 160. I. B. F. O. E. W., of which he was a member. Mr. Lee was 40 years of age and quite well known. He leaves to mourn his death a wife and two year old son; a mother, Mrs. Sarah Gray, three brothers, Dr. A. E. Lee, Henry Lee and John Lee of Oklahoma, and two sisters, Mrs. Joe Cloyd and Mrs. James Washington. All were in attendance at the funeral except Mr. John Lee, who is traveling with a circus in Oklahoma and could not be reached by telegraph. The remains were laid to rest in Glendale cemetery.

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA.

Mt. Pleasant and Fairfield held a union picnic in Fairfield, Sept. 10th, and was attended by the following: Mrs. Reed, Brown, Carter, Burnaugh, Misses Palmer, Pickett, Brooks, Burnaugh and Burnangle. Mr. and Mrs. Page, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas. Messrs. Nunnally, Burnaugh, Patterson, Fitzgerald, and Reed.

Several attended the Hackenback and Wallace show in Fairfield, Saturday.

Rev. Eaves has returned from the association and reports a very interesting session.

Mrs. Ralph Burnaugh has returned from a weeks visit in Bloomfield with her husband.

An entertainment was given at A. M. E. church Monday which was a success. There were two numbers on that deserve special mention, those of Miss Genevieve Watts and Grace Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watts and family have returned for a week's visit in Galesburg.

Mr. Harl-y Palmer has returned from Centerville for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Palmer.

The Kinsington meet in the Miss Myrtle Burnaugh last Thursday afternoon and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Miss Sertley Anderson has returned from Ottumwa where she spent the summer. She was accompanied home by Master Rupert Rice.

Mr. Pearl McGill of Fairfield spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. Roy Hicks of Fairfield was a Sunday visitor.

Editor's Observations.

We seem to have lost out with our Observation column because of other more important things and conventions but now we shall condense the observations very much in these ten towns that we shall write about, beginning in Burlington. Here we find the colored people's condition much improved there are more of them beginning new homes and those owning one are improving and remodeling their property. Then again they are beginning to take more interest in their church and secret society work. Burlington seemingly is behind but she is beginning to take more activity. Mrs. J. E. Johnston our most excellent agent had to resign on account of her hearing and Mrs. M. Sidney has succeeded her, so give her your items for the Bystander. Wm. Ragland is still the faithful employee of the Hotel Peter King, who for more than a quarter of a century has been employed by Mr. Pirkin's the millionaire Burlington Ry. officers, owns a lovely home and has a lovely wife and children. A McDowell is a hard working man, saving his money so is also Aaron Hughes. John L. Brooks is still employed by the C. B. Q. Ry. Co. He is one of the pioneer citizens, well liked. Mr. Matt Ross owns a new home on 1057 Foster St. Rev. S. McDowell is the A. M. E. pastor and is bringing the church back to its former days.

In Mt. Pleasant we saw signs of racial progress, but they are behind in society and social work, with the intelligent younger element. They will soon be heard from. Wm. Burnaugh is still foreman at the Spaulding House. Harry is a contractor in the plastering trade, doing well. John Greenup is still farming and living in his beautiful home; so is Clay Reed, both are successful men. James H. Weeks, a retired farmer is living at ease in his nice city home. His sons are running the valuable farm that he owns. He has lived in this county about fifty-five years, a veteran of the civil war. Mr. E. H. Reeser is a successful young man. Rev. R. Thomas is the A. M. E. minister. He is a bright young man, new in the Iowa conference. Rev. J. M. Eaves has charge of the Baptist church. Jno. Harrison is a hustling young man doing well.

Fairfield being our next stop. Here we found the people seeking higher up. Mr. Sam Sykes is not in the barber shop at present. G. W. Coalson is doing well. He owns a nice home. T. W. Price is one of the leading citizens here. R. M. Baker is doing well. H. C. Stewart is one of the citizens, a veteran of the civil war. Wm. Smith, Greenup are hardworking men and will succeed.

We next found ourselves in Ottumwa among some of the Bystander's most loyal and stalwart supporters here. We found the colored society well advanced along all lines, especially religious, social and in their sacred orders. Mr. Z. Taylor, one of the pioneers is still driving his express wagon. He is reputed to be the wealthiest colored man in Wappello county. Jas. H. Johnson is another well to do, and highly respected citizen. He works at the Hallingall Hotel. J. H. Weeks and Wells Fowler are two more good industrious race men who are highly esteemed by all people. They are both improving their homes. H. E. Elliott is a gardener living in the suburbs of West Ottumwa. He owns a valuable small farm there and raises many hogs. Mr. H. E. Williams is still at the Elks club doing well. He is one of the coming young men, S. A. Herald is still at the Ottumwa Courier office. Mr. John Harris, who has been so very sick so long, is no better. He was glad to see ye editor. Rev. M. I. Gordon is still doing good work for the A. M. E. church with his flock. The Baptist has a new man who succeeded Rev. J. C. Reed, C. T. Gorch is doing nicely. Geo. Bailey is still in the tonsorial shop.

In Osceola we found very few colored people. It is fast depopulating itself of the colored people. The little A. M. E. church still stands there presided over by Rev. A. L. Johnson. Mrs. Jno. Bryant, an old settler is still here. Her son Frank and his wife lives with her. Frank has run the bus for the hotel for fully eighteen years. Mrs. M. Williams, a pioneer is still cooking at the old Hotel, where she has worked for thirty-five years.

In Creston we found Mr. C. F. Burnaugh the ever faithful employee at the hotel where he has worked for thirty years. He owns a nice home. G. W. Daw is still farming his truck farm. He is a race man. The widow Baldwin, with her three sons is still operating a four hundred acre farm within two miles of town. They have a splendid corn crop this year. Mr. H. Martin still lives in his beautiful home on Wyoming street.

Clarinda we next observed, as this is a great farming community, and there seems to be more colored farmers than any other part of the state. Many are doing extremely well. The two Johnson brothers W. H. and R. H. own very valuable farms of 80 acres each. The former is a rural mail carrier for the past eight years—his wife is the deputy, his son Henry is also a regular rural route carrier, and has been for three years. While the latter owns the best barber shop in Gravity, his son assists him in the shop. Both of their

farms lies about half a mile from the town. Mr. Stewart's, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Carson's, Mr. Jones are all successful farmers, owning their own farms. H. H. Cook conducts a grocery store, his hustling wife assists him. Allen Jones still works in the block-smith shop, doing well. He owns a beautiful home. H. A. Farrier, is still conducting his paint shop. He makes carriage and wagon painting his specialty. Rev. John W. Evans who had charge of the Baptist flock has recently accepted a call to Centerville, where he is now located. Rev. H. M. Rivers is still at the A. M. E. church. L. W. Williams, the District Grand Chancellor of K. of P. lives here. He is conducting a restaurant and rooming house, doing well.

Red Oak was our next stop. Here dwells about fifty colored people. P. S. Eberhart is conducting a large Piano and Music store. He has been in business for the past eighteen years. Oscar Conner is still in the barber business. He has been in business for fully twenty-five years. Wm. Hampton is U. S. Federal Judge court bailiff for Judge Smith McPherson. Mr. David Garner is a successful young man. He owns a nice home and several lots on Miller street. C. W. Chappelle works at the hotel.

Council Bluffs was our next stop. Mrs. F. C. Walker will be our agent and correspondent from the Bluffs. Chas. S. Davis is now farming his truck farm, and conducting a pool hall. Mrs. J. L. Tannehill is running a restaurant at 1025 Broadway. Mrs. Tillie A. Reese runs a rooming house. Mr. C. Hopkins and Mr. H. L. McKinzy are industrious, hard-working, young men. T. S. Britt is still working in the hotel. Rev. J. L. Whorton, the A. M. E. church, has finished the church that Rev. Newman had started several years ago. Whorton has only been here about eight months, but he has been very successful with this flock. It is a pretty little church.

BUXTON ITEMS.

Mrs. A. Perkins left Saturday for Omaha to spend a week visiting her son Thomas.

Mrs. Willa Coleman left last Monday for Boone, Iowa, to visit with her husband's relatives.

Miss Virginia Steel who has made her home in Des Moines for the past year or two, passed through last week on her way to Wilberforce University where she will enter school.

L. D. Phillips who was hurt in the mine last week, is improving nicely.

Earl Johnson met with the misfortune of having his second toe on the right foot cut off by a motor passing over it. He is getting on nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rhodes desires to thank the friends and neighbors for their devoted attention and sympathy, and the presentation of flowers during the illness and death of their son.

Minta Johnson left last week for Colfax to attend school.

Mrs. L. G. Chatham and all the children, except Prentiss and James left Friday night for Lynchburg, Va., where they will live in their old home. Prentiss and James left Tuesday with the car in which the household goods and things were shipped.

Lawrence Carter is minus a toe, the result of a car running over it in the mine last week.

Mr. J. N. Reasby had three of his ribs broken and an ankle sprained in 16 mine last Saturday, as a result of being squeezed.

Cyrus Hurst, who was burned very badly in the mine on the 16th of Aug. died Sunday morning. The funeral was held at Mt. Zion Baptist church, Tuesday. Rev. C. H. Mendenhall officiated. Mr. Grant Brown, having in mind his

boyhood days, when he used to go and see the girls, and thinking what a nice thing it would be to steal a march on the people and take his bride to another city and be married, wooed and won the hand of Mrs. Alice Carey and they were married in Albia last Wednesday.

Rev. F. B. Woodard is attending the National Baptist convention in Houston, Texas. Rev. W. E. Carter preached for him last Sunday.

Mrs. M. F. Bradley of Glasgow, Mo., sister of Mrs. Lewis Gibson, and Mrs. Geo. Roberts also of Glasgow visited with Mrs. Gibson about two weeks returning home last Friday. A few friends were invited into a breakfast in their honor last Friday morning.

Mr. Earl Webb made a flying trip to Ottumwa last Friday to see his lady love, returning Monday.

A large pelican measuring 7 1/2 feet from tip to tip came flying over Buxton Sunday p. m. and one was reminded of a sham battle when they heard the number of shots that were fired at it. The bird was too high to be reached by the revolvers, breech-loaders and Winchester's, and it flew safely to Armstrong's pond where it lit and was killed by Emery Armstrong. It is the largest bird that has ever been killed in this vicinity. Mr. A. G. Rhodes, Jr., purchased the bird for \$5.00 and will have him mounted.

Rev. and Mrs. Mendenhall are quite sick at this writing.

W. A. Baerd, Jr., arrived Monday from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Kansas City and Excelsior Springs, Mo.

A pretty little indoor picnic was held Monday evening in the home of Mrs. W. A. Brown by her S. S. class, in honor of Misses Tillie Cox and Idella Jones who took their departure for their Virginia home, Tuesday morning. The young lad seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

Miss Ola Webb who spent several weeks in Chicago is home again.

Mrs. Sally Reasby is a new subscriber to the Bystander.

W. A. Brown, Sr., has resigned his position as Boys work director of Y. M. C. A.

The Mount Zion Mission circle met in the church last Thursday morning. The delegates, Mesdames Woodard, Burdett and Brown who attended the association and women's convention were present and made their report. The officers will be elected at the next meeting.

Mr. John Graves had two of his fingers so badly mangled in the mine that it was found necessary to amputate a portion of them.

Miss Essie Oliver who has been out of the city for some time is being seen among her friends again.

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersig ed wish to thank the Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 of I. B. P. O. E. W. and our friends who so kindly assisted in the sickness and death of our beloved one, George Lee. We are also very grateful for the very beautiful floral offering.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Henrietta Lee
Dr. E. A. Lee
Mother and Family

NOTICE

The board of directors and the executive board of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will meet in Clarinda, Ia Sept. 27th. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. J. B. Rush, Pres., Des Moines.
Mrs. H. M. Hutchison, Corresponding Secretary, Buxton.

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MASON CITY NEWS.

(Special to Bystander.)

Miss Louise Williams of Des Moines is in our city visiting her sister, Mrs. Nettie Carr, of 1132 Second Ave.

Mrs. Walter Davis of Warren street entertained a few of her friends at a six o'clock dinner, Wednesday, Sept. 11th, in honor of Mrs. Donalay of Rockford, Ill., and Mrs. Taylor of Marshalltown, who is the guest of Mrs. J. D. Reeler.

The young people of Memorial Mission organized a literary society for the benefit of the church, which they will render the first program will be given Friday evening. All invited. Refreshments will be served by the committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stratton your Mason City visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Davis very pleasantly entertained the Ladies Aid society. A 3-course luncheon was served. Much credit is due the hostess for her generous hospitality.

Mr. McNeely is again back in our city after four weeks absence.

Mr. James Falkner has returned to Chicago after a stay of thirty days in our city.

Mr. Eddie Mansey is in the city working for the Milwaukee Ry. Company.

Mr. B. B. Lewis has returned to the Windy city.

Mrs. Mary E. Wright of Mason City is now in Rochester, New York, visiting her son for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Taylor will leave Wednesday for her home in Marshalltown and Mrs. Donalay of Rockford, Ill., and Mrs. J. D. Reeler of this city will accompany her and from Marshalltown on to Buxton where the two will visit friends for a few days.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

Mrs. Henry Burris, who has been so very sick, is able to be up again.

Mrs. John Slaughter has just returned from East St. Louis, where she attended the grand court.

One of the biggest events given by the Rock Island churches this season was the big celebration and barbecue given at the Exposition grounds Sept. 12th to the 15th, inclusive. There were quite a number of strangers in the city and the Ladies Band from Galesburg was the center of attraction.

Mrs. R. D. Pollard returned home last week from Kentucky where she has been visiting for several weeks. She also visited a very aged uncle in Indiana, while away. She was accompanied by her two little grand children—Scottie and Lutie Jane Lyons.

Mr. C. B. Hosmer, traveling agent for the Tuskegee Institute is in the city this week.

Mrs. M. Toomey of Davenport visited Thursday and Friday with Mrs. Chas Windsor.

Mrs. W. H. Moore and children returned home Sunday evening from Collinsville, Ill., where she has been visiting a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Windsor of Macon City, Mo., formerly of Bloomfield, Iowa, arrived in the city Saturday, at noon to make their home with their son, Chas. Windsor.

Mr. Windsor and son Louis went to Macon last Wednesday to accompany them to Rock Island.

MUSCATINE NOTES.

Special to Bystander.

The jubilee concert given at Woodmen Hall, Sept. 13th for benefit of Rev. Allen was a decided success. The main feature of the program was the reading of "Hagar," by Miss D. Mae Lee, of Burlington, Iowa. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Miss Lee by Mrs. W. E. Haven and son, two of Muscatine's most wealthy and cultured white citizens, as a tribute of their appreciation of her talent. Miss Lee is a former Muscatine girl.

A benefit dinner will be given on Sept. 17th to defray the hospital expenses of Mrs. M. Baines. In the evening a recital will be given by Miss D. Mae Lee for the benefit of Mrs. Baines.

Mrs. Sada Morgan will arrive in this city tonight on a visit to her brother, Chas. Lee and other relatives.

GOOD FOR BILIOUSNESS.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent. better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Samples free.

CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.

Mrs. Dan Calender is quite sick.

Mrs. W. L. Green is able to be out again. The gentleman settled with Mrs. Green, very nicely without any trouble.

Mrs. John Jackson, who has been under the doctor's care for the past month is able to be in the chair again.

visiting his sister, Mrs. Jno. Jackson of Sterling, Ill.
Miss Lue Taylor and Mrs. Buearl McFay, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

Miss Gertrude N. O'Neal, a student at the New England Conservatory of music of Boston, gave a recital at the Bethel A. M. E. church Friday evening, assisted by tri-city musicians. The following program was rendered:

Selection—Orchestra.
Vocal Solo—Miss G. N. O'Neal.
Instrumental Solo—Mrs. Chas. Jones.
Mandolin Solo—Mrs. D. S. Johnson.
Ladies' Quartette.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Chas. Shepard.
Cornet Solo—U. Clark.
Group of Songs—Miss G. O'Neal.
Reading—Mrs. Della Marshall.
Bass Solo—E. Greene.

Instrumental Solo Mrs. Eugene Allen.
Vocal Solo—Miss G. N. O'Neal.
The entertainment is for the tribe of Levi.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen entertained Tuesday afternoon in honor of their mother, Mrs. Allen of LaGrange, Missouri, and Mrs. Williams, of Keokuk. A 2-course luncheon was served. A delightful time was enjoyed by a large number of guests.

Mrs. Allen left for her home, Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Ruth Bright returned from Colorado Springs, Tuesday afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. James Wheeler entertained Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister in the city. A 3-course luncheon was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Wallace Balard and little son Eugene have returned home from Missouri where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Eunice Hawkins remains quite ill at this writing.

Mrs. Jennie Valentine is not expected to recover.

Mrs. Gader of Des Moines is visiting her brother Mr. C. P. Jones at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Green.

Mrs. C. B. Lewis visited at the Culberson home in Clinton last week.

Mrs. Mattie Hale who was seriously shot last week is improving.

Rev. S. B. Walkup preached at the Third Baptist church, morning and evening, of last Sunday.

The 36th anniversary of the Stewards' Board of Bethel A. M. E. church will be observed Sunday, Sept. 15th.

Banquet. Monday evening September 16th, in honor of the 36th anniversary of the Stewards' Board. The Tri-Cities are cordially invited to come and enjoy this event. We mean all the citizens of the Tri-Cities and adjoining cities as well. Galesburg, Monmouth, Clinton, Washington and Fairfield. We want at least 500 people to enjoy this banquet. Plates 35 cents. Menus prepared by the oldest stewards' board in the state. Mrs. C. H. Marshall, the president, and Mrs. Jennie Valentine are the only survivors of the original board that was organized thirty-six years ago. Henry McGaw is the only steward living who voted to confirm the first stewards' board of Bethel A. M. E. church at 4th and Gains street. No loyal member or friend can afford to stay away from this banquet. All the federated clubs and fraternities and sister societies are cordially invited to join in celebrating this very important event.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Miss Ida Palmer is now making her home in Chicago. A very pleasant time was given her at the home of her sister Mrs. Galloway six miles south of town.

Mr. A. Hughes, who has been quite ill for some time is improving.

Rev. S. McDowell is still poorly at this writing. He has not been able to fill his pulpit for some time.

Rev. G. W. Brown filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. church the past Sunday owing to the illness of the pastor.

Mr. H. Burnley has been on the sick list, but has improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Early received the sad news of the death of their son John of Quincy, Ill. They left Sunday for Quincy. They also have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Mr. James Purry was taken suddenly ill with a paralytic stroke, but still unconscious at this writing.

Roy Boyd and Early left Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of their brother in Quincy.

Quite a number of Burlington people will leave this week for Galesburg, where they will attend the A. M. E. conference.

Miss Hazel and Orma Woods left for Davenport where they are visiting their sister, Mrs. C

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Record of First Telegram by Means of Which a Criminal Was Caught.

The first case of a criminal being brought to justice by means of the electric telegraph took place a few months ago after the extension of the system to Slough in 1844. A murderer had been committed at Salt Hill, and upon hearing of the occurrence the vicar of Upton-cum-Chalvey, Rev. E. T. Champness, was informed that the last person seen to leave the house was a man wearing the dress of a Quaker.

Mr. Champness at once conceived the idea that the suspected person had probably fled to London, and acting upon this suspicion, hastened to Slough station, where a man answering to the description was seen by the vicar to pass through the booking office. Communicating his suspicions to Mr. Howell, the station superintendent, the latter caused a telegram to be sent off.

This is the telegram which read (and best) the train to Paddington: "A murder has been committed at Salt Hill and the suspected murderer was seen to take a first-class ticket for London by the train which left Slough at 7.42 p. m. He is in the garb of a Quaker, with a brown greatcoat which reaches nearly down to his feet; he is in the last compartment of the second first-class carriage."

The following reply was received from Paddington: "The up train has arrived and a person answering in every respect the description given by telegraph came out of the compartment mentioned. I pointed the man out to Sgt. Williams. The man got into a New Road omnibus and Sgt. Williams into the same."

The New Road referred to is the present Easton Road. It is but fair to add that the miscreant, who proved to be a forger returned from a twenty-one years transportation, had already been discarded by the Society of Friends. The prisoner, Tawell by name, was committed to jail at Aylesbury and finally suffered the extreme penalty of the law.—Railway Magazine.

For Experts to Quarrel Over. When clearing out a garret in his official residence the other day, the new mayor of Saint Amand (Loiret de Cher), Central France, M. Emile Durmas, discovered a beautiful portrait painted on wood of Charles d'Amboise, Duc de Chaumont, who was governor of Milan in the reign of Louis XII, and who died in 1511. Experts state that the picture is either by Leonardo da Vinci (painter of "The Last Supper," from Milan, and of "La Gioconda," lost from the Louvre last year) or by Andrea del Gobbo, one of da Vinci's pupils. There is already a picture of Charles d'Amboise, by del Gobbo, in the Louvre.

Word Curiosities. It is impossible to "kick" a man in French. You must give him a "blow with the foot." The Portuguese do not "wink" at one. They "close and open the eyes." In the language of many semi-civilized tribes there is no word with which to convey the idea of "stealing," perhaps because the idea of property is so vague. It is related of one of the early missionaries that in attempting to translate the Bible into Algonquin, he could find no word to express "love," and was compelled to invent it.—Tit-Bits.

Typesetting in China. In the new edition of "China in Transformation," by Archibald R. Colquhoun, which has just been published by the Harpers, the author discusses many interesting phases of present conditions in China. Judging from his reports, a labor-union man would leave China a shattered wreck in a few days, for he would find that coolie labor can be obtained in any amount for 15 cents a day, and would much interest in watching the Chinese compositors at work setting up type in their native language. The compositors of China must be men in good condition, for a font of type contains 10,000 characters, and covers the entire length of a big room. It is quite probable that in setting a stickful the compositor is compelled to walk at least a mile.

Star Helped Revolution. A star so bright that it could be seen in the daytime helped the revolution in China. The superstitious people believed that the star was an augury that the gods favored a change of dynasty.

Alexander? Pouff! "Alexander the Great was less than thirty-five years old when he conquered Darius and became the master of the world."

What of It? Lavender was less than that when he beat the Giants and stopped Rube Marquard's winning streak, wasn't he?

Great Chance. Artist (surprising a burglar)—Stay just where you are for five minutes. The light effect is simply fine!—File gende Blaetter.

Reasonably Sure. "But remember that my saying yes doesn't settle it. You still have papa's consent to gain." "Oh, I'm not worrying about that," he replied. "I am holding several thousand dollars' worth of your father's collateral."

Few Leave United States Army. Desertions in the United States army in 1911 amounted to only 2.81 per cent—a lower rate than in any other year for ninety years, except in 698.

CAUSE OF TERROR

Vagaries About Lightning Without Reason.

Although It Causes Fewer Violent Deaths Than Any Other Foe of American, It Is Feared Most by Many.

Washington.—Terror of lightning is mostly morbid. If you are obsessed with such a fear, Uncle Sam's statisticians can comfort you with the assurance that the average citizen of the United States is ten times more likely to be murdered than to be killed by a thunderbolt; eleven times more likely to be shot dead, through malice or accident; twelve times more likely to die of heat or sunstroke, twenty-eight times more likely to die of burns or scalds, thirty-four times more likely to be drowned. Only about 276 people in our land are annually put to death by Jove's fiery darts. Of course the death rate from this cause varies from year to year. It was above the average in 1909, and even heavier in 1906. Some astronomers believe that the severity of thunderstorms is increased by sun spots, others that it varies with the phases of the moon, but meteorologists generally deny these theories.

They agree that your danger from the celestial artillery depends principally upon the locality in which you live, and your shelter at the time of the storm. The weather bureau, by careful observation and tabulation, discovers our zone of greatest danger from lightning to include an irregular area of the east, covering all the Atlantic coast states from Massachusetts to Virginia, inclusive, and hitting inland until it takes in southern Vermont, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and eastern Illinois. Thunderstorms therein are more fatal though less frequent than in the Gulf states. If you wish to escape thunderstorms almost entirely, pitch your tent upon the Pacific slope, where such storms are practically unknown. Or, if required to dwell within the danger zone, select for your castle a house in the midst of a city block with continuous tin roofs connected to well anchored waterpots.

The fact that lightning annually strikes four times as many people of outdoor occupations as people in general emphasizes the wisdom of keeping indoors during such disturbances. But if caught in the open bear in mind that you are far safer in the dense heart of a wood than at its outskirts, and that the shelter of a single tree is particularly treacherous, especially if near the edge of a body of water, even a ditch. But if you must be near a tree, seek the companionship of the beech, which is struck least often of all, and avoid particularly the oak, which attracts lightning more than any other.

The oak is hit fifty-seven, the fir thirty-nine and the pine five times as often as the beech. Avoid above all else a tree or other shelter whereunder a group of men or beasts are huddled together. While in the shadow of the thunderhead, monarch of all clouds, be exclusive. The weather bureau also warns you against doorways, particularly of barns and stables; also a house connected with a metallic clothes line.

While successful in tabulating the destructive and fatal effects of lightning and, by deduction, formulating such common-sense rules as the above, our weather bureau, in common with other great meteorological institutions, finds the forces behind the fiery cannon balls and projectiles of Jupiter Pluvius too illusive and vagarious to be reduced to law. For years the bureau has been gleaming from all parts of the world reports describing the eccentricities of this awe-inspiring phenomenon, of which Flammarion has said:

"It is like an elementary spirit, eccentric or rational, clever or silly, far-seeing or blind, headstrong or indifferent, passing from one extreme to the other. It wriggles through space, it moves among men with surprising agility, appearing and disappearing like lightning."

But the most weird of all lightning pranks on record is that of killing a man and leaving him standing erect, as in life. Such a phenomenon was lately reported by a Canadian observer, C. Baillarge, who near Beaumont saw a man struck by a thunderbolt while walking in a field. Although dead, he remained motionless, standing with one foot in front of the other in the attitude of taking a step.

PRESIDENT FOR A DAY.

In the talk about electing presidents of the United States it is recalled that Senator David Rice Atchison of Clay county, Mo., claimed the unique distinction of holding the office of president of the United States for one day. The terms of office of President James K. Polk and of Vice-President George M. Dallas terminated by limitation on Saturday night at midnight, March 4, 1849. Gen. Zachary Taylor, Polk's successor, was not inaugurated until Monday, March 5, 1849. Senator Atchison was at the time president pro tem. of the United States senate. The expiration of vice-President Dallas' term left a vacancy to which Senator Atchison instantly succeeded. This made him ex-officio vice-president of the United States, but at the same instant there was likewise a vacancy in the presidential office, to which in turn Atchison instantly succeeded.

No Offense.

"Your wife referred to you as 'it,' did she not?" asked the lawyer. "Yes, but I don't believe she meant anything unkind by that. She frequently referred to her pet dog in the same way."

More Transport Troubles.

Conductor—You'll have to pay for this child, mum.

Fare—Indeed, I won't, young man! I never have yet, and I ain't a-goin' to begin now!—Punch.

FAVORS A RETIREMENT LAW.

"If there were a retirement law for the clerks employed by Uncle Sam in the various departments at Washington, the civil service would not be cluttered up by a small army of aged and inefficient clerks," said W. R. Hayes, former congressman from Nebraska, the other day.

"As it is now, no head of a department or bureau chief will discharge a man or woman who has been a faithful worker for 30 years or more, because old age has impaired the usefulness of the employe. As a result, there are hundreds, if not thousands, who are kept on the rolls merely as a matter of humanity. If dismissed they would in many instances be thrown upon the charity of the world, for it is utterly out of the question that private employment could be obtained for them.

The stupidity of the clerks themselves has been one of the chief reasons why a liberal retirement law has failed of passage for all these years. The clerks can never agree on any policy among themselves. Many of them obstinately contend that the government has no right to withhold a dollar of their salaries to go into a pension fund for retired clerks, ignoring the recognized improvidence of that large per cent of employes who never save a penny of their salaries. It would be an act of beneficence to ward this class if a portion of their wages was regularly retained.

Unquestionably, it would be cheaper for the government to give a pension outright to those whose faculties are decayed, and to put young and vigorous people in the place of the superannuated. Every other first-class nation in the world save the United States has some kind of pension scheme for its civil servants, that of Canada, especially, being a model."

MICROBE LOST HOPE.

A lonely microbe, disheartened and ready to die because the public health service is rapidly putting all his ilk where they can do humanity no harm, peeked over the edge of Assistant Surgeon General George Rucker's desk the other day and heard the doctor humming a ditty that went like this: "A fly and a flea, a mosquito and a louse, all lived together in a very dirty house. The flea spread the plague and the skelter spread the chills. All louse spread typhus, too. Folks in bills. The fly spread typhoid and the louse spread typhoid, too. Folks in bills. That house were a mighty sickly crew. Along came a man and he cleaned up the house. He screened out the skelters and swatted the louse. The fly and the flea he cracked on the wall. Now the people in that house are never sick at all."

"Well," piped up the microbe, "that's all right as far as it goes, but it strikes me you've been a bit partial in this thing. How about the bedbug? Where does he get off?"

"He's going to get off pretty quick," returned the doctor. "So far the bedbug has been able to prove an alibi, but I've put the sanitary detective on his trail and I'll get him yet."

Whereupon the microbe, seeing the jig was up, committed suicide by jumping into the inkwell.

11,221,624,084 CIGARETTES.

If cigarette smoking is as deadly as some of the anti-mat make out, this country will soon be inhabited exclusively by imbeciles.

During the fiscal year 1912, the tidy number of 11,221,624,084 cigarettes was smoked in this country, an average of about 128 for every man, woman and child. Inasmuch as not all men and women and few children forego the walking age smoke cigarettes, the average consumption for those who do is considerably larger than 128.

This eleven billion odd is an increase of two billions over the consumption of 1911, and Secretary MacVeagh and his department officials confess they cannot explain this vast jump.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING DISCONTINUED.

Secretary Franklin MacVeagh will not permit any more chafing dish parties in the Treasury building. The noonday parties, the daily teas and dainty hot luncheons have been discontinued. For many years clerks of the treasury have made merry over the chafing dish at noon, but there will be no more of that and everybody will have to go out to get lunch. The sanitary committee of the department recommended that the secretary have the little eating parties discontinued and all cooking utensils removed.

Driving an Alligator.

Using a child's toy wagon and allowing himself to be drawn about by an alligator, is one of the queer methods adopted by a German sportsman to win a wager, says Popular Mechanic. He claimed in a conversation with a friend that there were no less than 10,000 methods of locomotion, and in the dispute that followed he wagered that he could prove it. The bet was taken up by the friend and a trip around the world was undertaken to try out all the various kinds of transportation, and incidentally to devise some new ones. The alligator stunt was carried out at the alligator farm at Los Angeles, Cal.

Worry and Work.

Wiggs—Worry kills more people than work. Wagg—Quite natural! there are more people worrying than working.

Style Hubby Likes.

Mrs. Shortly was discussing the latest fashions with a young lady caller. "Did you say your husband was fond of those clinging gowns, Mae?" "Yes; he likes one to cling to me for about three years."—Lippincott's.

The Reason.

"Bride ought to be popular with the English nobility." "Why with them especially." "Because they can support it with so many peers."

LORD CAVENTISH PREFERS U. S. MAIDS TO BEARS

Lord John Compton Cavendish, baron of Chesham, and possessor of some 10,000 acres of the land which fell to Sir William Cavendish in the dissolution of the monastery lands in Cardinal Wolsey's time, is in America passing eighteen-year-old judgment on American girls. He is preparing to follow in the footsteps of his elder brother Charles William Hugh, in the army, who died at the head of the Seventh Lancers at Diamond Hill, a tall, rangy lad, yellow-haired and blue-eyed, the Baron Chesham would be typically American if he might exchange a slight English accent for a few pieces of American slang.

His first announcement was that, while primarily interested in American girls, he had never been exposed to the love bug, and did not intend to select the future Lady Chesham until after he had served his term in the army. The announcement followed a direct and personal question intended to be leading.

"More than anything else I have noticed your American girls, and I think them ripping, more interesting and more human, though not so pretty, perhaps, as the English girls, and—but, I say, old fellow, this won't be printed in London. What?"

"You know they have picked me for a military career over home, and if they knew I was looking over the American girls they would send the Coldstream Guards after me."

Lord Chesham had just returned from a fishing and hunting trip through British Columbia and is on his way home.

Press "cuttings" told of his bagging grizzlies single-handed. "I say, you fellows are wonderful guessers," he laughed, as he looked over some of the "cuttings." "I shot a pheasant and a sparrow and caught some fish which uncle said were so small that I ought to throw them back, and I did."

Uncle, by the way, is Colonel William Edwin Cavendish, lieutenant colonel of the Grenadier Guards. The Colonel and Mrs. Cavendish and Miss Bettine Cavendish, like her cousin, more American than English, accompany the young baron.

"I like your country and wish I could stay a while, but uncle seems to think he had better get me back to Buckingham before I elope with some of these pretty girls. But, you know, I haven't met one of them."

The Baron comes of one of the oldest and wealthiest of English families of the nobility. He is a descendant of the first Earl of Burlington and the first Duke of Devonshire, a cousin of the eighth Duke of Devonshire and of the latter's brother, Lord Cavendish, chief secretary of Ireland, who was murdered in Phoenix Park, Dublin, by the revolutionary faction known as the "Invincibles."

A KENTUCKY HEIRESS DOING CHARITY WORK

The fact that she is a wealthy heiress does not cause Miss Rebecca Gordon Averill of Frankfort, Ky., to lead an idle, useless life. On the contrary, she is one of the most active women in her state, in the cause of suffering humanity.

Miss Averill is noted in her city for the splendid work she is doing for the children of Frankfort's Tenderloin district.

Every day, from 9 until 2 o'clock, she may be found in a house in the slums, where she conducts a free kindergarten for children. Here are gathered a happy company of little waifs from homes of poverty and squalor. With the gracious and kindly southern lady to guide them, the children learn how to do many useful things. They also receive clean clothing and are given nourishing food.

In addition to the kindergarten work, Miss Averill conducts a class for mothers, and one afternoon each week the women of the district gather in the cozy clubrooms; there to enjoy a social chat, some good music, and incidentally to receive instruction in many household matters and subjects pertaining to child rearing.

Thinking Baths Not Necessary. Not having taken a bath in twenty years is the record of Ezekiel Parker, a farmer living in the northern part of Craven county, N. C. Several days ago he related the cause of his absence from the tub for such a long time.

"When I was a youngster," said Mr. Parker, "my mother took a delight in having me take a bath every day in the year. Rain or shine, hot or cold, I was compelled to immerse myself in the tub. After my mother died I took no more baths. My health began to improve after I stopped bathing so much and there is not a man in this country who is more healthy than I am." Mr. Parker is almost a giant in size. His face is ruddy and he looks the perfect picture of health, and from all outward appearance will live to a ripe old age.

Lends Atmosphere.

"She is in great demand as a bridesmaid." "Wonder why? She is neither pretty nor stylish." "But she can sob beautifully, and all the brides like that."

Vouched For.

The Senator's Wife (in Washington)—You are sure they are nice people, Augusta?

The Senator's Daughter—Yes, mamma. Their father is owned by the same trust that owns papa.—Puck.

MRS. THOMAS F. RYAN'S WORK FOR HUMANITY

The recent grant by Mrs. Thomas Fortune Ryan to the convent of the Holy Child at Suffern, N. Y., of property valued at \$250,000 serves to draw attention to the splendid work this noble woman is doing in behalf of religion, education and humanity. The property at Suffern consists of a fine mansion and 18 acres of ground, and will be used by the nuns as an academy for young women. These sisters have their mother house in England. Their largest convent in the United States is at Sharon Hill, near Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ryan's gift to the Holy Child nuns follows a long list of benefactions to the Catholic church and to non-sectarian institutions. These include a million dollar cathedral, rectory and other buildings at Richmond, Va.; a school and a wing to a hospital at Richmond; three Catholic churches in other Virginia towns; a chapel for the Jesuits at St. Andrews-Hudson; a chapel at Tucson, Ariz., and funds for the support of other chapels in Arizona, New Mexico and Indian Territory; the endowment of rooms for sick telephone girls and nurses at various hospitals; scholarships at four colleges and four convents; a hospital and a chapel for the Sisters of Charity costing \$150,000 at Suffern; a hospital for consumptives near Phoenix, Ariz.; the establishment of the Order of the Perpetual Adoration in this country and a convent and chapel for the order at Washington, D. C.; the building of monuments on all the battlefields of Virginia, the state in which Mrs. Ryan and her husband were born, and a great many gifts to institutions throughout the country which are devoted to fighting tuberculosis.

Mrs. Ryan's gifts to charity years ago came to the attention of the pope and the papal court has made known its gratitude to her for her charities many times. In 1904 she was decorated by Pope Pius X.

"NEWLY RICH" OVERRUN FASHIONABLE NEWPORT?

"The fashionable cities of the east, as Newport and Bar Harbor, have become so overcrowded and overrun with people of every class that the better class of folks are desirous of making some other place their headquarters."

There is no use hiding or trying to hide the fact that people of fashion have no proper place in which to live in America. It is not that they are particular. People who have money—and money is easily made in America—are not necessarily fit associates for cultivated people.

"But with their money they are able to get property close by the homes of people who do not wish to associate with them, and, therefore, the latter must move or be regarded as snobs. There are today many common people with money enough to buy homes in refined residence places—and most of them have done so. I do not mean to reflect upon the common people, for they are necessary to the economic development of the world, but I am not compelled to have social relations with people whom I do not like," declares I. Townsend Burden, Jr.

Townsend Burden, who is a member of Meadowbrook and Rockaway clubs and one of the best known polo players in America, about 18 months ago married Miss Florence Sheedy, of Denver, Colo., the wedding being given notable by a check for \$1,500,000 made the bride as her dowry by her father.

Beyond Even Ty Cobb. The baseball reporter's English is weird and wonderful, says the Washington Star, and apropos of it there is a story about the great Ty Cobb.

In a New York hotel two college professors watched Ty Cobb bent over a newspaper.

"Look at that poor fellow's frowns and mutterings," said the first professor. "with that journal."

"Yes," said the other, "he can't make it out, you know."

"Can't make it out, eh? Can't even read? These baseball players! I knew they were an uneducated lot!"

Must Not Dance.

Fayette City, Pa.—Each applicant for a position as teacher in the public schools in Allen township is asked to sign an iron clad agreement not to dance during her service in the school.

Need Laborers.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Scarcity of labor here has resulted in employers going to police stations and paying the fines of men who are willing to go to work for them.

Kill Fifty Cats a Day.

Washington—More than 300 cats have been killed here within a month. Fifty cats are being killed daily by the authorities.

Says Guides Ride Moose.

Albany, N. Y.—Warwick Stevens Carpenter, a magazine writer, just returned from the Canadian woods, says the guides up north amuse themselves by riding wild bull moose near the water.

Wealthy Chauffeur.

Bayshore, L. I.—Frank Knight, a chauffeur who inherited \$58,000, said that he will not give up his job. He is employed by a wealthy summer resident.

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WITHOUT A COUNTRY BARBAROUS MASSACRE

PEOPLE OF A LITTLE MAINE TOWN CANNOT VOTE. COLD-BLOODED SLAUGHTER HAS STIRRED ALL MEXICO.

Division of State into Counties in 1827

Left Small Corner Out and Mistake Was Never Corrected—Error in Surveying.

Bangor, Maine.—Hibberts Fore folk don't care a rap who is president, who is governor or what the tax rate may be, for although lying in the state of Maine, U. S. A., they are residents of neither town nor county, have no government, no taxes, no improvements, expenses or losses. In fact, Hibberts Fore folk are political orphans, occupying a little slice of land wedged in between Walden, Lincoln and Knox counties—a patch of field and forest left out in the cold by an error in surveying.

This 500 acres should have been included in Lincoln county when that great section of old Maine was divided into several counties in the year 1827. No one ever took the trouble to rectify the error, and so, for 85 years, the inhabitants of Hibberts (originally Hibbards) Gore have been going on their own hook, or, as the natives say, "ain't nowhere!" It lies between the towns of Liberty, Somerville and Washington and is about halfway between Augusta and Penobscot Bay.

At one time a dozen families lived on the Gore, but being somewhat remote from schools and stores and the land not over fertile, they gradually sold their holdings and moved away, leaving three of the farms, occupied by actual residents, thirteen in all, including four youngsters who are sent to school in Palermo, the parents paying their tuition, balanced by a state appropriation. The balance of the territory is owned by people living in adjoining towns who cut hay and pasture their cattle on the once-occupied farms.

No taxes are raised in Maine's orphan township; the one bit of highway which runs through the Gore is kept in repair by the residents and land owners. Schooling is paid for by the individuals, as stated, and that is all there is in the municipal line. Nobody seems to want the Gore, and the Goreites seem to be contented to stay where they are. If they join some other town they will have to pay taxes, which will cost them more than they pay now for schooling and roads. If any town takes the Gore in—and some have considered the matter—the town will get less in taxes from the Gore property than it would pay in keeping up the roads and establishing a school or providing for the education of the scholars in the Gore. So both sides are content to let the Gore alone.

The peculiar status of Hibberts Gore has brought about some amusing situations in the past. The fact that it is in no county and in no town has led to the false impression that it was out of the jurisdiction of all law and its territory could be a paradise for freebooters of all kinds. A smart man, who owned lands on the Gore, drove all his stock there from his neighboring town just before the assessors came around in April. When the assessors called they found his home barns deserted. They assessed taxes on the stock on the Gore just the same, and threatened to sue him if he didn't pay. It was rather a game of bluff, but the man thought it better to pay than to run the risk of having the cause of the Gore go to the state legislature and perhaps have his land there attached to some town where the taxes were high. Lincoln county stands as a sort of a protectorate, for the land was originally a part of that county, although the Gore is altogether outside the county lines, but the titles to properties in the Gore are recorded in the Lincoln county records.

MULES PLOW FIELDS ALONE

Maryland Farmer Succeeds in Training Animals to Work Without a Driver.

Ellendale, Del.—Colonel Benson, a prominent farmer and a great lover of animals, has succeeded in training a pair of mules to plow a field without a driver and now sits beneath the shade of a tree and watches his prize team do the plowing. Colonel Benson a few years ago had a team of mules with which he plowed, which wore no harness except the traces and which he guided by shouted directions. This year he has gone his past performance one better and it is a curious sight to find the colonel leaning on the fence by the road, chatting with anyone who drives along while the mules are plowing as straight a furrow and doing as fine work as if an expert driver were handling the reins.

WORM DIET FATTENS DOG

Canine Grows Sleek Ridding Tomato Field of Pests—May Be an Epicure.

Fulton, Mo.—A dog owned by J. B. Britts, north of Fulton, may be an epicure, as far as tastes go in the canine family, but Britts and his neighbors have a different name for his gastronomic preferences. It all comes about through the dog's fondness for big green worms that inhabit the Britts' tomato fields.

Britts operates a canning factory and this season put all of his land into use for growing tomatoes. About the only objection he saw to the cat-snip business was the thought of keeping the patches free from the green worms that regularly infest the tomato plants.

With him, however, it was counting troubles before they arrived, for when he anticipated a rush of the worms to his patches, he went about looking for them in that nursery jungle, the dog "got him." According to the neighbors, the dog does not get the green worms as a diet and spends his time in the tomato patches taking care of the vines. The fat, sleek appearance of the canine is ample proof he thrives on his meals of worms.

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More Than Two Hundred Rebel Suspects Are Lined Up Against Adobe Wall and Shot to Death Without a Trial.

Mexico City.—Proofs of one of the most horrible massacres of innocents ever recorded in any country preceding the usages of civilization were received at the office of the ministry of war the other day when the announcement was officially made that 214 human beings had been ruthlessly slaughtered in the name of the law at Puruandiro, State of Michoacan, in revenge for an attack made on the city by rebels a few weeks ago.

Although every effort was made to keep the facts from the public as well as from the government, letters and telegrams of protest were received by President Madero indicating that the Prefect of Puruandiro, Angel Loza, had been ordered by a third of blood and at his orders all the prisoners suspected of rebellious tendencies had been herded in a corral and shot down in cold blood. Orders instantly were given by President Madero, that a rigid investigation of the facts be made at once and that all persons responsible for the massacre should be arrested and held for trial.

According to the information received at the War Office the carnage was the result of denunciations made by former rebels, who for a consideration agreed to point out the culprits who were engaged in looting the city, the details of which were published exclusively in the Times, a few days later. Irregular soldiers acting under the orders of Prefect Loza were sent in every direction looking for the criminals and those who were unable to prove their innocence of all complicity were immediately thrust into the city jail which as a result soon became overcrowded with suspects.

With no provision for the accommodation of such a large number of prisoners, the unfortunates became desperate with hunger and enforced servitude until their cries of anguish are said to have irritated the Prefect until his wrath was changed into a form of frenzy.

Almost without warning, twenty-two of the most noisy prisoners were marched into the patio and at a signal from the official in charge all were shot down in cold blood before they had a chance to either escape or fight for their lives. It is admitted as a fact that the blood of these victims trickled under the doorways and threw the populace into a state of panic that almost resulted in a riot in front of the prison.

Unable to appease the indignant citizens, the Prefect is alleged to have then ordered the massacre of every person suspected of sympathizing with the uprising and company after company of helpless prisoners were led before their executioners and shot down without further ceremony. It has been established as a fact that the butchery was not entirely confined to men alone and at least two bootblacks believed to have stolen a few trinkets were killed. Several prominent residents of the city called upon the Prefect and attempted to dissuade him from following such a bloody course but without avail and the callers were told to make themselves scarce if they did not wish to court a similar fate. A few hours later, it is claimed by eyewitnesses, many of the relatives of the protestants were taken prisoners and subsequently lined up against the adobe wall.

Overcome by fear the populace kept silence and the affair probably would never have been made public had not a letter to the government asking for an investigation. In order to make the massacre still more horrible, it is charged that Loza ordered a list of victims printed and placed at the portals of the cemetery, where all might read.

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GOOD ROADS



BANKERS URGE GOOD ROADS

County Associations Being Formed for the Discussion of Rural Highway Improvement.

The present-day activities of bankers' associations in the cause of vocational education and highway improvement will bear rich fruit in results. Occasionally this work awakens a discordant note, resentful of effort in behalf of the farmer, but right-minded farmers value such aid. The Illinois State Bankers' association has been stirred into vigorous action in both fields, and laid plans which will work results. County bankers' associations are being formed throughout the state, and both rural education and highway improvement will be discussed before these associations in a way that will set forth the problem and the best means of approaching it locally.

Highway improvement means the expenditure of money, and road commissioners will listen to the counsel of bankers on this subject with willing ears. In order to counsel wisely the local banker must be informed, and a thorough discussion of good roads and the specific problems that confront each community, will qualify the banker to reason with the road commissioner. From personal work of this character the most beneficial action is certain to ensue.

Bankers who approach this problem intelligently will urge on the commissioners the use of the roller and road drag in building and maintaining highways. The financial argument can be effectively brought to bear, as more money can be saved in road building and maintenance by the use of the roller and drag than in any other way. Their use works a real economy. When taxpayers come to understand how much more durable either a dirt or gravel road may be made by use of the steam roller and how much more cheaply it may be kept in repair by a road drag, they will demand that investments be made in these implements. The old-fashioned way of dumping loose gravel or crushed stone on a country road and calling it a job is a childish procedure in the light of modern methods.—Breder's Gazette.

CRIMSON CLOVER WITH CORN

Legume is Valuable Both for Grazing and its Power of Depositing Nitrogen in Soil.

(By GREGOR H. GLITZKE, Kansas.)

The value of crimson clover sown in a corn field after the first cultivation is not known to the average farmer as it should be. This is a legume that is very valuable both as a crop for grazing and its power of depositing which supply of nitrogen in the ground, which will increase to a great extent the yield of the crop that follows it.

As crimson clover is a winter variety, it can be sown in the corn field after the last cultivating and even as late in the fall as August and September. It will make quick growth and will not injure the corn by drawing nutrients from the soil that the corn should have, as the corn is practically matured before the clover starts to use the plant food from the ground to any extent worth speaking of, and almost from the start it begins to deposit nitrogen in the soil, thus returning more plant food to the soil than it takes therefrom.

It will also keep the late crop of weeds down. These late weeds usually do a great deal of harm by draining on the soil without returning anything to it and also by scattering a good supply of seed which will make much work and trouble the following year.

Why not sow broadcast from 12 to 15 pounds of crimson clover seed per acre over the field and prevent this growth of weed and reap a great benefit from the clover.

After the corn is husked in the fall the clover will produce a wealth of grazing for the stock as they are clearing the corn field. It will make them sleek and fat, and if the dairy herd can get this treat the returns in the milk pail will more than repay the venture. It will also furnish good grazing in the early spring up to the time when it is turned under.

Maryland Maiden Blush.

A favorite apple in its season and a variety to the manor born, is the Maryland Maiden Blush. In days long past, before apple-growing partook of a high degree of art and method, this variety was grown from seed and suckers from the roots were taken up and planted in orchard form, resulting in many varieties of type in fruit and characteristics of tree. There are, however, still in existence in different portions of Delaware and the eastern shore of Maryland some of the best strains of this grand apple, and to name its superior for a fall apple is an act that would be difficult to perform to the satisfaction of a large majority of the native born citizens.

The Farm Boy.

Turning the grindstone in the hot sun generally turns a boy's thoughts to the cool, dim aisles of the stores in the city.

Value of Silage.

To argue with a farmer against the value of silage is rapidly becoming as useless as to believe it.

Acid Soils.

Acid soils very commonly require phosphate fertilizers as well as potash.

COST OF POOR ROADS

Single Defect or Steep Hill Means Smaller Loads.

Prevailing Notion That All Highways Must Be Built on Sectional Lines Is Often Responsible for Poor Condition.

(By R. M. DOLVE, North Dakota Agricultural College.)

The old saying that "a chain is no stronger than its weakest link" would lose none of its force if it were changed to "a country road is no better than its poorest mile." It matters not how good a road may be if it contains a single defective spot or steep grade, for no larger loads can be hauled over it than the horses can pull through the defective place or up the high hill. This statement is so self-evident that most people will readily accept it as an axiom, and yet they are seemingly contented to haul fractional loads to local defects in roads that could be permanently repaired at a nominal cost. The prevailing notion that the only place for a highway is on the section line is often responsible for this condition. If a section line passes through a slough that cannot be easily drained a good road cannot be built through it except at an expense for first cost and subsequent maintenance far exceeding the cost of purchasing a right of way around the slough. The same is true of hills, for if a hill cannot be easily reduced to less than a seven per cent grade it would be circumvented.

The writer recalls a road tributary to a small town in the Red River valley, where the entire road is level with the exception of one place where it makes a turn at a section corner near a river. The section corner is close to the river and at least sixty feet lower than the rest of the road, and yet scores of farmers, who use this road in marketing their produce, haul their loads down this sixty-foot drop, turn the corner and haul them up again. At certain seasons of the year small loads have to be hauled because of this hill and often horses are permanently injured by the heavy pull up the hill. Still nothing has so far been done, though, at a nominal expense, a right of way could be secured above the hill, thus entirely obviating the grade and at the same time shortening the distance to town.

Examples of this kind are common and force one to the conclusion that section lines are the proper place for roads only when a good road can be built over them; otherwise the road should be located so as to secure the best route consistent with such factors as distance, cost, drainage and grade.

In a new community the best time to locate the roads where they should be is while the land is cheap, when a right of way may be secured over private property with but little difficulty and slight expense. In this connection it should be remembered that a grade which may not be objectionable when the roads are uniformly poor so that large loads cannot be hauled any way may become serious obstacles when the roads are improved so that they will sustain heavy hauling.

In illustration of this point may be cited that while it requires a pull of 140 pounds on the traces to haul a ton over an average earth road it requires a pull of only 60 pounds to haul a ton over a good macadam road. A six or seven per cent grade that would be impassable with the loads that could be hauled on a good macadam road. In other words, the better and more improved a road becomes the more objectionable becomes the grade. Further illustration of this fact may be drawn from the experience of our railroads. In the early days of railroading, with its small locomotives, small boxcars and light trains, grade were permitted which since the advent of the large modern locomotive with its heavy trains, high speed and improved track have become practically impassable so that the companies have been forced to spend millions in reducing these grades.

See That You Have Pure Water.

Pure water is necessary in the home. One of the greatest sources of trouble in our rural homes today is the water supply. See to it that the well is so placed that the surface water from around the barn will not drain into the well. Place the well where the surface water will drain away from it. The platform should be tight, so that nothing can fall into the well. When sickness breaks out in the family a good thing to do is to have the well examined immediately, as much trouble often arises from polluted drinking water.

The Preservation of Chestnuts.

In Italy a method of checking germination is now being quite largely employed. The fruit is soaked seven or eight days in a tank of water, well stirred daily, after which it takes about a week to dry. This seems to sterilize the nuts completely and in this condition they will travel satisfactorily.

Dairying on Town Lot.

Dairying on a town lot may not sound like the most profitable kind of work but it has proven a blessing to many. The herd will not naturally be large but even one cow can be made to pay and furnish the family an abundance of good wholesome food.

Buying Land.

Some of our good friends who are selling their homesteads at high prices may find that more acres do not bring greater contentment.

Amusement for the Family.

When you take the boy to the circus, let mother and the girls go along too, to help keep him out of danger.

Raise Your Calves.

The man who has a promising heifer calf should not let go of her at any sum the butcher can afford to pay.

THE SCRAP BOOK



HOW TO KNOW AND AVOID THE VENOMOUS SNAKES.

By a careful study of the subject it has been found that there are about twenty-five different kinds of snakes in the state of Ohio.

From our own knowledge of reptiles it is probable that this number of varieties will be found in most of the middle west and western states. The venomous snakes found in this section of the country west of Pennsylvania are two kinds of rattlesnakes and the copperhead. The copperhead is pretty widely distributed. It is hazel-brown, shaded with coppery red and has on its back fifteen to twenty-five V-shaped white blotches and a row of thirty-five to forty black spots on each side. The head is copper-colored, and the length of this snake is not over forty inches.

The copperhead is a dangerous snake, because it has no rattle with which to warn persons approaching it and is quick to strike. However, it quickly disappears on the clearing of land and the settlement of the country. There are two species of rattlers, the prairie and the common rattlesnake. The former varies in color, existing in both light and dark form and many people believe there are several species of this snake. It lives in low, swampy regions.

The common rattlesnake is larger



Pilot Black Snake (non-venomous). Side view—to show round pupil and slender form of head.

and much lighter in color. It lives among the rocks.

Poisonous snakes are all attractive in appearance and may usually be known by the rather short, stout body and flattened head.

They are different from all other snakes in that they have well developed poison fangs in the front of the upper jaw, a deep pit at the side of the head, plainly visible between the eye and the nostril.

The venomous snake can always be told by the pupil of the eye, which stands vertically, similar to the pupil of a cat's eye, while in the eye of other snakes the pupil runs horizontally.

Picture of the heads of poisonous and non-poisonous snakes should be carefully studied, as by close observations the pits on the sides of the head and the catlike eyes will always disclose the nature of the reptile.

When the different snakes are considered, their food will be found to include a great variety of animals. Some snakes feed largely upon insects, still others upon mice. Many do not show any decided choice of food and take whatever they find easiest to procure. So far as they make their food of field mice, they are highly beneficial, for these mice cause much injury. Many of the insects and animals taken for food are injurious and snakes benefit man by feeding upon them. Much of the food eaten, has no economic value and therefore is not considered in economic treatment. However, snakes sometimes feed upon birds and eggs and some of them have adopted this habit to the extent that during the nesting season most of their food is of this kind. So far as they do this they are considered injurious, for most birds are highly beneficial. Birds that build on the ground suffer most from this cause, although some serpents climb trees readily and nests in trees are not beyond their reach.

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Side View—Mouth Open to Show Teeth and Tongue.

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Opinion of an Expert.

Archibald, age six, son of a south side family, newly arrived from a small town, is against automobiles first, last and all the time. He much prefers wagons. He explained his point of view to his mother the other day. It appeared that he had found motor cars useless for "hitchin' on" his little red cart. Said Archie:

"They ain't no good. They ain't no good place to hitch on, and if you do hitch on they go so fast it pulls yer hair, an' if you stay on till it pulls yer hair, they squirt stuff on you that makes yer clothes smell second handed."—Kansas City Journal.

Baseball a Great Civilizer.

Baseball is the greatest of all civilizers, even more potent than the time-honored three R's or spelling book, according to Prof. William Pierce Gorouch of the University of Chicago, who has just returned from a tour around the world. American teachers in the Philippines have recognized the "civilizing" influence of the national game. Professor Gorouch says, and are daily giving instruction in baseball just as they do in reading and writing. According to the teachers, love for this pastime is causing a rapid decrease in the number of cock and bull fights in the islands.

Use for "Prickly Pear."

The much-abused "prickly pear," a species of cactus which covers large areas in Queensland and has hitherto been regarded as one of the principal vegetable pests of the country, is to be turned to commercial account in future. An experimental farm has already been started for the purpose of treating the prickly pear and converting it into fodder. It is claimed that a nutritious cattle food can be manufactured from the pears, and the process to be experimented with proves successful a considerable asset to the state will have been discovered.



Head of Prairie Rattler, (venomous). Side view—to show "pit," vertical pupil and bulging cheeks.

all over its body, a white marking on chin and throat and nearly uniformly colored scales without white margins. The pilot snake has keeled scales all over its body; the scales have white margins, but there is no white marking on chin and throat. Both of these snakes are commonly found in meadows where they ready access to meadow mice. Just last summer the writer happened to be in a meadow at the time it was being mown and had the pleasure of seeing an immense blue racer come out of the tall grass with a large mouse in its mouth. It stopped in plain sight and swallowed the mouse whole, as is the habit of all snakes.

This was a demonstration of an

economic habit, and as meadow mice were abundant in the field in question, the serpent had no doubt taken up its abode there for the time being and was fattening itself on the rodents.

We have a number of small snakes like the grass snakes, ribbon snakes and water snakes, and some larger ones, like the fox snakes, milk snakes, and one of the water snakes, which are more or less common everywhere. Some of these are likely to continue common where some other species will become extirpated, for each has some peculiarity which acts as a protection. The water snakes live in small creeks and ditches everywhere and find protection in debris that gathers in obstructing places. As we shall always have open waterways, these snakes have a great prospect for the future. The grass snakes are colored like the foliage and are thus well protected. The milk snake is adapted for living about human habitations and so will not be necessarily reduced in numbers by the clearing and ditching of the country.

As snakes are more often than any other animal killed at sight, the writer cannot resist the temptation at this time of saying something in their behalf. It is surely a pity that no snake, no matter how useful, or on the other hand how lacking in any harmful trait, dare show itself in the open without risking its life. The water snake has some way of appreciating this situation, for when it comes out of the water to sun itself, it rests in such a position that it can slide off into the water and mud at a second's notice. A large number of our species of snakes do more good than harm, and this fact should be considered in our treatment of them.

New Town an Old Name.

The city of St. Paul's first speech was Antioch of Pisidia. It is important to designate the city of the province of which it was the capital, since Seleucus, the founder of the city, the great conqueror and ruler of the Seleucid empire, named no less than sixteen cities after his father Antiochus.

The name Antioch, however, is not repeated in ancient geography so often as many modern names recur in modern geography. There is, for instance, a Washington in almost every state of the union, and no postmaster would be wise enough to know where a letter addressed to "Newton" should go unless the state was also added. It is interesting, by the way, to note the name Newton as popular in the ancient geographies as in the modern, only it was called Neapolis, which meant new town, or new city.

There was a Neapolis through which St. Paul passed on this very journey some twenty miles from Antioch. At another Neapolis on the coast of Macedonia he landed on his way to Philippi on a later journey; and the great modern city of Naples is but another way of spelling Neapolis or new town.—Christian Herald.

Subsidence of the Bermudas.

It is contended that the Bermuda islands are merely the remnant of an island, very much larger than the present entire group, which has sunk into the ocean.

The original island, it is asserted, had an area of three hundred or four hundred square miles, whereas the Bermudas of today are only about twenty square miles in area. Within a comparatively recent period, according to Verrill, the Bermudas have subsided at least eighty or one hundred feet. Their base is the summit of an ancient volcano, while their surface is composed of shell sand drifted into hills by the wind and consolidated by infiltration.—Harper's Weekly.

Cleanliness in the Kitchen.

There may sometimes be observed in the cooked dish a loss of flavor, act a bad taste, but a lack of what is appetizing. It would be interesting to know in how many cases this comes from a lack of cleanliness in utensils and methods.

Personal cleanliness is, of course, essential in the kitchen, and every good housekeeper endeavors to maintain a high standard in such matters.

Economical Stew.

Grease the bag well; wash one and a half pounds of fresh pieces of mutton well; dust them thickly with salted barley flour and slightly with pepper; peel and slice one pound of onions, two pounds of potato, thinly. Wash them well; put them (wet) into the bag with the meat, in layers; then add about a half-pint of water; put the bag on the broiler, cook slowly for two hours; dish up on a hot dish and stir around well.

Smothered Perch.

Clean and carefully dress 12 large white perch. Put a thin slice of fat salt pork on each fish, and cover with a thin layer of finely chopped onions. Arrange in baking pan that can be covered, put into the oven and bake slowly. Just before the fish are done, season with salt and pepper. Pour over the fish hot cream or milk, with plenty of butter.

Potato Soup.

Eight large potatoes, one large onion, one-half pound salt pork cut in slices, three cloves and a sprig of parsley; boil two hours, then strain and season to taste; add a tablespoon of butter and one pint cream or milk; let come to a boil and serve.

POINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Preserving and Cooking Hints That Have Been Handed Down for Many Generations.

When making marmalade jam cut rounds of tissue paper the size of the jar, soak each in vinegar and lay close over the top of the preserve. This will prevent it going moldy.

There's an easy way to make jelly, and that is to boil the fruit right in the muslin jelly bag. The filled bag is placed in a large kettle and covered with cold water. After boiling until the fruit is soft, the bag with its contents is lifted out and suspended from a hook to drain all night. If one has no assistant this idea has much to commend it.

Do not throw away vinegar in which homemade cucumber pickles have been preserved. Keep it and use it in salad dressing, instead of the ordinary vinegar. The flavor is delicious and one that cannot be gained in any other way.

When canning or spicing fruit save the surplus juice in the airtight jars and when you make your home-made mince meat pour this juice into the mince meat. You will find this saves sugar and at the same time gives the mince meat a much richer flavor.

To open a stubborn fruit jar, invert the top of the jar in hot water (boiling hot, but not boiling), taking care that the water is not deep enough to touch the glass. The principle is to expand the metal top. Then open as usual. A minute or two is sufficient; should it remain in too long the glass would also be expanded.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

In molding peppermints or other candy, keep the hands dusted with confectioner's sugar.

Potato balls which are salted in butter after being boiled are delicious. They should be served with a generous sprinkling of minced parsley.

To clean a frying pan after fish or onion, boil out the pan with soda water, washing clean, then put it on the fire and shake a little oatmeal in.

Small tin cans can be used for gem or patty cake pans by melting both ends from them in a dripping pan. The cakes will easily slip out of the bottomless rings.

When using a bottle of glue, the stopper may be prevented from sticking by rubbing a fresh one with a little lard or grease of some kind and using that in place of the old sticky one.

To clean an enameled bathtub wipe it dry and then rub it with a cloth dipped in turpentine and salt. Afterward wash it with clean warm water, then wipe it dry and it will look like a new tub.

Blackberry Pudding.

One egg, one cupful of sugar, one cupful of sweet milk, one-half cupful of butter, one-half cupful of lard, two cupfuls of sifted flour, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one pint of blackberries. Beat sugar, butter and lard to a cream; add beaten egg, milk and flour sifted with the salt and baking powder. Dredge berries with flour, use no juice and add. Place in a pudding mold. Steam two hours.

Sauce—One cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of flour, one cupful of boiling water. Mix butter and sugar, add flour, pour on the boiling water and cook until it foams.

Spice Cake.

Make a cream of one cupful of butter and two cupfuls of sugar. Add four beaten eggs and stir for five minutes longer, then mix in a cupful of sweet milk, one quarter of a grated nutmeg, one tablespoonful each of cinnamon, mace, nutmeg and cloves. Measure three cupfuls of cream of tartar and one of soda. Sift twice and stir in with the rest of the ingredients. Bake from 40 to 60 minutes in a moderate oven.

Fishy Forks.

Silver forks that have been used for fish are apt to retain a fishy taste, especially if they have been used in eating kippered herrings or soured mackerels. This fishy taste can be removed readily by washing the forks in cold water before washing, then in the dishpan with the other dishes in hot soap water. Cold water, used first, will completely take away the objectionable taste.

How He Helped.

Appropos of the terrible Rosenthal murder in New York, District Attorney Whitman said to a reporter:

"The ramifications of this crime were bewildering. The most unlikely men helped in it in the most unlikely ways. It's like the case of Johnny Jones."

"The minister, one lovely Sabbath morning, saw Johnny wending his way toward the cemetery with a basket on his arm."

"Why, Johnny, what are you up to?" he asked.

"I'm helping mother with her peach preserving, sir," said the lad.

"The minister smiled incredulously. 'Helping with the preserving!' he scoffed. 'Nonsense!'"

"Oh, yes, I am, sir," Johnny persisted. "I'm on my way to the cemetery now to collect the jars."

Edison Clings to Idea.

Thomas A. Edison is still enthusiastic over his idea of printing books on thin sheets of nickel, cheaper, tougher and more flexible than paper. He says that by his method he can produce the nickel sheets at a dollar a pound, and that they would print as well as paper and be practically indestructible.

Put Money in Circulation.

In the course of a year it is said that the theatres of London spend \$100,000 in printing and \$40,000 on advertising.

Variety of French Roads.

France has four classes of roads. They are, respectively, fifty, forty, thirty-three and twenty-five feet wide.

Opium Traffic Being Wiped Out.

The opium traffic from India into China is to be decreased gradually, until 1917, when it will cease entirely.

SECRET SURELY SAFE ANIMALS DO REASON

Everything All Right If It Was Told Only to Mabel.

And She Thinks It Absurd to Question Her Ability in That Line, and Forthwith Proceeds to Give Proof of It.

"Mabel," said Harriet, "can you keep a secret? If you can, I've half a mind to tell you something."

"Can I keep a secret?" returned Mabel. "Well, I rather guess I can! Hannah Brown was in here Thursday and told me how her mother threw a china plate at her father at breakfast last Thursday morning, and missed him, breaking all the teacups on the mantel-piece and entirely ruining their new ormolu clock, and I've never breathed a word about it to anybody yet. And two weeks ago yesterday, Lulu Henderson was in here and told me in strictest confidence how her father had really had to take the family portraits down off the wall and send them to a pawnshop over in Philadelphia to raise money enough to pay for the second instalment on her mother's new motor car, and 40 elephants couldn't drag it out of me."

"What's more, poor Mrs. Windles was over here day before yesterday and confided to me the unhappy fact, which she wouldn't have got out for anything in the world, that her daughter Susie is not really over in New York studying music, as everybody has been given to believe, but has actually gone out to Reno and taken a cottage there for a year, so that before next spring comes around she can qualify as a resident in order to get a divorce from Jim Slobberts, who, Mrs. Windles says, though outwardly kind and considerate and generous, as a matter of fact is the meanest, most brutal old skinflint in private life that was ever inflicted upon a long-suffering woman."

"There are at least three of the most important secrets in this town, confided to me by people who know me, and who are fully aware that even the fire of the Inquisition could not lead me to betray them—and yet you ask me if I can keep a secret!"

"Have I told anybody that Marie Shoemaker's first husband had been an English butler before he turned up here and married Marie representing himself as the younger son of the British peer?"

"Have I ever breathed to a soul what I have known all along, that the reason Tom Traddles resigned as paying teller in Col. Blathers' bank was that Betsy Blathers proposed marriage to him and he refused even to think of it, thereby getting the whole Blathers family down on him? Did I ever tell you what Jessie Sikes told me after Sunday school last Sunday, that she knew you dyed you hair and bought your complexion by the box from a mail-order house? You know I never did, what's more, I never will. Can I keep a secret? Suppose you try me!"—Harper's Weekly.

Seaweed as Food and Medicine.

Seaweeds having been suggested as a possible source of future wealth, especially for food products, Perrot and Gatin, two French oceanographers, give some facts concerning present uses. In Europe they are collected for their alkalies and iodine, for which they are chiefly valued. In some localities they are popular medicines, one kind being employed as a vermifuge in Corsica, and others on account of their iodine, being given in gonor and scrofula. In Brittany, where some of the poorer inhabitants have employed seaweed as food, about twenty tons in a year has been collected of the variety known as Iceland moss. In the north of France a little seaweed is gathered by the peasants as manure. To the Asiatics these plants have been more important, and in Japan edible seaweed is not only the source of a number of food preparations but is even extensively cultivated to give a sufficient supply. Gellatines and glue are among the products. These gellatines are not very nutritious as food, and it is supposed that their popularity may be as an aid to the digestion of the great quantities of fish and rice eaten by the Japanese.

Tomtit a Lamplighter.

There is generally some quite simple explanation of a mystery—if it can only be found out. The lamplighter at Greenford, near Ealing, has been puzzled for some time past by finding one of the lamps lighted every day, although he had duly turned it down. He suspects not spooks, but mischievous boys, and so he prepared an ambush. To his astonishment, as he was watching, up went the light with never a boy in sight, and then he discovered that the unauthorized lamplighter was a tomtit which had a nest in a corner of the lamp, and in getting into it was in the habit of hopping on to the ring of the incandescent by-pass. Many years ago the writer of this note remembers a spell of mystery in the shape of the mysterious ringing of a bell at intervals during the night. No human agency could be detected, and the mystery grew deeper. Possibly the Psychical Research society might have been appealed to had not chance revealed the fact that the ringing was caused by a rat, which used the wire as a jumping-off place. Spooks are composed of very varied materials.—Westminster Gazette.

Prince's Romance.

The Bulgarian crown prince Boris, it is said, fell in love with Princess Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Roumanian crown prince—though he never met her—upon seeing a photograph of her when the queen of Roumania paid a visit to the Bulgarian court last year. Immediately upon coming of age Prince Boris is said to have informed his father, King Ferdinand, of his passion, and said that he must marry Elizabeth or remain single all his life. His father had no objection to the match, but on being approached on the subject, King Charles, of Roumania, vetoed it for political reasons. King Ferdinand, however, on a recent visit to Vienna, persuaded the Austrian emperor to use his influence with King Charles, and this has been so successful that an official announcement of the engagement of the young couple is expected shortly.—London Standard.

Reproach Returned.

Theodore Dreiser, who, at the age of 40, had produced but two novels, believes in slow, painstaking composition.

A Novelist of Another type reproached.

Mr. Dreiser for the ten years of silence that lay between "Sister Carrie" and "Jennie Gerhardt."

"Why," this individual said, "why Dreiser, I'll write a novel in three weeks and think nothing of it."

"And the rest of the world, I suppose, will think the same," said Mr. Dreiser coldly.

Unprofitable Possum Hunt.

"Possums are abundant around

ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.

Jack Frost has appeared in our midst and it feels very wintry up this way.

Rev. H. P. Jones preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening prior to the A. M. E. Conference which meets in Galesburg, Ill., on the 18th inst.

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Those reported on the sick list are Grandma Farm said to be 125 or 130 years old, and Mrs. J. Martin.

The choir of the 2nd Baptist church will give an entertainment on Sept. 21st for the purpose of purchasing books.

Rev. G. W. Slater spent Saturday and Sunday in Chicago, where he delivered lectures. He returned Monday, leaving that night for the annual conference at Galesburg, accompanied by his family.

Mrs. H. G. Williams returned home last week from a visit at her home in Missouri.

Please send in your delinquent subscription remittance, we need the money.

Mrs. C. V. Bush expects to leave this week for Chicago, where she intends to spend the winter.

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