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DES MOINES, IOWA

HAVE LOST ART OF WEAVING

Native of India Were the Most Expert in the World Until Comparatively Recent Times.

The city of Colicut, on the Malabar coast, which, with Surat, was an ancient cotton mart, gave its name to the variety of fabric known as "calico." Some qualities of this were so fine, it is said, that one could hardly feel them in the hand, and the thread, when spun, was scarcely discernible. These, once a most prominent city lying northwest of Calcutta, sent out from its looms in the early centuries those wonderful tissues of fine muslins made from a staple too short to be woven by any machinery.

Even after the advent of the British in India there is recorded an instance of a piece of muslin twenty yards long and one and a quarter yards wide, weighing only fourteen ounces. With the rudest implement the Hindu women spun those almost impalpable threads, and wove fabrics that for fineness of quality have never been successfully imitated elsewhere. With the decay of the native Hindu courts—the chief customers—the demand ceased, and the manufacture was for the most part stopped. Decca today is little more than a ruin, but the art survives to a certain extent.

Weaving in India divides itself into two branches—hand-loom and power-loom weaving. The proportion of hand-loom-made cloth to power-loom-made cloth is fully two to one.

The native hand loom is a most primitive affair. It is now the same as it was three centuries ago. The old fly-shuttle looms of a century ago are seen in advance of the Indian hand loom used by the native weavers throughout India. Of course there are a number of fly-shuttle looms in successful use in certain localities, but these are not favored by the natives.

The manufacture of cotton in India dates back to the earliest times. In the Sanskrit records mention is made of it eight thousand years ago.

Innovation Not Wanted.

The "turkey trot" was not the only novelty at a dancing party which took place at Dresden recently, according to a report from that city. Four young men who belonged to the foreign colony of that city disregarded the conventional and appeared in unusual evening attire. One wore a regulation evening suit made of hussar blue cloth, with coat collar and wrist pieces of a larker shade of velvet. A second suit was like the first, but in two shades of green, while the other two were of the directoric style, knee breeches, long-tailed coats, ruffles and all. The innovation was not a success, and when the four conspicuous men became more so by failure to secure partners it was whispered that the business had declared them "not present."

Burns' Love at First Sight.

Burns was, of course, a famous lover, but it may be that he was never more genuinely in love than on the very first occasion, and then he fell in love in a moment. He calls her "a bonnie, sweet, sonnie lassie," and they were making hay together. He says: "I did not know myself why I liked to linger behind her, why the tones of her voice made my heart-strings thrill like an Aeolian harp, and particularly why my pulse beat such a furious rattat when I looked and fingered over her little hand to pick out the cruel nettle stings and thistles." It was to her that he made his very first song, so that he says, "with me began love and poetry."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

How the Women Voted.

It had been a hard day at the polls. The addition of nearly a thousand women's votes to the poll made the counting a prolonged proposition.

"Well, James," said Mrs. Wallicky, as her husband returned from his arduous labors as a teller, "how did the vote go?"

"Nine hundred and two votes for Blidah, seven hundred and fifty-three for Slaters, eight receipts for tomato ketchup, four wash lists, and a miller's bill," said Wallicky. "It was a mighty interesting vote."—Everybody's Magazine.

Auspicious.

Ted—How are you getting along with that new girl of yours?
Ned—Fine! When I call now she doesn't lift half the gas jets she used to.—Judge.

Hasn't Even Enough to Start.

Mr. Champy "don't believe in perading my virtues."
Miss Kate—Really, sir! Have you enough for a parade?—Boston Transcript.

Got in Bed.

"Why did she do you?"
"She doesn't like my comedy."
"How's that?"
"She made the statement at a party last night that she was twenty years of age, and I said: Yes, that I knew that fifteen years ago."

Never Sees It Again.

"Does your poetry always come back?" asked the young woman.
"Not always," replied the poet.
"Sometimes I neglect to inclose return postage."

A Tenderfoot.

The Old Timer—Yes, sir; we had two ice crops this winter.
The Newcomer to the Country—That speaks well for this section. I'm glad we moved out here. What kind of water did you plant?—Woman's Home Companion.

Main Requirement.

Crawford—How did you come to let him into your Bohemia club? He isn't an artist.
Pansfield—No. But look at the way he eats spaghetti.—Puck.

IN CONDENSED FORM

Summary of Results of Thirteenth U. S. Census.

Digested information of interest to People—Number, Acreage and Value of Farms—Regarded as Most Comprehensive Ever issued.

Washington.—A condensed summary of the results of the thirteenth census of the United States has just been issued by the bureau of the census, the summary (or abstract), according to a statement of Director Dana Durand, being the most comprehensive ever issued by the bureau of the census.

It contains digested and condensed information as to the number and geographical distribution of the nearly ninety-two million inhabitants of the country, their race, nativity, nativity of parents, sex, age, marital condition, state of birth of natives and country of birth of foreign inhabitants, citizenship, school attendance, illiteracy, dwellings and families. It shows the number, acreage and value of farms; the number and value of live stock; the acreage, production and value of the various crops, and the production and value of dairy and other farm products.

It contains statistics regarding the manufacturing, mining and quarrying industries, showing capital invested, quantity and cost of materials, wages and other expenses, quantity and value of products, number of employees and other important information. Statistics on all subjects are presented for every state and, where applicable, for every large city. Throughout the volume are maps and diagrams illustrating the tables.

The abstract is a very different document from any ever published in connection with the preceding censuses, and Director Durand expresses the belief that it will prove the most useful census publication ever issued, not only to students and professional statisticians, but also and more particularly to the business man, the farmer and the public generally.

In commenting upon some of the features of this volume, Director Durand, in a statement issued the other day, says:

"Among the new features of the present abstract is the emphasis that has been laid upon the geographical divisions of the country. On account



E. Dana Durand.

of the large number of states, it is usually very difficult to grasp the broad geographical differences regarding population, agriculture and manufactures by means of comparisons among individual states and particularly so when they are arranged alphabetically and thus separated from those with which they are geographically related. For this reason the states have been grouped into nine well recognized geographical divisions. Full statistics with necessary comments are presented for these divisions. Besides, in the tables of statistics by states the latter are grouped geographically, thus permitting easy comparison among neighboring states.

"Again, in the population statistics in the abstract, details as to each subject are given for urban and rural communities separately. Fundamental differences in industrial and social life between cities and rural districts result in marked differences in the composition and characteristics of the population. In many cases it is impossible to understand the differences between states or sections of the country except through this distinction between urban and rural population. Very little use of this important distinction was made in the population statistics of previous censuses."

The most important departure from previous methods of publication made at the thirteenth census is the inclusion with the abstract of a supplement giving details for the particular state in which the person receiving the volume resides. This new feature is likely to meet with marked approval from the general public. It seems that the abstract is being issued in some fifty different editions with supplements for the different states. This scheme combines the advantages of a condensed report of the most general results of the census with those of a detailed report for the counties, cities and other minor civil divisions.

Fire of Enthusiasm.

"Do you know what it means to be fired with enthusiasm?" asked the outrage evangelist.
"Yes; my last three bosses all showed unmistakable enthusiasm in firing me," replied the stenographer.

Profitable Thing.

Senator Puffo said at a dinner in Washington: "It is folly to build castles in the air. My financial studies have proved conclusively to me that the profitable thing nowadays is to construct companies out of water."

Can Always Turn to Books.

If one's intimate in love or friendship cannot or does not share all one's intellectual tastes or pursuits, that is a small matter. Intellectual companions can be found easily in men and books.—O. W. Holmes.

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OIL OUTPUT SLUMPS.

The United States supplied nearly two-thirds of the one million barrels of oil consumed daily during the past year, and produced 22,300,000 42-gallon barrels or about 250,000 barrels less than in 1911. The output last year was valued at \$150,000,000, an increase of \$16,000,000 over that of the previous year.

David T. Day, director of the United States geological survey, in his annual report of the petroleum industry, says the year was filled with remarkable incidents. The eastern oil fields, as a rule, he says, declined in production, because it was impossible to keep up with the great output of 1911 without large additional discoveries of new pools in the older fields. Its decline, however, was offset by the increase in California. In all the fields, except California and the Gulf of Mexico, there was a steady drain on the accumulated stocks during the year, which declined from \$1,789,890 to \$9,000,000 barrels.

The advent of internal combustion engines, says Mr. Day, promises an increase in the price of fuel oils. The general use of these engines abroad has pointed the way to a rapid increase in their use here, he says.

Prices advanced so greatly during the year as to stimulate drilling, even in the old New York and Pennsylvania pools. In the Appalachian fields prices rose from \$1.30 to \$2.00 a barrel. One feature tending to strengthen the position of oil in the United States was the decrease of about 6,133,000 barrels in the production in Russia. Rumania increased its production slightly.

INVESTIGATE LAND VALUES.

The division of information of the bureau of immigration is investigating labor conditions and land values throughout the United States with a view to helping persons find small tracts of farm land.

The purpose of the immigration of details is to stem the tide of American emigration to Canada and to hold the foreigners who come here, work and make money and go back to the old country to spend it.

Plenty of large tracts of land are advertised, but the bureau finds it difficult to get information about five, ten and fifteen-acre tracts.

When asked if the department of commerce and labor had anything similar to an employers' agency the officials explained that they could not undertake to locate work and assign workmen, but if laborers apply for work, and other work can be had they will be given the benefit of general information as to the labor market and where work is to be had.

The bureau of immigration is trying to get Americans to buy lands in the United States instead of going to Canada, and to get emigrants to go west and south instead of crowding in the cities of the east.

If the program of the bureau works out well Commissioner O'Keefe thinks the cost of living will be lowered by bringing into good use much land that is now lying idle.

MORE BOYS THAN GIRLS.

Race statistics of the last census were discussed by E. Dana Durand, director of the census, in an address delivered before a meeting of the Anthropological society the other day at the New National museum.

"During the decade from 1900 to 1910 the white population of the United States increased 22 per cent, while the colored increased only 11 per cent, and most of this difference was due to the immigration of the former in the absence of which the whites would have increased only about 14 per cent," Mr. Durand said.

"The Indian," continued the speaker, "has increased about 12 per cent, the Chinese have decreased in numbers, and the Japanese have nearly doubled."

"In practically every census taken the whites have shown a more rapid increase than the colored," said Mr. Durand. "There has been no great migration of the negroes from the south, and nine-tenths of their total number are found in that section. The natural rate of increase—that is, the excess of births over deaths among the white population of the south—is much higher than that of the colored, and of the whites in the north."

"Among all classes of the population the births of boys have exceeded that of the girls, but equality appears to be brought about by a higher death rate among the males."

"O. U. Kidd"

Representative Oscar Underwood, who has just turned fifty years and looks ten years younger, entered the grandfathers class the other day. Mr. Underwood's son, who lives in Birmingham, Ala., telegraphed the house leader that he is the father of a bouncing girl.

Mr. Underwood was advised also that one of his admirers whose last name is Kidd had named his latest arrival Oscar Underwood Kidd.

"I wonder if they'll call him 'O. U. Kidd,'" Mr. Underwood remarked to his secretary.

Spur of the Pack.

"The influence and spur of the pack is very manifest," says Allan Hoban, professor of homiletics in the University of Chicago, "and often gets the boy into trouble. But, like every other power, if it can be given into the hands of a competent leader, it may be made a power for good in moral development and in civil service."

Omit the Word "Can't."

It is said that Napoleon the Great hated the word "can't," and that he never used it if he could possibly help it. In that respect most people differ from Napoleon. If they were to substitute the word "will" for "can't" they would be able to accomplish much more.

Simple.

Gabs—"Why do they say that the ghost walks on pay-day?" Steve—"Because that's the day our spirits rise."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

DUKE OF NORFOLK NOT A READY-MADE MAN

The Duke of Norfolk answers to no ready-made description. Generalities about dukes come nowhere near him. He is not idle, and he is no sportsman. At Arundel he goes out with a walking-stick in the full season of guns and pheasants. This year he shot a bird, but only to reassure himself as to his eyesight. He did it as another man might go to the oculist's, and enjoyed it no more.

If there is anything ready-made about him, it is his coat. "The worst-dressed man in London," said a kinsman. "But the cousin's eye is always the most critical; and that label is itself like a ready-made coat—it does not really fit. The smallest save one of the dukes, thickly shod, the pockets of his black frock-coat stuffed with paper, he rehearsed the Coronation canopy-bearers. The duchess of Portland, the duchess of Hamilton, and the duchess of Sutherland went through their splendid pages before the little man; and Lord Rosebery was drilled like a recruit. On duty his grace hardly ever smiled; and one of the duchesses confessed herself almost frightened. She had never known, she said, a man so sparing of compliments!

Of the private man many of the peeresses know next to nothing. They know as little about him (for he is no dither-out in the great world) as the postmistresses knew when they sud-

denly discovered that there was an active personality instead of a name at St. Martin's-le-Grand. But out of hours he was the least ferocious of all customers. "Mr. Mrs., or Miss?" snapped the lady from behind the cage, when he was himself sending a cable, and being asked for his name and address, signed "Norfolk." She refused it as insufficient with the contemptuous click of the tongue that comes of long office hours; but the same evening she learned her mistake, and wrote to the P. M. G., throwing herself on his mercy. She still keeps a cordial note of forgiveness, signed the same way.

The largest charity is not too large, nor the smallest too small for him. He has entertained six thousand school children in Norfolk park; and he has traveled fifty miles to give prizes at a small village school of thirty souls. He gives Norfolk park to Sheffield and his seat to an old lady with the same willingness. On one occasion he made a special journey from London to be present at a children's concert at Angmering, in Sussex. At the station, where his carriage was in readiness, he observed a woman with a large parcel in her arms, and immediately invited her into the carriage with him, as the wind was bitterly cold. But she was going the opposite way—with the result that she had the carriage and he walked.

The thing is of small account—too small for most dukes to have troubled with. Your ordinary man might have given his Holbein to the nation, and kept his seat. But the Holbein is not useful, or the duke, at least, could not see it in that light. It meant, however, a thing that was much more useful—the money that goes every year in its thousands to charities.

ENGINEER QUILTS AFTER 57 YEARS' SERVICE

Engine No. 218 came puffing slowly into a Chicago terminal the other day and as it came to a standstill and the coaches behind disgorged their crowd of passengers, there stepped down from the cab a picturesque figure—a bronze-complexioned, gray-haired man in blue denim overalls.

He ran his hands skillfully over the axle boxes of the locomotive, feeling for any hot bearings, and then, apparently satisfied, took off his grimy gloves and wiped his misty eyes with the back of one hand.

With the other hand extended he greeted the friends who crowded round him.

"Yes, it's my last run, boys," he said. "I've pulled the throttle for the last time."

The man was Daniel F. Tuttle, known to his many friends as "Dan." He had made his last trip as engineer after being pensioned at the retirement age of seventy years. He had worked for the railroad for fifty-seven years, except for four years spent in the Civil war. His pension will be \$85 a month.

"No, boys, I'm going straight out to the house to see my wife," he said, as some friends sought to detain him. "You see, the wife is keeping dinner

for me. And she is anxious. She was afraid something might happen on my last trip, but," and he smiled proudly, "I brought her in 'em time."

An hour later Mr. Tuttle was found in the dining room of his day home opposite Garfield Park at 312 Hamlin avenue. Mrs. Tuttle, a gray-haired, motherly-looking woman, was beaming with joy as she opened the door.

"Yes, Dan's here," she said. "Just think, he'll never have to go out on the road again. He is to spend the rest of his life just with me. Perhaps I'm selfish, but a railroad man's wife is always wondering if her husband is coming home dead or alive."

"And now Dan's home for good and he's alive, too."

"Yes, I am glad I am off the road," said Mr. Tuttle. "I'm shedding no tears over leaving the engine as the traditional engineer is supposed to do. I have led a long and active life and I realize that it is time to quit. If a man can't begin to rest at seventy he isn't going to get much rest on this earth."

"I started back in '55 when I was thirteen years old as an engine wiper in Belvidere. Then I went to firing. Firing an engine wasn't any fun in those days, with the old wood burners. We would have to stop every seventy miles for wood. Now a modern engine can carry enough coal to run 200 miles without a stop."

"I was with the army from 1861 to 1866 and was confined six months in the Andersonville prison."

LADY EDWINA ROBERTS WEDS MAJOR LEWIN

Particular interest attaches to the marriage of Lady Edwina Roberts (second daughter of Lord Roberts) and Major Lewin, in view of the fact that the title may pass to Lady Edwina and her eldest son if she should have one.

It will be remembered that Lord Roberts' last surviving son, the Hon. Frederick Roberts, died of his wounds at Colenso in 1898, and in the latter year the Victoria cross for bravery in that battle. When the earldom was conferred on Lord Roberts in 1901, a special re-

mainder was granted, in default of male issue, to his elder daughter and her heirs male, and in default of male issue to his younger daughter and her heirs male. His elder daughter, Lady Aileen Mary Roberts, who was born in 1870, is unmarried. Lady Edwina was born in 1875. Her husband, Major Henry Frederick Elliott Lewin, who is in the Royal Field artillery, is the son of Commander Lewin, R. N., and was born in 1872. After serving two years in the Londonderry artillery militia, in 1894 he joined the Royal artillery. In 1900 he became captain, and the next year joined the Egyptian army. From 1909 to 1911 he was military secretary to the Sirdar, Sir Francis Wingate, and in the latter year was promoted major. He is now in command of the 142nd Battery, R. F. A., at Bordon.

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AUSTRALIA'S WHITEST-MAN QUILTS PUBLIC LIFE

Alfred Deakin, leader of the opposition in Australia's commonwealth house of representatives, resigned the other day on orders from his doctor. He will retire from public life at the dissolution of the present parliament.

Alfred Deakin has been called the "whitest man in Australia." He entered politics at twenty-three and has been active in government affairs ever since. At forty-seven he was premier of the island. Here is an Australian writer's estimate of him:

"Mr. Deakin is one of those charming personalities, like Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Mr. Balfour, who counts as many warm personal friends amongst his political opponents as he does amongst his own partisans. He can throw a halo of attraction around the office of Hades in the phrase in which one of his contemporaries has expressed Mr. Deakin's superlative powers as an orator, and to these powers of speech he joins a literary ability, a spirit of idealism, and a readiness for self-sacrifice which make him a unique figure among present day politicians of the commonwealth."

Good Pair of Names.

"Ah, twins, eh?"
"Yes; a boy and a girl."
"And what are you going to name them?"
"Flora and Fauna," said the proud mother. "I see them names go together everywhere."

Naturally.
"John," asked the little boy's solemn uncle, "can you tell me what happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it will go?" "Well, uncle, was the little lad's intelligent answer, "I don't know exactly what would happen, but I'm sure he'd have cold feet."

At Times.
Ted—"Do you believe that woman should hold the reins?" Ned—"It is all right when you have the girl out as a sleigh."—Judge.

Woman's Method.

"What are you looking for, miss?"
"My gloves."
"But did you look for them in your handbag?"
"No; that is the last place I look. If I don't find them there, I get furious!"

Only Poisonous English Snake.
A colony of vipers has been discovered in the Ramey Fen and Raveley district of Huntingdonshire, England. The viper, which was at one time plentiful in England, is the only poisonous snake now found in the country. Its bite is often very severe, but rarely fatal to man.

Her Peculiar Request.
Phoebe, three years old, wanted her mamma in church to fan her, but she could not think how to express it, so she said, "Mamma, wind me."

ALASKA DOGS DEAR

Teams of Three or Four Canines Bring \$2,000.

They Are Used to Draw Sleds in Winter and Carts in Summer; Also Used in Mines and on Trails for Packing.

Miss Emma Leonidas Kelly, the first white woman to go down the Yukon, has qualified by many strenuous experiences in Alaska to be considered an authority on the dog teams of that country. The native animals are the malamute, the huskie and the Siwash.

The first comes from the coast of Bering sea and is a cross between the Russian terrier and the Siwash. He is small, weighing 69 to 75 pounds, and has shaggy hair, which makes him look twice his real size. Under this is a coat of short, warm fur that protects him in the most severe weather.

The huskie comes from the McKensie river, is a large gray dog weighing from 125 to 160 pounds and is covered with short, stubby fur, with an undercoat of thick wool. They can stand more hardships and go without food longer than any other dog in the north.

The Siwash dogs, which are in the majority, are a cross between a wolf and a dog, and usually gray or white in color, but occasionally black. Their weight is from 50 to 90 pounds. They rarely sleep under shelter, preferring to curl up in the snow, even with the mercury 60 degrees below zero.

In this respect the native animals are better fitted for their work than the immigrant dogs, says Miss Kelly in Country Life in America. In severe weather the latter wear little moccasins made of heavy moose skin, while nature has provided the native dogs with heavy fur covering the whole foot, even between the toes.

The sleds in general use are 7 feet long, 17 inches wide and 7 inches high, and an immense load of freight can be packed and lashed on them. The sled is guided in the trail by a pole known as the "G" pole.

The dogs are hitched about six feet ahead of the sled, and the driver walks back of the sled, holding on to the "G" pole to keep the heavily loaded sled straight in the narrow trail so that it will not tip over on the rough, sliding places.

In case the sled is heavily loaded the dogs are hooked up close to the sled and the driver rides a greater part of the time—that is, if the weather is not too cold, in which case he prefers running to keep warm.

On the creek beds there is often from one to five inches of water, and it is always a difficult matter to make the dogs go through this. They dislike getting their feet wet, but they must keep the trail and pull through it.

Immediately after getting out of the water it begins to form in little ice balls between their toes, and the whole team of dogs will lie down on the trail in their harness and go to picking and cleaning their feet, which are rarely ever sore or frozen unless they have been in water several hours.

From the last snow in the spring until the first in the fall the dogs have but little to do. At the trading posts—Dawson, Circle City, Fairbanks, Eagle, Minook—and a number of other camps where they have fair streets or roads the dogs are used to draw light freight about in little two-wheeled carts, and they are used in the mines and on the trails for packing.

The pack saddles are made of heavy canvas and the average dog will pack thirty or forty pounds.

Some dogs will lie down in the mud or water with their packs on, while others seem to feel the responsibility of protecting their packs and are exceedingly careful in picking their way through thick brush or over fallen trees that obstruct the trail, leaping over pools of mud and picking their feet with great care on the small rocks in fording the streams. They rarely bark.

The dogs are fed once a day when working; the best feed is the Yukon dried salmon, but falling this bacon has proved the best substitute.

The price of Alaskan dogs is governed by the number of stampees during a winter, which creates a great demand for dog teams with which to reach new gold fields at an early date. At such times teams of three or four dogs have brought as high as \$1,800 or \$2,000, where their usual price would be about \$700 or \$800.

Washed an Illustration.

A little boy was advised by his father to use illustrations in his conversation whenever they should occur to him.

"For," continued the parent, "there is no more forcible way of conveying or impressing your meaning."

Shortly after, the boy was being lectured on generosity.

"It's better to give than to receive, Johnny—far better."

"Illustrate it, papa. I think I shall understand it better."

Butter Broke Bridge.

Cornelius Westphal, fifty-seven years old, died at Falk's hotel in Cedar Grove, N. J., because three pounds of butter was too much for a bridge over Peckham river. Westphal crossed to get three pounds of butter. The bridge supported his 170 pounds, but when he returned with the butter added to his weight the timbers gave way. He was in the water several minutes and caught pneumonia, which proved fatal.

Judge's Two Rules.
Judge Hans Hamilton, at the Black pool (Eng.) county court, replying to an expression of regret at his forthcoming retirement, said that, in order to expedite business and save time, he always had in front of him, written in large letters upon a piece of blotting paper, the words: "Do not talk. Do not make jokes."

Satisfaction.
Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessing.—Carlyle.

BLOOD FREES HIM

Siberian Exile Wins Release Through Scarlet Letter.

Convict Kills Eagle to Make Penitentiary's Wife Aids Unfortunate Man to Escape—Details Reach America in a Letter.

Thrilling details of the experience of a native of Austria who was exiled by the government of Russia to Siberia, and the dramatic manner in which he finally succeeded in sending an appeal to his own government, thereby regaining his liberty, are told in a letter just received by a Chicagoan from a relative of the Austrian.

The Austrian, who for two years lived in banishment, had left his home country and had taken a position as forester in a district in southwestern Russia.

The details bared in the letter follow: The presence of the Austrian aroused the jealousy of a native Russian who had sought to hold the position of forester. After a time the latter formulated some sort of charges against the Austrian. Without being given an opportunity to appeal for the protection of his own government, the Austrian was given a hasty hearing, without the aid of counsel, and the local authorities, with whom the disappointed Russian seemed to have had influence, ordered the Austrian exiled to Siberia.

The Austrian was sent to a faraway district of Siberia and for several months he endured hardship. Then fortune intervened slightly in his favor. Through his experience in the forests, the Austrian had developed into a "crack" shot with the rifle. The governor of the district to which the man had been exiled discovered this and elevated the prisoner to a position where his duties consisted chiefly of hunting game and fowl for the governor's family. Then the governor discovered that the Austrian spoke excellent German. The governor decided to allow the exile to tutor his two sons in the German language.

Precautions were taken by the governor, however, not to give the prisoner an opportunity to communicate with the outside world. The prisoner's kind manner with the children served to win his way into the good feelings of the governor's wife and in her he gained a friend who stood him in good stead eventually.

For more than a year the Austrian waited for his opportunity. Finally, during one of his periods of instruction, he succeeded in stealing a sheet of writing paper from one of the children.

On his next hunting trip the Austrian killed an eagle. From one of the feathers of the dead bird he improvised a quill pen.

Then he pierced a vein in his arm and squeezed out a quantity of blood. With this ghastly writing fluid and his quill pen, the Austrian wrote a note to his home government at Vienna, describing his plight and calling for aid.

AFRO-AMERICAN COLLINGS

Error, once having gained a foothold in our inward life, is difficult to be erased; and when a feeble resistance against its encroachment is exhibited, it continues to increase in stature. It manifests itself in various deeds and various forms of speech, deceptive in tendency and misleading as to the things which affect our being. There are, in every walk and every condition of human existence, numerous short-comings by which our careers are hampered; and these emerge from sources from whence they should be least expected. Deficient in those sterling principles which should influence actions, they establish dangerous precedents, thus weaving entanglements out of which it is not easy to escape. Truthful natures are often imposed upon, because, ever viewing the brighter side of individual conduct, they fail to exercise vigilance to protect themselves against chicanery. Many ardent hopes are blighted and noble undertakings brought to an inglorious end because honeyed tongues, backed by bold affronts, mislead the unwary and abandon them to their fate, whenever their selfish designs are secured. When plans for personal gratification are enacted small notice of another's well is taken; and every move on the chess board of human expectancy is devoted to selfish ends. There is much in our racial contact that requires to be considered; and although disappointments are parts of a common heritage, much may be averted by a timely stroke. Fidelity to obligations often places at a disadvantage him who desires to wear the garb of manhood and push the wheels of progress. There should be, on the part of every man, a wholesome respect for justice, truth and honesty; but these are at times unwillingly prevented because the agencies with which they have to deal are fickle, unstable and untrue. Sad happenings result from the failure of man in relation to his brethren, and lessen energy by checking aspirations. Who falters not, is a hero; and all services performed in accordance with the requirements of duty enhance and increase his importance. Practical every day observance of sacred vows has a noble raling and establishes a confidence which proves to be a wall of defense. There would be fewer hardships if men would strictly adhere to the right and let their honor shine.—Ethiopian Phalanx.

Booker T. Washington wins and holds the people because he aids them, in ways of development, by extending gratuitous service; and that which he has accomplished will live imperishable through the lapse of centuries when flowered rhetoric for a stipulated fee, extolling the achievements of by-gone days, shall have died and been forgotten. There are means of helping the race aside from wordy encouragement. Example is far greater than precept in human elevation; and he, who sets it, is a greater benefactor to mankind than all the food of honeyed eloquence with which the world is supplied.

Indians are no longer supported by the United States government at Hampton Institute, because of government opposition to red and black men mixing. Since Indians can mix with whites, it is possibly thought that they are too good to mix with blacks. Hampton will still be open to red men however.

As a sequel to the long drawn out abduction case against Bishop Elias Cottrell of Holly Springs, Miss., Judge J. W. Palmer, presiding over the second division of the criminal court, gave the jury preemptory instructions to bring in a verdict of not guilty after having heard the evidence the state had to offer. The bishop will publish the full text of his vindication soon.

It is getting late in the day to find a colored man or woman who is opposed to race enterprise, but as late as it is there are a number of our children and their demands for places to work other than as servants for the dominant race is but noise to their ears. Let us hope that they will yet turn from their wickedness and live.

The Fulton county commission has definitely decided to locate near Atlanta, Ga., a reformatory for colored boys. A tract of land is to be purchased comprising 438 acres at \$55 per acre, totaling \$24,090. Frame buildings are to be erected to accommodate 200 boys whose work will render the institution self-supporting.

When a man discovers that he has but a lone nickel in his pocket after boarding a down town car in the morning, it is a sign his wife is a frenzied financier.

Probably a man never appreciates his wife so clearly as when he wants to use her as an excuse for not going to war.

A sliding grip for a rake handle, to avoid blistering the hand that guides the tool, has been patented by a New Jersey man.

The negro Baptists of the country, two and one-half millions, will hold semi-centennial services in connection with the September meeting of the National Baptist convention. Progress of the denomination during the last 50 years will be shown by exhibits, statistics, pictures and other material evidences. This was the decision reached by the executive committee of the National Baptist convention at a called meeting held at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. A commission, composed of one member from each state, will co-operate with the Baptist bodies of each state, under the direction of the president of the national convention, and collect the materials for the exposition. Details will be worked out by the commission, President C. E. Morris concurring. The project will be financed by private donations and public subscriptions. The executive committee pledged \$1,000, including \$200 pledged by Dr. Booker T. Washington, \$100 by Dr. E. C. Morris, \$50 by Dr. Jordan, and \$25 by each of the other members of the committee. The commissioners will be appointed by President Morris. In all probability the meeting of the convention will be held in Nashville, Tenn. The executive committee was unanimous in the opinion that the exposition should be held. By special invitation Doctor Washington remained with the committee throughout its sessions and offered important suggestions which were freely accepted. It was carefully estimated that it will require \$2,500 to finance the exposition scheme. The meeting was attended by Doctor Morris, president, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D., vice-president, Philadelphia; Rev. T. O. Fuller, assistant secretary, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. A. J. Stokes, treasurer, Montgomery, Ala.; Rev. J. P. Robinson, chairman home mission board, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. T. J. Seary, chairman educational board, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. R. H. Boyd, secretary publishing and home mission boards, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. P. James Bryant, chairman Baptist Young People's board, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. L. G. Jordan, secretary foreign mission board, Philadelphia; Rev. C. H. Parrish, chairman foreign mission board, Louisville, Ky.; Prof. J. D. Crenshaw, editor Union-Review, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. A. A. Cooney, member benefit board, Mound Bayou, Miss.; Prof. R. B. Hudson, general recording secretary, Selma, Ala.

Of the 23,000 inhabitants in Meridian, Miss., 10,000 are negroes. Fifty per cent of these 10,000, it is estimated, own their homes. There are among the negro business men one photographer, one fruit dealer, one firm of undertakers, one milliner, one blacksmith, two drug stores, two doctors, four dentists, three shoemakers, two restaurants, six barber shops, four dressmakers, two real estate men, four contractors, two marketers, four men running hack lines, ten tailors and twelve grocers.

Mr. Thomas Galloway of Ware, Alabama, is an example of what a thrifty industrious negro farmer can do in the south. He owns 685 acres of land west of Ware, 80 acres six miles east of Ware. He is at the head of three turpentine plantations with a home office at Ware, Alabama. He has seven renters and one share-cropper on his place and advances money to five of them. He states that he accumulated this amount in five years. Mr. Galloway, his wife and children all work together.

L. Arthur Headen enjoys the distinction of being the only licensed negro aviator in the world. Headen is thirty-one years old and a native of Carthage, N. C. He became interested in aviation, and after inventing a device which he claims will prevent a biplane turning turtle in the air, decided to learn to fly so as to demonstrate the utility of his device. He was refused admission to aviation schools in America and went to Mavro, France, where he finished in the school of the Francaise Aviation company and was awarded a license as an aviator for the French government. Headen says he has applied to enter several aviation contests since his return to America, but has received no encouragement from the contest managers, and will devote himself to independent exhibitions and long-distance flights.

The negro Baptists of North Carolina support 28 secondary schools that state. The total number enrolled in these schools is 3,348 pupils. Last year the state Baptists contributed \$23,200. These schools have acquired property valued at \$123,762.

In the new year the so-called big negro should undertake to bring his examples up to his precept. He has learned to support race enterprises with his mouth. He has learned to work his lungs overtime in the effort to induce the world through high-sounding words that he believes in and is proud of his race. In 1913 let him shut off his mouth and get down to business. In other words, let him spend his money with his people, and the establishments now fighting for a mere existence will begin to bloom and blossom as the rose.

The colored people of Nashville, Tenn., are interested in building a negro civic center. This will be placed in the northern section of the city near Fisk university. It is desired that the Y. M. C. A., the Carnegie library, and other important negro institutions be placed here. The proposition to raise \$100,000 for this has been set in motion.

A woman may think her new bonnet is a perfect dream, but her husband is apt to think the bill a nightmare.



COACH EDDIE GILLETTE.



Former Quarterback of University of Wisconsin Has Been Signed to Coach the Louisville Manual Training School.

BOWLING

The Brunswick-Balke-Collender bowling team of Chicago was defeated by the Rockford Elks two games in three, and by a total of 2,650 to 2,625.

SKATING

In the international skating races, the Russian, Ippaltow, won the 5,000 meters event in 8:43-10. Mathlesen, the Norwegian champion, won the 1,500 meters in 2:20-1-0.

POLO

The "Big Four" of American polo circles will defend the International Cup this year. They are Lawrence and J. M. Waterbury, Harry Payne Whitney and Devereaux Milburn.

HORSE RACING

Montreal is said to desire dates in the Grand Circuit, the feature races of the United States harness horsemen. Baldy McGregor, next to Colorado E., the world's fastest three-year-old trotting colt, was sold to W. Schlesinger, an Austrian, for shipment abroad.

BILLIARDS

Charles Otis, playing for Brooklyn, won his game in the National Billiard league's three-cushion tournament from Pierre Maupome, representing St. Louis, 50 to 45.

In the match game for the championship of billiards at 15-2 balk line between Willie Hoppe, title holder, and George Sutton of Chicago, the challenger, Hoppe won by a score of 500 to 301.

BASEBALL

Ray Schalk of the Sox is said to be the only fast-running catcher in either league.

Walvers have been asked on Fred Hunter, for whom Indianapolis paid Pittsburgh \$3,500 a year ago.

Bunny Tommers, Yale's great pitcher on the 1910 team, has been engaged to coach the Ell pitchers this season.

Owner Farrell of the Yankees has purchased a block of stock in the Jersey City team of the International league.

The veteran Billy Hamilton has become part owner and team manager of the Haverrill club of the New England league.

Many members of Connie Mack's team considered Jacinto Calvo, the Cuban outfielder signed by Clark Griffith, a great hitter.

It's a fine old Irish catching staff for the Cubs this year: Roger the man from Tralee, and Jimmy Archer, who was born in Dublin town.

The New York Giants have been scheduled to play two exhibition games with the Washington team in Washington, April 7 and 8.

The Worcester club of the New England league, has signed Catcher Muldoon of Hartford, Conn., and Pitcher Marland of Danvers, Conn.

Seven Johnsons have invaded the American league ranks. The Sox have four members of this family, while St. Louis, Cleveland and Washington each have one.

The International league and the American association have indulged in a trade of umpires. Jimmy Murray of the International goes to the American association in exchange for William Bierhalter.

Chicago fans will charter a special train to take them over to Cincinnati for the opening game in Redland. This is intended as a smack at one Charles Murr, who canned Chance, released Tinker and elevated Evers.

George Yantz has found himself considerably whirled about in the maelstrom of baseball. He was drafted by the Cards from Birmingham, turned over to Chicago, reported as being sold to Sacramento, and then shot to New Orleans.

PUGILISM

An attempt is being made to stop boxing in Tennessee.

The bill to legalize boxing in Washington was defeated by the state senate.

Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, featherweight champion, outpointed Young Driscoll of Brooklyn in a ten-round bout.

Joe Mandot of New Orleans was awarded a decision over Mickey Sheridan of Chicago in an eight-round bout at Memphis.

Billy Walters climbed a notch nearer to the welterweight title by beating Morris Bloom at Madison in a fast ten-round contest.

Terrific body blows scored a victory for Jack Dillon of Indianapolis over Frankie Logan in a hard six-round bout at Philadelphia.

Jimmy Clabby of Hammond was awarded the decision over Howard Baker of Boulder, Colo., at the end of a ten-round bout at Denver.

The British polo team claims to have the next international Cup sewed up, as they have cornered the pony market, and it is no longer possible for even Whitney to pay \$50,000 for the horse flesh that will win.

AQUATIC

The Royal English Henley regatta will be rowed on the Thames river July 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Tom Sullivan, the Australian sculler and ex-champion oarsman, who has been living in England, may make his home in Canada.

A new ruling put in force at the Naval Academy competition of the 'varsity crew will be restricted, and all its races limited to one mile 550 yards, which is the Henley distance.

The undergraduate body of the University of Pennsylvania is offering strenuous objections to the continuance of Ellis Ward as coach of the rowing team.

This year the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge will meet in the sports and eight-oared 'varsity race on March 14 and 15, Easter falling the earliest it can between 1901 and 1925.

Penn's rowing committee definitely announces that Ellis Ward will not be retained as rowing coach after the expiration of his contract on August 31. Ward this season will be in the unfortunate position of a man who is not wanted by the student body.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Washington, D. C., new Central High school will include an athletic field.

The Ontario Curling association is made up of 105 affiliated clubs, having a membership of 5,000.

The United league is the title given the newly-organized soccer circuit in the Philadelphia district.

The new stadium to be built at Berlin for the coming Olympic games will cost more than \$800,000.

Colorado college was recently given \$100,000 by a wealthy eastern woman with which to build a gymnasium.

William H. Page is the new head of the New York Athletic club, the leading organization of its kind in the country.

The Cornell faculty committee on student affairs has refused to give Syracuse university a place on the Cornell athletic calendar.

Charles F. Brickley will not participate in spring athletics at Harvard. He strained a tendon in indoor practice at Cambridge and will be unable to work on track.

J. Thomas Keedy, athletic coach at Lehigh university, will become a baseball magnate shortly. He has secured an option on the Fall River team of the Fall River league.

"Tad" Jones, one of Phillips-Exeter's famous stars, but best remembered as the famous Yale quarter and catcher, will coach Exeter next year. He is in business in Exeter now.

Yale almost put one over that crack Princeton hockey team. It required a five-minute extra period and the work of Hobey Baker to win a 7 to 5 victory for the Tiger.

Among college fives disqualified by the A. A. U. for playing non-registered teams are the Quints of the Brooklyn Polytechnic institute, St. John's of Baltimore and Fordham.

The defeat of Columbia in basketball by Princeton was the first defeat sustained by a Columbia five in five years. They had the game won through the first half, too.

James E. Sullivan, formerly president of the Amateur Athletic union, upholds the hammer throw. To do away with that event would be a decided step backward, he believes.

The announcement that Andy Smith, former Penn football coach, has filed application for the position as gridiron instructor at Ohio State was well received by the students of that college.

Charlie Daly, prominently mentioned as the possible successor of Percy Haughton in the event of the retirement of the Harvard head coach, is now said to be slated to coach Northwestern.

TAKE PLACE OF MUSHROOMS

When Succulent Relish is Unobtainable, Fried Radishes, Properly Prepared, Are a Good Substitute.

Mushrooms are fast becoming a necessity in the household of epicures, but there always comes a time when fresh ones are not obtainable and when a spice of a little extra elegance is needed for the larder, or to add a flavor to a grilled steak or a succulent chop, a good substitute for the champion is found in fried radishes, peeled, and browned in plenty of butter. When brown and tender, arrange around the meat and send into the table, and wait for the exclamations of surprise as the similarity of flavor is noted. Oftentimes if the guests are not apprised, the substitution will pass unnoticed.

Comptes of winter fruits properly prepared help over that interval after the departure of the grape and other fresh fruits, when the palate craves the pleasant tart of nature's tonic to the system. The French housewife makes an intricate study of the preparation of her preserves and marmalades, and her attractive dishes of jams made from peaches, rhubarb and pineapple, flavored oranges and apples, prunes and gooseberries are a revelation to the American housekeeper who has, perhaps, taken less time to devote to the study of her table at this season.

Many Americans who prepare and stew their fruit daintily enough fall completely in one of the most important points of serving through which an otherwise alluring dish is often spoiled. Comptes should be served either hot or thoroughly chilled, and not as occasionally with us, lukewarm. Serve even the matutinal dish of stewed prunes from the ice chest with one or two green grape leaves under their glass dish, and see how much the flavor of this plebeian dish is improved.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Blankets, after being washed and dried thoroughly, should be well beaten with a carpet beater.

Wood alcohol will take vaseline stains from wash goods. Soak them a few minutes in the alcohol.

Kerosene is not so explosive as it is inflammable, but it should never be brought in contact with fire.

If you have a babe which is troublesome to iron, bathe the plaits before it is washed, then iron and remove the threads. Use fine thread.

Towels should not be put in the guest room when they are brand new. Use them until they have been laundered several times and lose their stiffness.

To wind a curtain, remove it from the brackets, wind it up by hand and then put it into the brackets and pull it out full length. Repeat if necessary.

If you rinse a plate with cold water before breaking the eggs on it, add to them a pinch of salt and then stand where there is a current of air, and you will have no difficulty in beating them to a froth.

Danger in a Dark Kitchen. No man has a right to expect a woman to keep a sweet heart and a cheerful mind and live in a house bare of comfort and beauty and work in a dark kitchen. Too many farmers when building a house never consult their wives, take no thought of their comfort or convenience, and leave the kitchen the last thing to be considered if it is considered at all. And it asked to spend money on decorating the home would actually feel abused!

A woman's life in the country is often necessarily lonely and she ought to have the very sunniest, most pleasant rooms in the house for her sitting-room and kitchen. Most farm wives spend two-thirds of their waking hours in the kitchen, and no money spent in making this place one of convenience and comfort can ever be wasted.

Hot Cross Buns. Sift together one quart flour, half teaspoon salt, one cup sugar, three scant teaspoons baking powder. Rub in half cup butter, add half pound cleaned raisins or currants, half teaspoon nutmeg, half teaspoon allspice, quarter pound cut citron. Beat two eggs and add half cup milk and stir into dry mixture, adding enough milk to mix to a firm dough, mold into round buns, lay two inches apart on greased pans, brush with milk, cut cross on each, sprinkle, cut with granulated sugar and make in hot oven.

Mint for Table Linen. If you wish to have your table linen look nicely do not put it through the wringer, as it makes creases that will not come out even if the cloth is ironed when damp. By rinsing thoroughly it looks better even if not wrung dry. Just try it and see. In fact, any clothes that you wish to look nice when ironed you will find come out a great deal better if wrung by hand.

Honey Gingerbread. Put into a basin a cup of honey and half a cup of butter, and melt it before the fire without stirring. Put in an enameled saucepan with half a cupful of sour milk (not buttermilk!) two eggs beaten separately, and half a teaspoonful each of ginger and cinnamon. Mix well together till thick. Pour into a greased square tin and bake sharply.

New Asparagus Dish. A delicious variation for asparagus is to bake it in a cream sauce. Cook in salted water until tender, drain, put in a butter baking dish and pour enough cream sauce over to cover. Sprinkle with grated Swiss or Parmesan cheese and a few bits of butter, and brown in the oven.

Down-East Cake. One tablespoon of melted butter, one cup milk, two of flour, three eggs, one teaspoon saleratus, two of cream of tartar. Bake in sheets in a quick oven, eat hot with butter.

HER UNLUCKY OPAL

By A. E. DENNISON.

Despite the fact that opals have been considered unlucky, Louise Winston insisted upon selecting this precious stone for her engagement ring.

The colorful beauty of the jewel held a mysterious fascination for her as it glowed in its rim of diamonds. All the hues of sunset seemed imprisoned in the tiny hemisphere. She laughed when friends commented, "It is beautiful, Louise; but what a strange engagement ring to choose! Aren't you afraid to wear it?" Louise was a thoroughly sensible girl, and could not imagine any one's being foolishly superstitious; and her fiancé, George Livingstone, being a practical business man, they scorned the tradition concerning the opal.

Livingstone manufactured automobiles, and his high-powered machines quickly gained a reputation for speed. At the time when the speed craze ruled the world the first 1906 model was built for racing, and was completed only two weeks before the time scheduled for the Vanderbilt cup race. Taking Louise, he started for Long Island in a touring car to see the "try-out."

They viewed the huge monster, which, like the dragons of fairy lore, snorted flames from its exhaust-pipe nostrils. George Livingstone loved anything which savored of risk or daring. So the genius suggested, "Why not take Louise and yourself around the course? You are a capable driver, and she has never ridden in a racer; besides, the owner should make the initial 'try-out' if he is a true lover of the sport."

"Come, Louise, jump in, and I'll give you the ride of your life." And he did.

The power released, the car sped forward at the rate of forty-five miles per hour; but George could not stand cautious driving for any length of time when he was cognizant of the fact that more power was in reserve; so he increased the supply of gas. Louise, at first delighted, now clung panic-stricken with fear to the sides of her seat. Then she noticed a small figure dart from the roadside and stand directly in the path of the speeding monster. She screamed, and George quickly threw on the emergency brake and shut off the power; but too late! The child fell beneath the wheels of the juggernaut.

They tenderly lifted the little form and placed it across their knees, intending to rush for the hospital. In changing from second to third speed the gears became locked, and in his excitement, George released the clutch too quickly, and the entire transmission was ripped off. A farmer with his truck wagon driving along the little crossroad was hailed with joy, and the three occupants of the helpless racer were driven to the hospital, where the child was given medical attention. The doctors could not state whether the injuries were fatal; so George was sent to the magistrate's office and then to jail to await a trial. The irate and grief-stricken parents of the little girl would not consent to his release on bail, so he was detained for six weeks, until the child either showed signs of improvement or died. George became a wreck physically and mentally.

He hoped and prayed for one thing—that the child might live and his conscience be once again free and clear. Louise, with true womanly courage, tried her utmost to console him, but to no avail. Even his love for her seemed to have been crushed with the bones of the child.

The brightness left her eyes and the laughter died from her voice; she longed for the old-time companionship, the protective comfort of his affection, which were so dear to her. Gazing at her ring one afternoon, she deplored the fact that it no longer meant the binding together of their hearts and, sobbing in the anguish of her soul, she removed it from her finger.

Forgotten, it lay on the dressing table for several days; and while searching for a lost pin, her eyes rested on the ring. Noticing its queer appearance, she picked it up to examine it more closely—the opal fell from the center in fragments.

"Poor opal! Sorrow has broken your heart also; or can it be that you bring only ill luck to those who love you?" She tossed it in a drawer and attired herself for her daily journey to Long Island.

When she entered the jail, she saw George sitting in the waiting room, and with a glad cry hastened to him. He folded her in his arms, kissing the sweet, pale face many times. "Dear heart, little Elsie is pronounced out of danger; and I am free to go home." Noticing the absence of her ring, he pointed to the finger where he had placed it.

"This morning, George, I discovered the opal shattered."

"That accounts for our turn of luck," he said.—Buffalo Express.

Overheard in Our Office. "We came up to see you because we had heard what a jolly man you are, and we just knew that we could sell you a chance on a beautiful scarf we are raffing. We read the lovely poetry you write, and—"

"I don't—oh, well, all right."

"Oh, thank you. And now can you give us the name of any other easy m—er, that is to say, any other nice man who would take a chance?"

Zero Mark in Jobs. A cry from the heart comes to "St. Martin's-le-Grand," which collects a curious "letter bag" of human interest. A woman, in opening an account in the postoffice savings bank gave her "occupation": "Cooking vegetarian meals for a dyspeptic husband."—London Chronicle.

Beginning All Over Again. "Here's where I receive some registered mail," said the college widow as she heard the freshman's step on the porch.—Stanford Chaparral.

Discretion and Valor. They were discussing at the club the difference between discretion and valor, and it was exemplified by one who said it would be valor to have eaten a Christmas dinner at a fashionable restaurant, and departed without tipping the waiter. And discretion? "Well," he proceeded, "to go to a different restaurant for New Year's dinner would be discretion."

Daily Thought. They who love are but one step from heaven.—Lowell.

SAVED BY BOTTLES

Truthful Mariner Tells Why He Has Respect for Them.

Not Only Kept Him and His Shipmate From Davy Jones' Locker, but Proved the Foundation of Both Their Fortunes.

"I have had a great respect for bottles, empty bottles, since they saved my life and the life of an old shipmate of mine," mused Captain Barnacle, eyeing the bottle which he had just drained. "It was bottles, a clasp knife, and Jimmy O'Brien's wooden leg that saved us from Davy Jones' locker. This happened when I was second mate of the schooner 'White Wings,' bound from Boston to Sydney, Australia, with a load of empty bottles.

"We had a good passage round the Horn and good weather till we were off the coast of New Zealand. There the tail of a typhoon struck us and for five days we ran before it under bare poles. On the morning of the sixth day the schooner suddenly broached to, and turned turtle like a flash. The first thing I knew I was struggling in the ocean.

"I saw Jimmy a few feet away a-clingin' to his wooden leg, which floated him nicely. Just then a bunch of bottles came to the surface. They were empty and floated all around. When the schooner went down her sides had opened and these cases of bottles came to the surface. Suddenly I got an idea. I caught a number of them and swimmin' over to Jimmy I told him to whistle corks from his wooden leg.

"After we had got about a dozen bottles corked they helped to hold us up. Pretty soon we had 250 bottles tightly stoppered and ready for use. There was long strings of kelp floating all around, and we used this kelp to bind the bottles together into a big raft. When the sun dried the kelp it made a firm, substantial glass ship. By collectin' more bottles we built a little house on the raft, and also made a mast by lashin' bottles together. We also managed to make a sail of kelp and with a bottle rudder we headed for New Zealand, 200 miles away. Luckily it began to rain and we caught enough water to supply our wants, and by holding the bottles under water we caught little fish which would swim in to investigate.

"After ten days we sighted land and that night we landed in Albert Town. This is a big native settlement. It just happened that they were crazy for bottles, so we traded all the bottles for about two quarts of fine pearls. They were satisfied, and so were we, for we were picked up by a trading schooner a week later and taken to Sydney, where we sold the pearls for enough to buy a ship of our own, and I was captain and Jimmy was supercargo.

"That was how a bottle, or I should say bottles, got me my first ship."—Chicago News.

Parrot at Family Prayers. One morning our family prayers were interrupted in a comical way. A Captain Druid and his wife were staying with us for a few days. Having no child, their affections centered in a gray parrot on whose education most of their time was spent. For fear of accidents he was not allowed in the breakfast room (ill after prayers. One morning, however, by some mischance, he was there, but behaved with becoming decorum until prayers were nearly over. My father had got into the middle of the Lord's Prayer, when, in a loud voice, Pold cried out: "As many as are of the contrary opinion will say 'aye,' contrary, 'no.' The 'ayes' have it."

As I need hardly say, prayers were finished under difficulties.—From "Seventy Years of Irish Life," by W. R. Le Fanu.

Before the Horse Looked. The Rev. Dr. Marshall, who was a very large man, had been attending a meeting in Dublin, and took a covered car to go to Drumcondra, where he was staying. Before he got into the car he asked the driver to tell him what the fare was.

"I'll lave that to you, your reverence."

"But how much is it?"

"Whatever your reverence pleases."

"That won't do. I shall not get into the car until you tell me the fare."

"Get in at once, your reverence, for if the horse turns and gets a sight of you, the devil a step he'll go all!"

—From "Seventy Years of Irish Life," by W. R. Le Fanu.

To an Early Day Suffragette. After discussing at great length on the emancipation of women, a young woman asked a statement: "Supposing women were admitted to govern the affairs of the commonwealth, what post would you assign to me?"

"The management of an institution for the deaf and dumb."

"Why that?"

"Because either those unfortunate would learn to talk, or you would learn to keep quiet."—From "Wit and Humor of American Statesmen."

Where They Go. Yeast—I don't know how in the world all these pawnbrokers live. Crimmonbeak—Why, my dear sir, Switzerland alone exports about 10,000,000 watches a year.

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GALEBURG, ILL.
 Allen Day was observed at Allen Chapel Sunday. The afternoon program was in charge of Miss Ella Allen, the president of the Allen Christian Endeavor. The young folks acquitted themselves with credit; the paper by Mr. Dean Davis being especially fine. The evening program was one of exceptional merit, the members of the society being ably assisted by the choir.
 Mr. Warren Johnson has returned from Indianapolis, having been called there by the death of his sister, Mrs. Cora Worthington.
 Little Robert Graves Jr. died Thursday Feb. 13, at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Lane. He had been ill for several weeks. The funeral was held Saturday morning in charge of Rev. S. L. Birt.
 Mrs. Harris and baby of Rock Island are the guests of Mrs. S. B. Moore.
 A number of young men entertained Friday evening at Odd Fellows Hall, at a whist and dancing party. Their guests were their wives and lady friends. Dainty refreshments were served in two courses.
 Mrs. Effie Skinner and daughter Ruth spent the week end in Peoria with relatives.
 Mrs. M. J. Christburgh is on the sick list.
 Quarterly meeting was held Sunday at Allen Chapel. Presiding Elder Daniels was present, also Rev. Secretary of Monmouth who preached at the afternoon services.
 Mr. Carey Lewis of Chicago will lecture Sunday afternoon at Allen Chapel. Mr. Lewis comes here under the auspices of the D. W. C. C.
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QUINCY, ILL.
 The following are on the sick list: Mr. Peter Parsons, Mrs. M. A. Brown, Nile Vandevender and Mrs. Della Gordon.
 Mr. Frank Rue is back to work, after a siege of sickness.
 Mrs. Jesse Pearl, who met with an accident week before last, is slowly improving.
 Mr. Henry Draper died Saturday morning at his home on Chestnut street. Funeral services were held at the house Monday at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. T. Price. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, Mrs. Evelyn Draper, a mother, Mrs. Maggie Draper, and four sisters, Lilla, Josephine, Mary and Margaret, all of this city, and a host of relatives and friends.
 Mrs. Belle Clark is convalescing.
 Mrs. Mabel (Winters) of Chicago, Ill., in the city having come to attend the funeral of her cousin, Mr. Henry Draper.
 Mrs. Jennie Earnest of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Priscilla Carter.
 The mock conference given at Bethel A. M. E. church on Monday and Tuesday night, under the auspices of the Trustees, helpers, was enjoyed by all present and the conference was quite a success.
 Quarterly meeting will be held at Bethel Sunday, March 2nd.
 Mrs. Lydia Green, who was taken to Blessing hospital, is reported as some better.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, aged 106 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Lewis, on Jersey street, Sunday morning, at 5:30. Burial took place Wednesday from Mummer's chapel.
 Mrs. Mattie Green gave a recital at La Grange, Mo., which was quite a success in every way.
 The current event club met at the home of Madame Roberts on Spruce street Tuesday afternoon. After the regular routine of business, an excellent program was rendered.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.
 Mr. Edwin Perkins was a visitor in our city last Tuesday. He was a caller at the home of Rev. Evans. He was also the guest of Mrs. Eliza Bell. He is an energetic young man, having recently finished a four years normal course at Jefferson City, Mo., and is now working in the insurance business at Jefferson City.
 Rev. Ward of Hawkeye, Iowa, was here Sunday to hold services with the A. M. E. church on West Van Buren.
 The many acquaintances of Rev. Mendhall, former pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Buxton, Ia., are shocked to hear of the sudden death of the Reverend, which breaks the link of the Baptist Ministry of Iowa and Nebraska association, and the loving ties of a church membership.
 Mr. Scott Richmond was called to Des Moines last week on the account of the death of the daughter of Mrs. Scott, who died at the Mary hospital, from injuries received by a runaway team in Buxton some time ago.
 The young people of the Second Baptist church will give a box social at the church Saturday evening, March 8th.
 Rev. Evans, pastor of the Second Baptist church, is much improved after two weeks illness with rheumatism.
 The many friends of little Myrtle Wesley sympathize with her in her bereavement of the death of her father, that occurred at her home in Buxton, Iowa, last Saturday evening. She was here at the home of her aunt Mrs. Clara Jones, of West Garfield street, and as a pupil in the Garfield school of this city and a member of the Second Baptist church Sunday school.

KEOKUK NEWS.
 Mrs. F. P. Bland entertained at her home Monday afternoon, the 17th, in honor of Mrs. Sykes of Fairfield and Mrs. Young of Peoria. A guessing contest was the amusing feature of the afternoon in which Mrs. Emma Tebeau won the honor, a beautiful hand-painted cup and saucer. Refreshments were served.
 Mrs. Agnes Craven is mourning the loss of her daughter, who died recently in Indiana.
 A social function that was greatly enjoyed by several friends of Mrs. Georgia Coleman at her home last Saturday evening, was the Washington party. National colors and emblems were conspicuously arranged, forming a most beautiful decoration. The heavily laden table was adorned with flags and souvenir cards. The guests departed at a late hour, voting their best wishes a most excellent entertainment.

tainer, and hoping to enjoy many more similar occasions.
 Mrs. Carter of 1316 Franklin street entertained several friends at a dinner Sunday, the 18th, in honor of her mother, Mrs. Sykes of Fairfield and Mrs. Geo. Young of Peoria.
 The death of Mr. Aleck Morton, that occurred last Sunday morning, removes from our midst, one who has been a citizen among us for a long period of years. Many friends were shocked to hear of his sudden death time. Mr. Morton was familiarly known as Prof. because of his aptness as a musician. He was an interesting conversationalist. The deceased was well liked by many, having conducted a barber shop here for a number of years. He leaves to mourn his loss, one son, and other relatives, who live in the South-land. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Sims at Bethel church last Tuesday afternoon.
 Another death which we chronicle with a deep source of regret is that of Mr. Thos Walker, who conducted the barber shop at Tenth and Maine streets. Possibly no citizen in Keokuk was better known than Mr. Walker. He was ill with erysipelas only a few weeks, the final summons of surviving relatives he leaves one sister, Mrs. Belle Smith of this city and one brother, Mr. Ambrose Walker and several other relatives. Funeral services were conducted last Wednesday afternoon at Crimmins and Chase's undertaking parlors.
 And the wedding bells are still ringing, this time to record the marriage of Mr. James South and Miss Leona Taylor, which occurred last Tuesday evening at the parsonage of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Jas. Bowles. Congratulations and best wishes.
 The Easter ball that is to occur on March 25th, given by Messrs. W. A. Frye and Chas. Owens, is being looked forward to, with much pleasure.
 Mr. Geo. E. Perkins, business manager of the Buxton Leader of Buxton Iowa, was in our city last week in the interest of his paper.
 Mrs. Lawrence Bryant has returned from an extended visit with her mother at Hannibal, Mo.
 Mrs. Myrtle Harrison has been reported as quite ill.
 Mrs. Edward Bryant has been in Quincy for the past week, called there by illness of her mother, Mrs. T. S. Smith.
 Rev. Jno. Gains, state missionary of Mo., preached two very able sermons at Pilgrims Rest Baptist church last Sunday morning and evening.
 Miss Madah Lewis entertained at a whist party, the 12th, in honor of Mr. Horace Craig, who left last Sunday evening for St. Paul, to resume his position with the Great Northern railway.

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SIoux CITY, IOWA.
 The heavy snow of the season fell in our city Friday. Sleight riding is fine.
 There will be a concert given at the A. M. E. church on Thursday evening, February 27th, for the benefit of the trustees. It is under the management of Rev. Dr. R. Knight.
 The Aid society of the Mt. Zion Baptist church met with Mrs. Anna Norris last Thursday afternoon.
 Mr. Martin Powell of Centerville, Alabama, arrived in the city last Thursday to solicit money to aid the schools in his city. He gave a short talk at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday evening on his work in the Southland, which was highly appreciated by all present. Mr. Prof. Powell will solicit throughout the west before returning south.
 Those on the sick list this week are Mr. Wm. Burleigh, Rev. J. W. Dowden, Geraldine Grant and Mrs. Viola White.
 Messrs. Gus and Abe Harrison and Mrs. Harrison returned home Sunday from Selbina, Mo., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Harrison's sister, Mrs. Harrison.
 The ladies of the Mt. Zion Baptist church will give a calendar social on the 12th of March. The ladies will wear crepe paper dresses and a prize will be given to the prettiest paper dress.
 The A. I. P. club held its monthly reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker on Friday evening. A program being rendered during the evening. A two course luncheon was served. The husbands were guests of the evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of Clinton, Iowa, have come to our city to take up their residence among us and also her niece, Miss Bismarek Carter. Mrs. Robinson is a sister of Mrs. Wm. Burleigh of our city. We extend our hearty welcome to them in our midst.

ENTERPRISE, IOWA.
 Little Miss Lolla Brown celebrated her sixth birthday anniversary last week. A number of dainty dressed little men and women of her equals were present. She received a number of little gifts and a delightful assortment of refreshment were served by her mother, Mrs. E. Brown.
 The revival meeting is nearing a close and we feel we have been wonderfully blessed.
 Mrs. Henry Edmonds, the daughter of Mrs. R. Hunter, has returned from Charleston, W. Virginia.
 Miss Mary Jane Reeves has arrived here from Buxton to take care of her sister, Mrs. R. Brown, who is quite sick.
 Miss Nellie Jackson of Marshalltown is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Allen.
 Miss Ida Jones of Des Moines is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Geo. Allen.

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Mr. Jake Hickman received quite a scare and quite a surprise planned by a number of his friends and his wife last Monday evening in honor of his thirty-first birthday. He also received a number of handsome presents.
 The Mission Circle met with Mrs. Harry Allen last week and adjourned to meet with Mrs. Brown this week.
 The Progressive club met with Mrs. A. W. Diver last week, adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. Hunter next.
 Our Pastor, Rev. F. C. Bolling, and members feel greatly lifted up with the result of the revival meeting. We have twenty members to be added to our church enrollment, and eight for baptism.

SALISBURY, MO.
 Weather fine in these parts for the time of the year.
 Our little city was honored with a grand lecturer on last Thursday evening in the person of Prof. R. L. Howard of Macon, Mo. The A. M. E. church, at which place he lectured, was filled to its utmost capacity. He held the audience spellbound. His lecture was well rendered and well received.
 Misses Ora D. Bailey, Janie B. Minor are very sick at their homes.
 The protracted meetings at Second Baptist church and A. M. E. church have closed with a few added to both churches, which we are very proud of.
 Mr. Joe Birch and Miss Laura Reese were married February 16th.
 Getting up ice and circuit work are over time somewhat just now.
 Mrs. L. L. Hairgrow was called to Triplet, Mo., by the death of her brother, who departed this life on Sunday, February 16th, namely, Mr. Jesse M. Erickson. He was a faithful member of the Second Baptist church. He had been in poor health for a long time. He was ready and willing to answer to his name called. He went from labor to reward. He leaves a broken hearted wife and a host of friends to mourn his departure. He was loved by all black and white who knew him. The entire town of Triplet was shocked and sorely grieved by his death. Truly a good man has gone. May God comfort the bereaved ones.
 Miss Viola May Coleman has returned to her home in Argentine, Kansas, after a prolonged visit to her aunt, Mrs. L. L. Hairgrow.
 Mr. E. M. Hicks of Huntsville, Mo., and Mr. Arnold G. Ray were Salisbury visitors Sunday.
 Mr. A. Moore of Miami came in Saturday to see his best girl, Miss Sadie Brummall.
 Mr. Henry Mann of Dalton was a Salisbury visitor Sunday.
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 Mrs. Bernice Richards of Centerville was a guest at the Frank Allen home a few days last week.
 Mrs. John Barquette was called to Ottumwa last Thursday to assist in caring for her little granddaughter, who is very ill.
 Ora Young spent Sunday with his parents.
 Thos Spicer of Ottumwa and Horace Franklin of Hoover were guests of friends over Sunday.
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 The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met Tuesday, February 4th at the home of Mr. Wm. P. Warricks. The subjects, "The Ideal Man" and "The Ideal Woman," were discussed by the various members present. After the meeting, refreshment was served in honor of the host's birthday. The next meeting, February 11th, will be with Miss Hazel Cousins, 2016 North street. The program will consist of a paper, "The Ideal Man," by Mr. Brauham Hyde, and "The Life and Works of Handel" by Miss Hazel Cousins.

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MASONIC CHIPS FROM THE QUARRY.
 Mt. Olive Lodge of Cedar Rapids is in a rather weak condition, their brothers think, yet they are not in so weak a condition considering that they are one of the few lodges that has bought their own corner lot and are meeting in their own vine and fig tree. There is always a struggle to become the possessor of something of value.
 P. G. M. Wm. H. Milligan is truly a Master Mason. For he has just completed a beautiful 8-room modern home on his ten acre farm one mile from town, which is a great credit to the race and a valuable improvement to his fine fruit farm. He has some poultry, the Buttercup chickens, that took the first prize the past two years, and he says that he will have them at the colored exhibition if an exhibition is given this fall.
 McNeil Lodge of Clinton is a united little band, working in peace and harmony. H. G. Williams, their W. M., is a zealous worker for the ancient institution.
 Hon. John L. Thompson, of Des Moines, M. W. Grand Master of the M. W. United Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., made his official visit to Maple Grove Lodge, No. 16, of this city Wednesday evening. Almost the entire membership of the lodge was present to receive him and well they repaid for so doing. His address on the history, symbolism and moral teachings of Masonry was a masterpiece and showed the deep thought, research and study he had given the subject, and was delivered in so forceful and eloquent a manner as to command the closest attention of his hearers. He was very much pleased with the report made by the lodge and liberal in his compliments to the officers and members for the excellent work they were doing and the high standard of proficiency they maintained. After the close of the meeting the members sat down to a little feast that had been prepared for the occasion and for an hour or more appetites were appeased, the social spirit let loose and a royal good time enjoyed by all. The Grand Master reports the craft throughout the jurisdiction to be in a flourishing condition, with more life, interest and prosperity than has been manifested for many years.—Oskaloosa Daily Herald, Saturday, Feb. 8, 1913.