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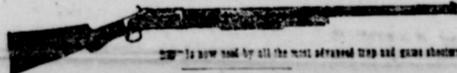
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By virtue of authority vested in me by law, as Tax Collector of Briscoe county, Texas, I, T. B. Michael, Tax Collector of said county, have levied upon and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the Court House door of Briscoe county, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on the first Tuesday in April, 1895, the same being the 2d day thereof, the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to pay the taxes due thereon assessed on the tax rolls for the year 1894, and all costs.

Owner	Abst. No.	Cont. No.	Survey No.	Original Grantee	No. Acres	Tax & Costs
Unknown	224	394	3	Tyler Tappery Co.	640	\$16.84
"	433	1162	27	B & S. F.	640	18.12
"	7	256	13	A. B. & M.	480	12.92
McCall, G. A.	17	62	3	A & B.	320	10.28

## TOWN LOTS.

All lots are in the town of Silvertown

Name	Lot	Bk.	Total tax and cost
W. M. Campbell	6, 7, 8, 9 and 10	120	
"	one half of 17	22	
"	21	47	
J. L. Dobbs	9	21	
"	13, 14 and 15	63	
"	10, 11 and 12	15	
"	5	76	
"	1 and 24	22	
"	3	39	
"	10, 11 and 12	40	
"	15, 16, 17 & 18	120	
"	8	76	
R. H. Edwards	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8	118	
"	9, 10 and 12	118	
"	16	62	
"	one half of 14	38	
W. B. Walker	one third of 16	21	
"	4, 5 and 6	50	
"	3	3	
V. Wilkinson	7	49	
"	9 and 10	74	
"	4, 10, 11 and 12	18	
"	9 and 10	43	
Unknown	2, 3, 4, 5 and 8	1	
"	11, 12, 13, 15, 18 & 19	1	
"	3, 7, 10, 11 and 12	2	
"	2, 3, 8, 11 and 12	4	
"	1, 4, 10, 11 and 12	5	
"	10, 11 and 12	8	
"	1, 2, 8 and 10	6	
"	12	9	
"	13 and 14	10	
"	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	11	
"	8, 9, 16, 17 and 18	12	
"	3	14	
"	8 and 9	15	
"	8, 14 and 15	16	
"	15, 16, 17 and 18	17	
"	19 and 20	17	
"	13	22	
"	12 and one half of 8	22	
"	2 and 11	21	
"	15, 17 and 18	21	
"	19, 20, 21 and 22	21	
"	13	22	
"	4, 14, 15 and 16	24	
"	9 and 10	25	
"	1 and 10	25	
"	All in	27	
"	All in	28	
"	1 and 8	29	
"	All in	30	
"	2, 5 and one third of 12	36	
"	14 and one half of 6	36	
"	1, 5, 6 and 17	38	
"	1, 2, 4, 5 and 6	39	
"	16, 17 and 18	39	
"	7	41	
"	1 and 2	42	
"	13, 14, 15 and 16	42	
"	17, 18, 19 and 20	42	
"	5, 15, 16, 17 and 18	46	
"	4, 7, 8, 10 and 13	47	
"	one half of 2 & one half of 10	48	
"	one third of 1 & one half of 2	49	
"	3, 6 and 8	48	
"	8, 6, 14 and 20	49	
"	21 and 22	49	
"	1	50	
"	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9	51	
"	All in	54	
"	2, 3, 5 and 8	56	
"	4, 5, 10, 11 and 12	62	
"	1, 2, 10 and 12	63	
"	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10	64	
"	11 and 12	64	
"	6 and 10	65	
"	4	66	
"	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	68	
"	8 and 15	69	
"	16, 17 and 20	69	
"	9, 10, 11 and 12	73	
"	13 and 18	74	
"	5, 6, 7, 8 and 24	74	
"	17	75	

"	6	76	5 03
"	1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8	81	5 15
"	1 and 2	84	5 13
"	1, 2 and 3	86	5 18
"	1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10	87	5 12
"	5, 6, 7 and 10	88	
"	11 and 12	88	5 14
"	11 and 10	89	5 07
"	2 and 3	90	5 09
"	10 and 20	94	
"	1	95	5 02
"	2 and 3	99	5 07
"	10 and 11	101	
"	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8	104	5 14
"	9, 10, 11 and 12	104	
"	All in	105	5 15
"	All in	112	5 12
"	9, 10, 11 and 12	113	
"	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	120	5 15
"	14, 19 and 20	120	5 15
"	1, 2, 9 and 10	126	5 18
"	All in	129	5 15
"	All in	131	5 15
"	7	134	5 07
"	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	146	
"	8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14	146	5 14
"	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	147	5 06

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San Francisco's municipal ballot at the last election was a yard long, by half a yard wide.

It has been ascertained by experiments in the feeding of corn and wheat to hogs that corn makes fatter, and that wheat makes lean meat.

Dr. Carroll estimates that 20,000,000 religious services, not counting the Sunday school, are held every year in the United States, and that 10,000,000 sermons are preached in 105,000 places of worship.

Competition between Eastern and Western farmers is yearly growing less, declares the New York Tribune. In years past the Western man had the advantage of cheap lands; but the Eastern farmer has the advantage of a near-by market.

Having included opium in its programme, the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union has adopted a series of mass meetings in England in the cause of temperance and anti-opium. After the principal towns in the provinces have been worked the series will be closed with a great gathering in one of the largest halls in London.

Progressists in Switzerland propose a novel kind of insurance against the hardships of enforced idleness. For instance, laborers earning four francs (eighty cents) a day, and paying a weekly premium of twenty centimes (four cents), would, when employed, receive two francs, ten centimes (about fifty cents a day), during not more than twenty weeks in any one year, etc. But the insurance against empty stomachs will hardly be inaugurated—there are too many workers out of employment at present.

Says Harper's Weekly: The violent revival of interest in Napoleon suggests that the day will come presently when it will occur to some magazine editor or other observing person to organize a literary resurrection of General George Washington. Washington has by no means been forgotten in this country. He is called to mind every year on his birthday, when his career and character are the subject of editorial articles in numbers of newspapers. But in that part of the country which has developed in the last ninety years he is by no means so conspicuously before the public as in the older cities and States that knew him personally and were honored by his presence. In those older localities his edicts abound and his dignified figure is familiar, but west of the Hudson Washington monuments are scarce, and the Father of his Country is by no means as familiar to the eye as Lincoln, Grant, and other heroes of the Civil War. A Washington revival will be welcome and salutary whenever it comes, and if it brings a new crop of monuments with it, so much the better. Meanwhile it is interesting to note that a controversy has lately been raging at great length in the London Times about Washington's pedigree. There is no doubt that he derived from the Washingtons of Sulgrave, and came of an English family "sever powerful or distinguished, but undoubtedly ancient." The Times says that the Herald's Visitation came to an end in England in the first quarter of the seventeenth century, while few parish registers are older than the reign of James II, and that it is in the period between the two systems of records (a period of emigrations and much disquiet) that it is difficult to trace the Washington line. It seems to have been done at last with results which, though not especially interesting, seem to be accurate and satisfactory to the genealogist. No Washington has been discovered from whom our George would have been likely to have inherited his uncommon qualities, but his title is clear enough to any advantage that may insure to an ascertained derivation from English ancestors, who, though not noblemen, were gentlemen, and whose sole title to fame rests upon the distinction of their descent.

Submarine Torpedo. Seymour Allan, a resident of Sydney, has invented a submarine torpedo boat, which, he claims, is capable of sinking to any depth, and of traveling rapidly under water without revealing its presence. A working model of the boat was tried in the public baths at Sydney, New South Wales, in the presence of the Earl of Hopetoun, the governor, the naval commandant, and a number of naval and military officers. The experiments were a complete success, the model rising, sinking, turning, recovering, or remaining stationary in obedience to the electric current by which it is worked. The inventor claims that a full-sized boat would be capable of remaining under water for three days. It would carry torpedoes on the bow and stern decks, and would be entirely American.

Longevity of Fish. Fish live to a wonderful age. Professor Baird tells us of a pike in Russia whose age was estimated to be the thirtieth century. In the Royal Aquarium at St. Petersburg there are fish that have been there for 140 years. They live on without showing any signs of old age. —Atlanta Constitution.

JAPANESE AT HOME.

ROOMS MADE ANY SIZE TO SUIT AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

In Some Fine Homes Chairs and Tables Are Entirely Unknown--The Guests at Dinner Squat on the Floor--The Beauty of the Women and Their Beautiful Surroundings--A Description in Verse.

The Japanese home has been well described as a sort of dolly's house magnified to a thousand diameters. "All wood and wicker and white paper!" Almost every house in Japan, however humble, has a garden. Some of these gardens are very beautiful, with huge leaved palms, shady maples, bending bamboos and bright colored shrubs and flowers. Bumblebees, broad-winged butterflies, half-tamed crows and sweet humming birds enliven the scene. The entrance hall is a platform raised a couple of feet above the ground. Here the foreigner removes his boots and the Japanese his sandals. The divisions of the rooms are sliding panels, ingeniously arranged in the grooves to inclose a space at the pleasure of the house-



A JAPANESE VILLA IN THE EARLY MORNING.

holder. A large room can therefore be converted into a number of smaller rooms, and as almost by magic, the room in which you are sitting is divided into a number of sleeping chambers. Chairs and tables are almost unknown. The mode of repose is a "squat." At mealtimes you squat anywhere and your food is placed before you. When you are tired you throw yourself anywhere on the floor, with no fear of spoiling your white clothes. When evening comes you do not seek your chamber, but simply make it by sliding the wall round the spot you have chosen for your slumbers. In the morning you take a bath, and when you return to bed and bedroom alike have disappeared. The panels have been removed. The bath is a great institution in Japan. A great tub of water, with a stovepipe running up inside of it filled with red-hot charcoal. There you sit until the pores are opened, and the cold douche follows!

The Japanese dinner is excellent. The dishes are endless. They usually begin with a dish of soup and another of fish brought in upon a lacquer tray. You drink the soup out of a bowl, and eat the fish with your chopsticks. After the dish comes another lacquer dish with four or five heaps of food. A small bird of wild fowl, some roasted chestnuts, a few boiled lily roots, and some stewed seaweed. Wine is always



GOING TO MAKE A CALL.

served with a good Japanese dinner, and the waiting girls take care that your cup is full. Still the dishes come in. Raw fish, green salads and sweet sauce. When you have well eaten and drunk to the full, then tea is served with small cakes, and the Japanese pipe follows. The Japanese household is a social being. The festive meal is prolonged by a thousand jokes, roars of merry laughter and endless conversation.

In the houses of the wealthy the girl musicians and dancers entertain the guests during the dinner hour or immediately after. While you are sipping your tea, perhaps, you hear a flap of bare feet on the polished stairs. It is the geisha or dancer. She twines herself round the corner, and at the threshold falls upon her hands and knees and bows her head to the floor in salutation to the guests.

Japanese dancing is chiefly posturing, with special attention to the management of the fan. The dancer interweaves her paces with but slight grace. Her steps are made upon the flat of the foot, the toes not being used more than in walking. Still, in the undulations of the body, the serpentine movements of the hands and feet, and in her complete pantomimic skill, the Japanese dance shows marvelous agility and skill.

The Japanese lady is a dream. Even so sober a judge of feminine beauty as the Rev. Mr. Simpson, of New York, author of "Larger Outlooks on Missionary Lands," writes: "A Japanese woman is a pretty study. She is almost always small, indeed, they all seemed to us like

girls of 13 or 14. Their dress is very like that of the men—a loose robe, with immense sleeves that hang down like wings. This robe is folded around her person, left quite too open at the bosom, and fastened around the waist with a sash, which terminates over her loins in a great square bow like a butterfly. Her face is round and full and always pretty. Her complexion is generally rosy, her eyes small and almond-shaped, but bright and playful; her expression kind, frank and refined. Her hair is black as a coal, and usually combed up in front in a sort of pompadour fashion, and tied behind in a glossy roll, ornamented with ribbons, flowers and combs, variously shaped, according as she is married or single, of high or low station. Her figure is usually plump and graceful, and she is mounted on a high pair of stilts or sandals, raising her about three or four inches above the ground, on which she hobbles about with a studied shuffle, which is considered form and fashion in Japan.

The influences of civilization are seen in the dress and fashion of the Japanese wife. The days when she stained her teeth black on her wedding day and shrewd her eyebrows

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NEWS & NOTES FOR WOMEN

Deep lace collars are the vogue. Women's work in India has made great progress.

There are now 711 women missionaries—foreign and Eurasian—in India. In a single sawmill in Washington State two women work on shingle machines.

French law makes it the duty of a wife to accompany her husband wherever he goes.

The average age at which women marry in civilized countries is said to be twenty-three and a half years.

Mrs. Emma Scott, of Birmingham, was elected enrolling and engrossing clerk by the Alabama State Senate.

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SECRET SITTINGS.

Siam has tailless cats with purple eyes. Umbrellas made of varnished paper are coming into favor in France.

The first dentist in America made a set of teeth for General Washington. It is possible in India for a native to obtain board and lodging for about six cents a day.

Among the pupils at one of the public schools in Georgia is a colored woman forty-three years old.

When India rubber was first introduced into London small pieces, used as erasers, sold for seventy-five cents a cubic inch.

M. P. Castle, Vice President of the London Philatelic Society, sold his collection of Australian stamps a few days ago for \$50,000.

A hailstorm near Vienna, Austria, some days ago covered railroad tracks to a depth of three feet and stopped traffic for several hours.

Harrison Smith, of Augusta, Ga., committed suicide the other day because his wife presented him with twins. He had eleven children already.

The Jardin des Plantes, Paris, has the only white panther in captivity in Western Europe. It was trapped in the Pamirs and sent to France by the Governor of Turkestan.

Colonel James H. Church, of Todd County, Kentucky, dreamed that he was to die at a certain time and date. He saw a corpse to the minute. His funeral was a great one.

No more star fishes are to be caught along the Kentish coast, England, until January, 1895, because the mussel beds are increasing too fast and the fish are needed to destroy the mussel.

Johanna and F. Moses celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at Portland, Me., the other day, and the mother of Mr. Moses, a lady ninety-two years of age, received with them. The senior Mr. Moses died only a year ago.

It is the common belief that the peach tree is necessarily of short life, but there are some very old orchards on the Delaware Peninsula, and single trees have been known to bear for a great many years. A Sussex County peach-grower has an orchard thirty years old, and in good peach years it yields abundantly.

Very queer taxes are recorded in history. Holland has had, at different times a tax on boots and shoes, on travelers, on marriages and deaths, on trestle tickets and on each visit to a tavern. England had not so very long ago a window tax which had the effect of shutting the light out of the dwellings of the poor.

At Forbach, in Alsace-Lorraine, a portable Gallo-Roman sundial was recently dug up. The mechanism consists of a flattened tube, suspended by a small chain, with a conical opening to face the sun. Fastened to the bottom of this opening is a movable hand, or needle, which could be adjusted according to the season, to correspond with the inclination of the solar rays. The instrument also marked the latitude.

Improve a Map. The "cat" and the "pig" books, designed to record people's impressions of those interesting animals (each person to draw his own without being allowed a glimpse of any one else's work), has an amusing companion in a geography sketch book.

In this one's friends are to record, in a rapid, off-hand drawing, their best recollections of certain very familiar outlines, such as the coast of Massachusetts, or Italy, or England, or North America. To be even fairly correct is difficult and rare, if one is long past daily geography lessons.

The five great lakes of North America is one of the best books to get, this to be drawn in outline with at least the larger bays and connections indicated, all to be done without seeing, first, any other sketch or map. A correct map should accompany the book for easy reference and comparison with the amateur work. The curiously vague, droll, mental maps that one's friends carry about with them, thus revealed, are funnier than even the sea serpent's portraits in the "sea serpent" album.

I have known more than one person to stop short at a mere "round O" for the first lake which seemed to lead nowhere, the other four having neither shape nor substance in the puzzled artist's vision.—Washington Star.

A Singular French Timepiece. The latest among these curious timepieces is constructed as follows: A saucer of silver protrudes from a white crystal vase, graceful in shape and soberly decorated. The stalk is of broken gilt, the leaves green, the petals yellow, and the heart of the flower crimson. Four and a half minutes marks are engraved around the heart of this saucer, which faces the looker-on. A lady-bird of spotted red enamel gold apparently rests on the flower, on the line dividing the heart from the petals. This pretty insect, which moves imperceptibly by means of a mechanism hidden within the flower, shows the time. By only close inspection can one detect the time divisions on this original dial, which is granulated all over and is bluish-black. As to the hollow circular line on which the lady-bird travels, it is completely invisible.—Jeweler's Circular.

A Baby Launches a Warship. At Chiswick, England, the Ardent, torpedo-boat destroyer, was launched recently from the yard of Messrs. Thornycroft & Company. The Ardent is a sister ship to the Porpoise, which broke the record of speed of a gun in June last, and, like her, is fitted with the Thornycroft water-tube boilers. The vessel was named by Mrs. J. C. Cornish, eldest daughter of J. I. Thornycroft, and launched by Miss Helen Phyllis Cornish, aged five months. A touch of the baby's hand on a specially-designed electrical apparatus started the vessel on the ways, whence she glided into the river with all her engines and machinery a-boost. The Ardent is armed with one twelve-pounder and three six-pounder guns. Her contract speed is twenty-seven knots.—Detroit Free Press.

FATHER OF WATERS

The Source of the Mississippi Settled Beyond Dispute. A Place Where One Can Stop Across the Great Stream.

The origin of the Father of Waters is determined at last, after centuries of dispute. Dr. Elliott Cones has just returned to Washington from Lake Itasca and the sources of the Mississippi. He made no discovery, such not being the purpose of his trip, but his investigations have definitely established the accuracy of the observations recorded by Nicollet and Brewer. The recent contention of Capt. Glazier is set at naught, and a much-vexed geographical question now be considered as finally settled.

"I have stepped across the Mississippi river," said Dr. Cones yesterday. "It was easy for the stream was only about eight inches wide and two inches deep. I have seen the Father of Waters where he rises literally out of the ground and starts as an infant rivulet, destined to cut the United States in twain with the mighty volume of his adult flood." To reach the sources is a long and difficult journey. From Duluth I went to the terminus of the Duluth and Winnipeg railway, at the little village of Deer Lake, Itasca county, Minn. There I hired a birch bark canoe and a man to paddle and proceeded up the river to Lake Itasca.

"I reached the lake after ten days' paddling through a pathless wilderness. Hardly any inhabitants were to be found in the region, save a few Chippeway Indians in occasional villages, chiefly in the neighborhood of Cass Lake, Winnepigoshish. Making my camp on Schoolcraft Island in Lake Itasca, I made a thorough exploration of that body of water and the surrounding country. My visit was inspired chiefly by the circumstance that I was about to publish a new edition of Pike's Travels, with critical notes, and I found it desirable to examine the sources of Mississippi for myself, particularly in view of the recent dispute on the subject.

The whole of the Itasca basin, comprising thirty-five square miles, has been set apart by the legislature of Minnesota as a state park, in order that the natural beauty of the region of the sources of the Mississippi may be preserved. Timber and game within the limits of the park are protected by law from depredations. Lake Itasca is a lovely sheet of water embosomed in the primeval forest, 4,470 feet above the sea. It used to be called Elk Lake by the Indians, because it has a three-pronged shape, like the head of an elk with antlers outspread. Comparatively narrow throughout, it is about three miles in extreme length. Almost in the centre is a wooded island, named after the explorer and historian, Schoolcraft. On the north arm of the lake are a few white settlements. Lake Itasca is by far the biggest of several hundred lakes and pools in the Itasca basin.

"Lake Itasca is a mere expansion of the infant Mississippi. Into it flows a small stream which is the veritable Father of Waters—the cradled Achilles, as Nicollet called it. It rises from springs at a distance of only half a dozen miles from the lake. The beauties of the region are likely to attract tourists before long. Few persons would care to make the canoe journey which I undertook for 200 miles up the river, but Lake Itasca can be reached in one day by wagon from Park Rapids, which is the terminus of a branch of the Great Northern railway. From Lake Itasca the voyage down the Mississippi is comparatively easy."—Washington Star.

Found a Gold Ring in a Sea Fish. Lieutenant James H. Minor of the police force was presented with a gold ring by Capt. Harry H. Hayward, who at the time of coming in possession of the ring was in command of the Navy Scout-boat Albatross. Captain Hayward says that while the bark Albatross was on her way from New York to Havana he frequently passed the time in fishing, and on June 14, 1894, he caught a large bonito fish, which on being cut open was found to have a plain gold ring inside. It was the common belief of the sailors on the bark that the fish had bitten off the hand of a man who either fell overboard or went down with his ship. Captain Hayward has taken a great fancy to Lieutenant Miller and gave him the ring as a token of his friendship.—Florida Times-Union.

An Easy Person. The humanity of it is carried to very extreme lengths in these days. One of its latest products is a humane policeman's club, invented by a Connecticut physician. It is warranted to quiet the most obstreperous tough without danger of fracturing the skull, injuring his brain or doing him any other serious damage. The club has a rubber handle and end, with a central point of steel, which is covered. The police department of Louisville is considering its adoption. —New Orleans Picayune.

The 400 would be nowhere in Russia, declares the New York Press. The members of the Russian nobility foot up \$50,000 persons.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

HOMEMADE MUCILAGE. Gum arabic and gum tragacanth in equal parts, dissolved in hot water, make the best and most convenient mucilage to keep in the house.—American Agriculturist.

COCOA FOR ICING. Cocoa is now much used in the place of chocolate for icing cake. The icing is made by beating the whites of two eggs and mixing with them nearly a cupful of powdered sugar. Add two teaspoonfuls of cocoa. An icing that many prefer is made without any eggs. Boil four tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar with the same quantity of water for a minute, then add a teaspoonful of vanilla and two teaspoonfuls of cocoa, boil a minute longer, and the icing will be ready to use.—Boston Cultivator.

USE FOR AN OLD FOWL. For soup or broth "an old fowl is always better than a young one," and Matthew Williguis in his Chemistry of Cookery records his surprise to find that an old hen boiled six hours made not only good soup, but being put in the oven came out a very tender and desirable roast. So choose an old fowl, cut in pieces and put on to boil for two hours. Put it in cold water and simmer very slowly, adding a small carrot and turnip, a stalk of celery and one onion, with two teaspoonfuls of salt and half a one of pepper. Add water if it boils away. Take out the chicken when done, to be used for croquettes or other purposes, and strain the broth. Next day take off all fat and add four ounces of tapioca which has soaked all night. Let it boil one hour very slowly and serve with toasted crackers.—Trenton, N. J., American.

REMNANTS OF POT-ROAST. Mrs. Mary Wade, a graduate of the Boston Cooking-school, has originated an excellent recipe for using the remnants of a pot-rot of veal. She names the dish "veal terrapin." The exact quantity is not given, but it is to be cut into small pieces, cooked until it browns slightly in two tablespoonfuls of hot melted butter, that contains a tablespoonful of onions chopped fine and cooked slowly in the butter butter before the meat is added. Add a heaping tablespoonful of flour and a cupful of the water in which the meat was cooked (or of stock) one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper, one-half teaspoonful of salt, six or five or ten minutes. Add a cupful of hot milk, and the yokes of three hard-boiled eggs. Just before removing from the fire add one teaspoonful of lemon juice, and one tablespoonful of mushroom catsup. Serve with the terrapin a border of rice. The is to be cooked in a double boiler, using instead of water a cupful of stock, if you have it, to every half cupful of rice.—New York Post.

A Sunday-School by Telegraph. The most unique Sunday-school in the world is on the line of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad," said L. A. Warner, "President Thomas is an ardent Sunday-school man, and inaugurated a system among the telegraph operators along the line. One of the lightening manipulators at Nashville acts as teacher, and uses the regular lesson leaf. The class is composed of the operators between Nashville and Chattanooga, and the lesson is conducted as though all were present, except that the questions and answers are sent by telegraph. The comments of the teacher are sent down the line and the class is dismissed, going back to their work, the same as on any other day.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Electrical Aids in Shopping. Many persons will remember the wonderful electrical sign writing in the electric building at the world's fair last year. That idea has been profitably utilized by many shopkeepers by arranging to light extra lamps at different points when customers moved around to inspect the wares. Such special attention flatters and sells.

The average woman is now anxious to go into the up-to-date store to cool off, and have ample time and comfortable surroundings is apt to buy enough more goods that will compensate for the extra cost of the electric fans employed, while their use at soda fountains make the blue and red soda chips click with amazing rapidity.—Atlanta Constitution.

The United States now have about forty vessels engaged in whaling—the remnant of a fleet which once numbered 800 ships. The demand for whale oil has so greatly decreased that the industry has dwindled away. It is now supported chiefly by the demand for whalebone, which is always greatly in excess of the supply. American whalers which go as far north as the fin's bay in midsummer generally spend the winter frozen up in Hudson's Bay.

The Governor of Alabama, in his annual message, recommends the passage of an anti-lynching law.

## DIPHTHERIA CURE.

Utilizing the New Remedy in European Hospitals.

Simultaneous Discovery of a German and a Frenchman.

"The drawback of expense," to the diphtheria and erup by the "serum of the blood of horses," the simultaneous invention of Dr. Roux of Paris and the Prussian army surgeon, Dr. Behring, is gradually becoming overcome in this capital, writes a Berlin correspondent of the New York Press. Public spirited men and women have collected large sums of money to furnish serum free of charge to all hospitals, and the Press correspondent was informed by Dr. Virchow that all applications for inoculation would be readily attended to.

Dr. Virchow, the world famed scientist, is not only the rector of the Berlin University, but also a city father of the most progressive stripe. Far from being jealous of the success of Dr. Behring, he is doing everything in his power to propagate the noble cause, having satisfied himself that the new cure for diphtheria deserved encouragement.

The Emperor and Empress Frederick Hospital has had, so far, the most distinguished success in curing diphtheria stricken mother. Its management asks every mother whose child complains of sore throat to bring the little one to the hospital to be examined. The indications may point to diphtheria, or to the first symptoms of erup, at all events the hospital physician will give the child at once an injection of the anti-diphtheritic serum. The remedy will do no harm, if the symptoms have been misjudged; if they have been those of diphtheria or erup the illness will be forestalled. By Virchow's advice, all members of a family where diphtheria has appeared are inoculated with the serum.

The associate of Dr. Roux, in this epoch-making invention, Dr. Behring, an army surgeon is Director of the Hygienic Institute in Halle. He also lectures at the University there. Behring is a disciple of the great Koch, and was the first to experiment in conferring immunity against diphtheritic germs to animals. Afterward he called in Dr. Aronson of Berlin and Dr. Roux of Paris, and with them completed the invention. The first to benefit by the serum were a number of children in Heligoland, whose county physician, Dr. Mewins, Behring's friend, volunteered to try the new remedy. His reports on the results are very enthusiastic.

Dr. Behring will endeavor to raise funds for a diphtheria hospital in Berlin; he also advocates special diphtheria wards in every hospital of the world over. He is much annoyed at the thought that speculation has already taken hold of the manufacturing of serum, and that the prices are inordinately high. Professor Virchow is of opinion that competition will have a tendency to decrease the prices.

The City Council of Berlin has voted a credit of \$2,000 for the purpose of continuing the medical experiments with serum. The physicians of the poor will not be furnished with the remedy until its nature is fully explained.

### Illustrious Sounds.

A new fad adopted by owners of phonographs is the collection of cylinders that give forth musical notes of an odd character obtained directly from nature, such as the song of birds, the chirping of insects, and even the cries of wild animals in captivity. One of the pleasures derived from such a collection consists in submitting the notes to others for identification. Recently in searching for sounds still more fanciful a young woman of Philadelphia discovered a secret of acoustics not noted in any of the books on that science, in which she terms "an articular illusion." Arranging eight sea shells of differing size so as to form an octave she expected to record the roar of the sea as heard within them, first from nearby breakers and then gradually diminishing to a distant shore, but though she could distinctly hear the roar with something of this effect whenever she applied her ear to the lips of the shells, yet the cylinder refused to receive any sounds whatever no matter how carefully the funnel was adjusted and she therefore concludes that the sounds are purely illustrative. Philadelphia Record.

### Well Supplied With Toes.

A squaw in town has a lusty little papoose which is fitted out with twenty pump toes, ten on each foot. The extra toes on the heels and are as well developed as those in front. The ankles are in the middle of the foot to give the hind toes a chance to exert. The great disadvantage about the feet is that the papoose can't sit ways let whether it is going away or coming home, so it appears to be traveling both ways at once.—Homer (N.Y.) Index.

Good manners have forced many a proper person to swallow unwholesome food.

## QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A bed in a Greek inn in A. D. 327, cost four cents.

A plant of spleenwort weighing less than four ounces will produce over a million seeds.

A small ranch has been started by a farmer of Anet, France, to supply the Parisian market.

On the Welch River Towy the coracle, the veritable boat of the barbarous but picturesque Britain, is still in use.

The swiftest bird is the kestrel or English sparrowhawk. It has been known to achieve a speed of 150 miles an hour.

The great pelican often has a wing spread of fifteen feet. The bird itself sometimes exceeds twenty-five pounds in weight.

The Bodleian Library at Oxford, England, has 600,000 volumes, and its annual expenses are \$45,000 a year, nearly ten cents a volume.

The muscles of a pig's snout are exceedingly powerful for their size, and thus enable the animal to turn up very hard ground with almost ease.

John Confar and wife, of Clifton, Ohio, have celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary with a family reunion. Both are hale and hearty.

London County, Va., has a fruit farm which contains 60,000 vines, 45 peach trees, 8,000 quince and pear trees and 900 English walnut trees.

A bat finds its way about without the assistance of its eyes. A blinded bat will avoid wires and obstructions as dexterously as though it could see perfectly.

The Michigan people are running a race on big cabbages. Around Three Oaks a twelve-pound cabbage is considered a fair shipping size, and the Barnett Produce Company have sent one to Chicago that measures four and a half feet in circumference, and weighs twenty-six pounds.

Nearly fifty monkeys escaped from the hold of a New York vessel recently, and climbing into the rigging, set up such a chattering that a large number of persons quickly gathered on the wharves. Several hours elapsed before the animals, which were chased up and down the masts by the sailors, were captured again.

Joseph Grimm of Hammon, Penn., was riding along a country road recently on his bicycle when he was stopped by three highwaymen. They wanted his money, etc. He took his watch from his pocket, threw it several yards away, and, while the men were scrambling for it, mounted his wheel and escaped.

A country cat can always be kept at home by cutting off her ears, or for a time by clipping out the hairs in the interior. The long hairs serve to keep out the drops of dew that fall from the leaves of plants and grasses, and when the hairs are removed the cat will stay at home rather than claw the water out of her ears.

### A Novel Way of Renovating Buildings.

"That is a new way of plastering up the front of a building; reminds one of the early days of San Francisco, when all the house fronts were necessarily of brick over which about an inch of rough plaster was put, which could then be painted and molded to suit each owner's varied tastes." Such were the comments of a pioneer San Franciscan, as, wending his way down Broadway, New York city, he stopped in front of the building in which Russell Sage has his office. It was undergoing this new idea of reconstruction. That building, as well as the entire block, has a front of brown stone—the regulation building material of early New York days. The stone has worn away with time's relentless fingers, and is now being refurbished in this wise: Workmen go over the entire front and chip off in the rough about an inch of the surface. Brownstone is then crushed, mixed with cement and water and the plastic stuff spread over the roughly prepared surface—and lo and behold a brand new brownstone front! Wells, Fargo & Co.'s front has recently been treated that way, and it looks like a new building. Russell Sage thinks it a great improvement.—San Francisco Chronicle.

### Squire T.'s \$100 Sandwich.

Squire T.—was, in days of old lang syne, a famous maguete in Bath, Me., a man of great wealth, fond of good living, and a jovial society man. It is related by the Independent that, on a certain festive occasion, a party of gentlemen, among whom was the squire, got discussing their gustatorial capacities when the squire waded that he could eat more than any other guest present, they to be judges. The bet was taken and all hands set until they could eat no more, the squire apparently not being ahead in the gastronomical process. "Are you all done?" inquired the squire. The rest admitted that they were, and claimed the squire had not fulfilled his promise. The squire pulled out his capacious pocketbook, took therefrom a \$100 note and, placing the bill between two thin slices of buttered bread, devoured the costly sandwich. He won the bet.

## EXTRAORDINARY CRIME.

At His Own Request an Old Man is Murdered by a Boy.

The Assize Court of Aix-les-Bains has just had before it one of the most extraordinary cases which can be found in the annals of crime. The accused was a young boy of sixteen years of age, named Francois Berthollier, who was charged with the murder of an old man named Blanchard. Berthollier did not deny the crime, but made the curious defense that he had killed his victim with the latter's own consent, but in response to his very pressing request. The following extract from his examination by the president of the court gives his version of the crime.

Prisoner—On the day of the arrival of the Russians, Blanchard and I went to Toulon. On the way he told me how miserable he was and how much he desired to end his life. For several hours he tried to persuade me to deliver him from his miseries.

President—Did you not ask him why he did not commit suicide?

Prisoner—He said he had not the necessary courage, and that he had religious scruples. Two days later he came to my room and waked me, saying: "Francois, I count on you for to-day; I want to get it over before the evening." I was very much astonished. He added: "I will sign a bill for you for 1,800 francs, which you will get from my notary at Carpentras."

President—So this sum of 1,800 francs caused you to consent?

Prisoner—I went down stairs and bought a bill stamp for sixty centimes and drew out the bill, which he signed. Then we went to Joliette to take the tramway. While waiting for it we went into a cafe, where Blanchard made me drink several glasses of peppermint. Then he gave me sixty centimes to buy a knife in a shop. When we were on the tramway Blanchard said to me, "Smoke as much as you can. It will stupefy you." At Estaque we again went into a cafe, where he made me drink four or five absinthes. Then we continued our route for some time, when suddenly Blanchard stopped, saying: "This place will do." We then went under the bridge which is there. Blanchard undressed and bandaged his eyes with a handkerchief.

President—Blanchard laid down himself on the stones there?

Prisoner—Yes, monsieur.

President—How many blows did you give him?

Prisoner—Four. He had told me, "Strike me several times, so that I won't suffer. Strike in preference on the temples and where the jugular vein is. My death will be easier."

President—You certainly followed his counsels well. Your hand struck with a dexterity that a professional might envy. Did Blanchard die at once?

Prisoner—Yes, he raised himself up slightly and gave a sigh; that was all. I had some blood on my hands, so I went to the sea, and washed the sea, which is about two hundred yards away.

President—Then you returned to Estaque?

Prisoner—Yes, I stopped at a shooting gallery, where I fired some shots to divert myself.

President—And did you not feel any remorse, any terror or any abashment. The jury decided that the prisoner had acted without discernment and acquitted him. The court, however, ordered him to be kept in a reformatory until the age of twenty years.

### A Moth-Catching Plant.

The moth-catching plant "Arangia alba" is a native of Southern Africa and was introduced to New Zealand accidentally about seven years ago, and since then it has been extensively propagated there, on account of its effective service as a killer of destructive moths. Wherever the climate is mild the plant is an exceedingly free grower; it twines and climbs with great luxuriance, and produces immense numbers of white or pinkish flowers, which have a very agreeable scent. These flowers attract innumerable moths. On a summer evening a hedge of "Arangia" will be covered by a perfect cloud of moths, and in the morning there will not be a single flower that does not imprison one or two, and sometimes as many as four insects of various sizes and genera. The action of the "Arangia" is purely mechanical. The water of the flower is sweet deep, and the receptacle for its sweet juices is placed at its base. Attracted by the powerful scent and the prospect of honey, the moth dives down the calyx, and protrudes its proboscis to reach the tempting food. But before it can do so the proboscis is nipped between two strong, hard, black pinchers, which guard the passage and once nipped there is no escape for the moth, which is held as in a vise by the extreme end of the proboscis, and dies miserably. The proboscis is so very slightly inserted between the pinners that it apparently can not affect the generative organs of the plant, unless these may be the pinners themselves, whose actual contact may be necessary for reproduction. Upon dissection, the pinners, even in their ordinary position, are invariably found to be almost in contact, the separating interval being apparent under a strong lens. It is therefore hard to understand why such a process as the destruction of a moth should be necessary to close this already minute opening. But as all events, the thing is done, and effectively, and a plant of "Arangia" covering a space of ten yards in length will destroy as many hundred moths every night, and consequently prevent the ravages of fifty times as many larvae.—New York Telegram.

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## FARM AND GARDEN.

### GETTING RID OF CORREL.

A short time ago we had an inquiry as to how correl could be got rid of. H. Sohn, Woodland, Penn., says he subdued it on his farm by leaving a fine crop of timothy stand, plowed it down and planted in corn and kept corn clean. Then put in oats and followed with rye. Plowed down the rye last spring and planted corn. Seeded to timothy and clover at last working; failed to see a single plant on seven acres while cutting corn.—Farm, Field and Fireside.

### SETTING FENCE POSTS.

When the ground is not stony it is a good way to drive fence posts by sharpening the points and first making a hole with a pointed steel crowbar and then driving them with a heavy maul, ringed at the ends of the head. A convenient way is to take a wagon into the field and stand on this while driving the posts. Or one may have a high bench to stand on to reach the posts easily. One should go ahead with a knotted rope or a red-long pole, to locate the posts and make the holes with the bar. It is not a difficult matter to set twenty posts in this way in an hour, when the ground is in good condition, not too dry and is free from stones. If this is done, three men or two men and a boy to hold the posts straight while they are driven, will set 200 posts, reaching 400 rods, in ten hours.—New York Times.

### FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Protect the young trees from rabbits. The early winter is a good time to top dress the lawn with well rotted manure.

Don't let the cows stay out in the pasture all day when there is a cold, driving rain.

The water used for the weekly washing makes an excellent wash for the old apple trees.

Every acre of corn fodder saved for feeding on the farm will release an acre of hay for market.

American dairy cattle breeders were the first to substitute the butter record system for dairy cows.

If there are any big weeds in your garden plot—harvest them very carefully that no seed be lost and burn them.

A single freeze may not hurt onions but repeated freezing and thawing will. They should be kept dry and cool.

The health of a horse depends on the condition and proper adjustment of his teeth. They are the millstones that grind his food, and frequently need attention.

Blackberries and raspberries in northern latitudes should be protected. The simplest and surest way is to lay them down in the row and cover lightly with earth.

If the ground is not frozen too hard it is still time to plow up the garden. Give a good coat of manure to the soil. They leave in the furrows as tarred pits. Do not harrow.

To destroy the carcass of a horse, cover with earth a few inches deep and burn; the fresh earth will absorb much of the gases generated in burning. Sprinkle on more soil burns.

White clover is one of the very best pastures known. In England the autumn sown fodder crops have come up exceedingly well, and altogether the amount of winter resources for the stock were probably never greater.

To prevent head lettuce going to seed prematurely, it is recommended to cut half through the stalk, just at the surface of the ground, with a sharp knife. The remaining half of the stalk allows the passage of sufficient sap to keep the plant alive, but not enough for much future growth.

Professor Bailey, of Cornell Experiment Station, recommends from 500 to 700 pounds of muriate of potash to 500 to 500 pounds of plain superphosphate per acre as an extra top dressing for winter orchards. Nitrogen is seldom needed, he says, and is too apt to force a growth of too much wood.

Monthly roses may be kept through the winter in good shape by being covered with hard coal ashes. A good way to do this is to put a nail keg with heads out over the bushes and fill with the ashes. When the bushes are too large for this use a larger frame. Of course this protection may fail in the case of the tender rose trees.

People who are timid in working with hoes can have a safe protection from stings by the use of a dress suitable for the purpose. A veil and a pair of gloves that can be fastened closely at the wrist will afford good protection. Many hose keepers prefer thin rubber gloves as an extra hind. Mosquito netting can be used for veils, or a regular bow veil can be bought.

Kindness will do more than brutality; therefore do not use harsh language to your horse, dog, cat, or bird. Bear in mind that he is very intelligent and sensitive, a willing servant and deserving of your kindest treatment and thought.

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### SELECT SIFTINGS.

In Japan the flute is played only by men of rank.

The big bridge at Montreal, Canada, is nearly two miles long.

Artificial bleaching of celery is said to spoil its taste and crispness.

Big crabs are found in India. Some of them measure two feet in length.

Paris connoisseurs affirm that old horses for food are more tender than young ones.

It is said that the gold product of Montana for 1894 shows an increase of seventy-five per cent. over that of 1893.

Canadian Indians have the old Roman habit of alternately gormandizing and sleeping when there is a moose at the fire.

Old Tom Taylor, of Mount Oliver, Ky., celebrated his eightieth birthday by marrying for the seventh time. His children do not object to the match.

Japan is a corruption of the Chinese word Shih-pa-ku, which means "root of day," or "sunrise kingdom," because Japan is directly east of China.

The Philadelphia Grand Jury suggests that the street railway companies of the city be compelled by law to adopt at once fenders on the cars.

A New York woman is charged with training her twenty-month-old baby to toddle into the rooms of a large boarding house and steal money and jewelry.

The first surgeon to use the antiseptic treatment for wounds was Sir Joseph Lister, the famous English operator. He is now about to retire from his profession on account of old age.

Although Italians are very much addicted to quoting, they have never had a dictionary of quotations. Such a work, tracing 1575 quotations to their original sources, has just been published in Milan.

The most of the officials of Japan have some of those kinds of ideas when they go about over the country. In some cases they ride on the outside of their carriages and in others they follow along on foot.

Mound City, Mo., has a thirteen-year-old boy who weighs 242 pounds; and Casco, Me., a twelve-year-old girl who weighs 225 pounds. This may serve to introduce them one to the other, and who knows what may happen later?

A model has recently been made to illustrate the currents of the Atlantic. The water is blown out of various nozzles representing the mean direction of the permanent winds. The movement of the water is made perceptible by a dust sprinkled over its surface.

Oats sometimes escape from cultivation and grow from year to year so persistently as to seem wild. They have been found thus in regions as widely separated as Algeria and Japan, the Pyrenees and the Desert of Mount Sinai.

On the skeleton of a lady who died at Pompeii were found two golden bracelets, six of silver, four golden anklets, four earrings, thirty finger rings, a golden collar, a golden belt and a golden band on her head, while by her hand lay a purse containing 197 silver coins.

A singular feature of the decorations of the city of Leeds, England, on the recent visit of the Duke and Duchess of York was a triple archway formed entirely of leaves of bread and enclosed in a light frame of wood and iron. Nearly six tons of bread were used in its construction, and the next day it was all distributed among the poor.

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