

THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD.
WHAT IS GOING ON IN OTHER LANDS AND PLACES.

Interesting News Nuggets Special
Prepared for the Edification of our
Readers.

Heavy frosts are reported from many sections of Illinois and Indiana.

Li Hong Chang, the Premier of China, is seriously ill.

The Shah of Persia will be in Paris about the middle of June.

The Duke of Edinburgh is slowly recovering from his illness.

Herr Kolisch, the well-known chess-player, is dead at Vienna.

Correa has refused to grant to Russia a railway station at Deerstead.

It is once more reported that the Czar has designs upon Constantinople.

The King of Holland will re-assume the regency on his return to the Hague.

There are more emigrants from Britain to Canada this season than last.

Mr. Chamberlain and his wife were guests of the Queen at Windsor Castle last week.

A large number of parties have surrendered to the French authorities at Hanoi.

The coal dock laborers of Duluth are on strike for more pay.

Lutie Snell, 13-year-old son of John Snell, Packersburg W. Va., has been abducted by rangers.

The centennial industrial parade in New York occupied nearly six hours in passing a street point.

J. G. Blaine, jr., while at work at his home trade, that of a machinist, hurt himself severely and is laid up.

A Chicago anarchist, named Doty, hung a red flag on Tuesday and narrowly escaped lynching.

The fine old oak blown down a week ago in front of the White House was planted by Martha Washington.

Fifteen companies have been organized in the last three weeks to build cotton mills in the Southern States.

White Caps have demolished the saloon of John Messmore, at Rawson, O., for the second time.

The great charcoal blast furnace of the West Alto Iron Company at Chambersburg, Pa., has been burned.

Dispatches from Egypt say six dervishes have been executed at Wady Halfa for outraging women and children.

The Marquis of Ormonde will succeed Lord Londonderry as Viceroy of Ireland.

Lord Walter Campbell, third son of the Duke of Argyll and brother of the Marquis of Lorne, has died in South Africa of fever.

Miss Nettie A. Guyon, of 12 Commerce street, New York, a prepossessing young woman, died from mal-practice last week.

German cotton manufacturers have established a national society for mutual protection.

The German ship Stassfurt, from New York March 29th, has been sunk in the river Elbe.

Herr Wohlgenuth, arrested at Rheinfelden, Switzerland, has been expelled from the country.

Mr. Parnell, on cross-examination, denied that the Irish World ever collected moneys for his party.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson's bill proposing to give urban leaseholders power to purchase their leases was defeated.

The member for South Tyrone has collected £10,000 as a fund for an Orangemen's "Plan of Campaign."

The liberation of Melitoe, the deposed King of Samoa, has been voluntarily announced in the Conference.

The meeting of Queen Victoria with the Queen Regent of Spain recently is clothed with much importance lately.

The severity of manner which characterizes the demeanor of Sir Richard Webster towards Mr. Parnell is much commented upon.

The Pope says he is greatly consoled by the protest of the Congress against the situation of the Vatican.

A train was recently wrecked on China's only railroad and nineteen men were either crushed or burned to death.

It is denied that a secret treaty existed between England and Germany to partition the Tonga and Samoa Islands.

It is stated in London that the negotiations for the international yacht race for the America's Cup have fallen through.

It is stated that when Mr. Smith resigns the leadership of the English House of Commons, he will be succeeded by Mr. Groschen.

Count Carlo di Corti, brother of Count Lodovica di Corti, the Italian statesman who died a few months ago, has sent an agent to the States to sell his title.

In cross-examination Mr. Parnell said that he had frequently reproved Mr. William O'Brien for the violent articles which appeared in United Ireland.

Suit will be brought by his co-partners to compel Editor Waiter to bear the expenses of the Times in its case against the Parallels.

Trade between England and Germany during the past two months was double the amount for the corresponding period last year.

During the Whitsuntide recess Mr. Gladstone expects to enjoy a yachting cruise in the waters of Great Britain with a party of friends.

A meeting of the promoters of Mr. Russell's scheme for settling Scottish and Ulster farmers on Irish campaign estates was held in Dublin.

Orders have been issued to the prison authorities to release from gaol Messrs. William O'Brien and Timothy Harrington.

What is known as the Australian Election law has been adopted, with some slight modifications, by both Houses of the Missouri Legislature.

The Duchess of Marlborough was presented at the Queen's drawing-room on Friday by the dowager Duchess. The debutante was the famous Marlborough diamonds.

Sir Charles Russell, the arbitrator in the disputes between the tenants and landlord on the Vandeleur estate, has decided that the tenants shall pay a year's rent to March, 1887.

The Rochester Post-Express has entered suit for \$10,000 against the Central Labor Union of that city for taking a hand in boycotting the paper in connection with the west-coast strike.

In the white book on Samoan affairs, it is complained that the American and British flags were hoisted on plots of land pledged by the "rebels" in lieu of cash in payments for arms and ammunition supplied by the Germans.

The party sent out by the Minnesota Historical Society have returned to St. Paul and report having discovered two lakes 110 feet above the level of Lake Itaska and seven miles distant, to which they traced the source of the Mississippi.

A young man is palming himself off at Smith's Falls as the eldest son of Earl Sydney. His claim is somewhat depreciated by a statement in the Peerage that Earl Sydney has no son.

Some time ago eight storekeepers were convicted by the Montreal Recorder, under a city-by-law, for exposing in their windows alleged indecent posters of a theatrical company. The case was taken before Justice Wurtelle who declared that the by-law illegal and beyond the powers of the Provincial Legislature.

POT-POURRI.

The Queen's own rooms at Balmoral, in which she breakfasts, works during the morning, and passes the evening after leaving the dinner circle, are on the first floor, and Sir Henry Ponsonby has a waiting room close at hand. These rooms look to the west, and command fine views of the Dee Valley, with the mountains in the distance. The Prince Consort's rooms adjoin those of the Queen, and have never been altered in any respect whatever since his death, and his rooms at Windsor and at Osborne are also preserved unchanged since 1861.

"Ah, it fills my heart," said a country minister, as the last note of the organ died away, "to see so many strangers among us on this beautiful Sabbath morning." The good book says:—"He was a stranger and I took him in." The collection will now be taken up.

Emma Abbot is a remarkable woman in many particulars. Her biography, when it is written, will read like a romance, for her career has been a strange admixture of vicissitudes, of triumphs, of toil, of ambition, of sorrows, and of successes. Twenty years ago Miss Abbot was singing in a Brooklyn choir, seeking to get together money enough to pay the expense of study in Europe. To-day, at the age of 38, she is the richest woman on any stage.

"I hear that Jones is contesting his wife's will," said one man to another. "I don't know how that may be," replied the other. "What's that?" "Jones never contested his wife's will when she was alive. He seems to be getting courageous under his sad affliction."

That "deeply wronged legitimate Sovereign of the Sikhs, Duleep Singh," as he styles himself, has addressed a letter to the Queen, a copy of which he has circulated. The "deeply wronged" one demands that the Punjab should be handed back to him, and, as this will require time, he suggests that Her Majesty should at once return to him the Koh-i-Noor. Duleep Singh lived very comfortably in England, until, notwithstanding the handsome allowance granted to him, he outran the constable, and, as the British Government hardly saw their way to make India contribute to the repayment of his debts, he betook himself to Russia. In the days of the Alhambra "canteen," he was a great man behind the scenes, and whenever he went to court, he used to go afterwards to the canteen to show himself to the ballet girls, arrayed in his barbaric finery.

Two Americans recently meeting in London, discussed their native land, when one observed to the other that the place where he was born, Washpone, was renowned for the strength of the local fever. "It fires you, sir," he said, "that the doctors burn their fingers feeling your pulse."

"We have the fever stronger than that in my locality, sir," was the reply. Our doctors always feel a patient's pulse with pincers. They could no more use their fingers to do so, sir, than they could pick up a red-hot cinder.

Labouche in Truth: "I understand that Madame Albani has promised to head a troupe, consisting of a double quartet of vocalists, for the purpose of giving Italian operatic performances through the United States next winter. A leading feature of the new speculation, which, I believe, is chiefly the enterprise of her husband, Mr. Earnest Gye, is the employment of some of the best students of the local conservatoires of Boston, Chicago, and Cincinnati, in the chorus, and (if desirable) in more important parts. To Englishmen, however, the chief interest will lie in the fact that if the American season should come off, our leading oratorio soprano will not be available to us from next October till the summer of 1890.

Stranger—"You've given me an ugly gash in the chin. If you can't shave better than that you will lose all your customers pretty soon."

Undergraduate Tonsorialist—"Not at all! I am not allowed to shave the regular customers yet; I only shave strangers!"

Some time ago Mrs Langtry engaged a chef at a salary of \$15 a day to take entire charge and provide everything for her kitchen. The chef, a Frenchman by the name of Broche, soon found out that, owing to the luxurious tastes of his mistress, the sum allowed him was entirely inadequate for the contract. He brought in a bill for extra marketing, amounting to \$225, which Mrs. Langtry refused to pay. He has now brought suit against her in the New York courts.

Here is a description in a London news paper of a violet luncheon given by a Chicago girl to her girl friends: "The luncheon consisted of ten courses served by a caterer. The menu was matchless. The Chicago people live well. There was a long, flat, narrow mirror down the table, surrounded by a border of blue and white violets edged with a fringe of maiden-hair ferns. The corners of the cloth were tied with white and violet satin ribbon. The

young hostess (whose mother did not appear) wore white cashmere with cuffs and collar of violet velvet, and she carried a white lace fan on which was painted violets. By the plate of each guest was a small gilded wicker basket filled with violets white and blue. A string band, harp and violins, played softly while the girl guests ate and laughed and chatted."

An old Yankee, who had never seen a play, was taken to witness Booth's performance of Othello, and on being asked at the termination of the piece if he liked it, replied: "Ye-as, amazing! But cus me if I don't guess that little nigger played as well as any of the white fellows, if not better."—Chamberwell.

When asked twenty-eight years ago to stand for Tinsbury, Charles Dickens said that "nothing would induce him to offer himself as a Parliamentary representative of that place, or of any other under the sun," adding, "I declare that, as to all matters on the face of this teeming earth, it appears to me that the House of Commons and Parliament altogether is become just the dreariest failure and nuisance that ever bothered this much-bothered world." The great novelist's son, however, is of another opinion. Edward Bulwer-Lytton Dickens is now a member of the Australian parliament. Charles Dickens was an absolute free-trader. His son is a fire-eating protectionist.

The Puzzled Dairyman—"It's queer, the water is genuine and so is the milk, but as soon as you put the two together they call it adulterated!"—Der Ulk.

In spite of assertions to the contrary, the witty parson seems to be a type that is not altogether extinct. Two well known clergymen lately missed their train, upon which one of them took out his watch, and, finding it to blame for the mishap, said he would no longer have any faith in it. "But," said the other, "isn't it a question, not of faith, but of good works?"

Daughter—"No, Father, I cannot marry that man. He has red hair."

Father—"But, my dear daughter, that objection doesn't amount to anything. Don't you notice that he is going quite bald, and in a short time he will not have a single red hair on his head?"

The following essay on the cow is by a Californian scholar: A cow is an animal with four legs on the under side. The tail is longer than the legs, but is not used to stand on. The cow kills flies with its tail. A cow has big ears that wiggles on hinges; so does their tail. The cow is bigger than the calf, but not so big as the elephant. She is made so small that she can go in the barn when nobody is looking. Some cows are black, and some black. A dog was hooked once. She tossed the dog that worried the cat that killed the rat. Black cows give white milk; so do other cows. Milkmen sell milk to buy their little girls dresses, which they put in water and chalk. Cows chew cud, and each finds its own chew. That is all there is about cows."

For Housekeepers.

Paint stains that are dry and old may be removed from cotton or woollen goods with chloroform. First cover the spot with olive oil or butter.

Don't neglect to wash the teeth on rising and retiring, even though they are untouched during the day. It does pay; well-kept natural teeth beat any artificial ones.

It is said that convulsions may frequently be cut short by turning the patient on his left side. Nausea, occurring as an after-effect of chloroform or ether, may be controlled in the same way.

In making sugar cookies, take one cup of shortening, two cups of sugar, one cup of sour milk, one egg, a salt spoonful of salt, one level teaspoonful of soda, flour enough to mould and roll well; cut out and bake in a quick oven.

Paper bags, in which many articles are sent from the grocery store, should be saved for use when blacking a stove. Slip the hand into one of these and it will not be soiled, and when through with the bags they can be dropped into the stove.

If a new broom be immersed in boiling water until it is quite cold, and then thoroughly dried in the air, it will be far more pleasant to use, and will last much longer. Frequent moistening of the broom is conducive to its usefulness, and also saves the carpet.

Warm bread or cake can be cut without becoming moist and heavy if the knife, a thin, sharp one, is dipped into boiling hot water, wiped quickly, and the bread cut immediately, before the knife has had time to cool. A napkin should be laid double on the plate where the warm slices are laid.

To bleach ivory handles of steel knives, protect the steel with a coating of wax or paraffin, and set the handles in a solution of chloride of lime one part, water four parts, for a day, more or less; then wash the handles in clean warm water, wipe and dry. If satisfactory, warm the metal part and wipe off the wax or paraffin.

A pint of warm water taken on an empty stomach in the morning is the safest and surest of all remedies for habitual constipation. It dissolves the fecal matter, and stimulates peristaltic action, thereby giving a normal action without pain. If the tongue is coated squeeze a lemon into the water, and drink without sweetening.

Careless people are in the habit of tossing their clothes on to the floor when they undress. Garments worn during the day should neither be left lying haphazard anywhere, nor yet be carefully folded up and laid aside over night. Articles of underclothing such as stockings and shirts, and even coats and trousers, should be turned inside out and spread over the backs of chairs, to be aired and freshened up for the next day's wear.

FARM AND GARDEN.

One bushel of corn is worth nearly three bushels of oats as food for fattening hogs.

Vermont claims to produce more butter annually than any other State in the Union.

Iowa farmers last year raised enough corn to pay off all the farm mortgages in the State and leave a balance of 100,000,000 bushels.

Red wicker baskets are filled with white carnations and lined with asparagus tennissimus, to stand in a window, so that the passer-by can enjoy them.

A grape-vine over the out-building will not injure the building, but will increase the attractiveness of the premises, and will furnish wholesome, agreeable food at slight cost.

The average natural age of the oak is from 1,500 to 2,000 years; of the elm, 350 to 500 years; the maple, 600 to 800 years; the yew tree, largest of all, 2,500 to 3,000 years; the cedar, 800; linden, 1,200, and the cypress, 350. There are trees now standing believed to be more than 5,000 years old.

In horses the teeth are 40 in number, and in mares, not barren, commonly 36, because the latter seldom have tusks. The teeth are of three kinds—the gatherers or incisors, the tusks, and the grinders. When the foal is 10 to 12 days old four front teeth appear, two in the upper and two in the under jaw. In a month or six weeks after the middle teeth follow, and the corner teeth about three or four months afterwards. These four teeth continue in this state till the horse is from 2½ to 3 years old, when the first four or corner teeth are shed, and replaced by others, called horse teeth.

Secret Writing.

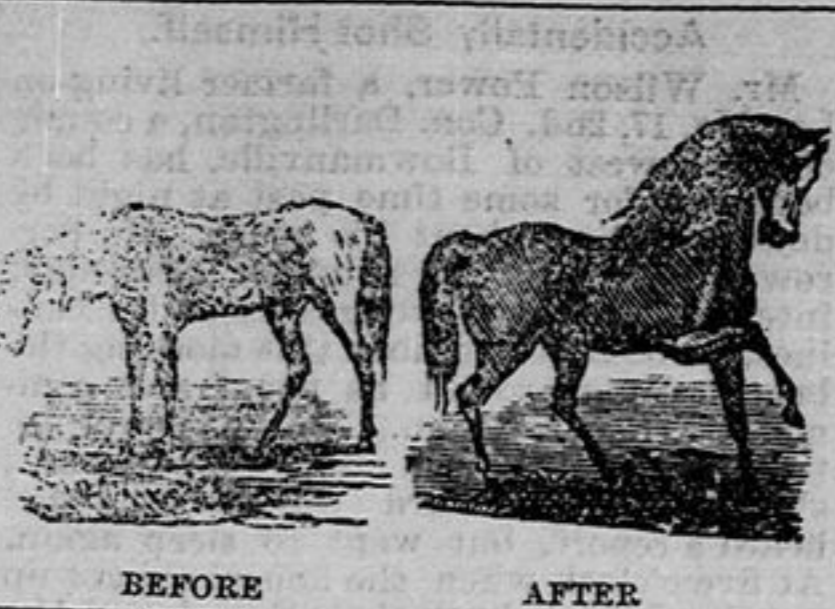
A device for secret writing by means of the typewriter is mentioned by the Paper World as a recent invention. It requires two typewriters similarly adjusted. They are so constructed that the type can be shifted from their normal position, so that the operator, striking the key in the usual way, really writes other letters than those in his copy, forming a cipher copy. The receiver adjusts his machine in an opposite direction and writes from the cipher copy, and his machine records the letters of the original copy. The principle is very simple, says the Mechanical News, and it at once suggests the possibility of applying the principle of the combination lock to such a contrivance for all typewriters, so that each owner of a machine can set it to any combination, which only he and his correspondent should know. This must be feasible, and if the new invention is of any use at all, its usefulness would be much increased by such a plan.

A Sea of Fire.

A sea of phosphorescent fire, extending as far as the eye could reach, was passed 185 miles east by north of Cape Henlopen by the Allan line steamship Manitoban, from Glasgow. Capt. Dunlop said "early in the night the heavens suddenly became overcast and intensely dark, and I left the bridge temporarily, leaving Second Officer Johnson in charge. I had hardly reached the chart-room when the cry of fire was announced on the starboard bow, and I rushed on the bridge and found the sea to be like a mass of flame, presenting a scene of sublime grandeur. Whenever a sea broke over the bow of the vessel the drops of fire spread over the ringing and decks like the flying embers of a genuine conflagration, whose sparks were driven by a strong wind. Everywhere on the deck were found tiny, sparkling, phosphorescent beads, which did not disappear until the next morning. For two hours the vessel was steaming through this sea of fire, causing considerable alarm to the superstitious sailors and passengers. In the distance the sea appeared to be breaking on a strand, but a dip of the log without finding bottom indicated that shoal water was not near at hand." This phenomenon has caused considerable interest among scientific men, a similar sea having been seen several months ago in the Bay of Bengal, which has puzzled the learned heads of Europe. An elaborate report will be prepared for the hydrographic office.

Libel Laws in England.

In England, where the press is supposed to be free, there is something almost like a reign of terror among the newspapers over the result of some recent libel suits. Justice Filled has taken of late to savage charges and constructions against papers, and, with the aid of special juries, has been mulcting them in damages right and left. The Pall Mall Gazette, the other day, was compelled to pay \$10,000 for having stated that a husband charged his wife and her paramour with putting him in a lunatic asylum, when the fact of the women's infidelity had been admitted by her in court and no reasonable person doubted the whole truth of the paragraph. The proprietor of the Era one of the oldest dramatic critics in London, was cast for \$1,500 for having said in his paper that the can-can dance he himself saw at Brighton was indecent. He brought a number of the best citizens in Brighton to swear to the same statement, but the jury, who had not seen the performance, under the judge's charge found a verdict against him. The same day the House of Lords, sitting judicially, gave its decision, on an appeal basis, which was a dictum that a paper printing even a verbatim report of a Judge's charge might be liable for libel if that charge did not wholly review both sides of a case.



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