Thirty-two days tu the Year that are Unfavorable for Marriage Contracts.

"I dreamed last night my brother was dead," said one of two shop-girls tripping down Winter street. "That's a sign there's going to be a

marriage in the family," said her companion. "Did you cry?"

" Did I? My goodness, I should think so. Who wouldn't ?"

"Then you ought to have counted the tears, and just as many tears as you shed it's just so many days before you'll be married."

"Why, how funny. Did you ever try

"What a question, foolish! I ain't married, am I? But then I cried lots and lots, and I couldn't count 'em, and its just as well, for 'spose it had come on a Friday. That's an awful unlucky

"Oh, dont't talk about luck. -There's my cousin in Salem, she was married on Sunday-they say that's the best of all-and what luck did it bring her? A miserable husband, a divorce case, isn't much for luck."

Overhearing all of which the Globe statistician was reminded of a clipping stored in his archives with the old playbills and the articles cut out to save that will never be wanted until the next day after they are burned. According to this clipping, which will be read with interest in view of the approaching leap year and a prospective matrimonial boom, there are thirty-two days in the year on which it it is unlucky to marry, upon the authority of a manuscript dated in the fifteenth century. These days are January 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 15; February 6, 7, 18; March 1, 6, 8; April 6, 11; May 5, 6, 7; June 7, 15; July 5, 19; August 15, 19; September 6, 7; October 6; November 15, 16, and December 15, 16, 17. Consequently January is the worst month and October the best month in the year for marriage. The records show, however, that in Boston, and in fact throughout New England, November is the banner month for matrimony, October holding a second place in nuptial favor. For this Thanksgiving day is mainly responsible. It has been consecrated to marriage festivals for many generations. Fast day is another favorite day for connubial ventures, and with a large proportion of our population Easter Sunday is regarded as an auspicious occasion for the welding of the matrimonial fetters. Thousands of couples have wedded New Year's week, unwitting the risk they ran as above set forth; and it is hardly to be expected that the publication of this list will increase the number of happy families or lessen the regular long roll of divorce suits upon the dockets of the courts.

How a Buxom Widow get Married

A widow, young, good-looking, and lively, had many admirers, but she was so impartial that when, just about a year from her husband's death, she gave public invitations to her wedding, nobody could tell whether the favorite one was a certain widower, a bachelor, or one of two young men, and to keep the secret, she declared she would be married in a barn of hers in the dark. The minister, too, entered into the spirit of the affair, and to mystify the people still more, the bride entered the barn alone at one door and the groom at another. There were at least 200 present. The ceremony proceeded in darkness, and at its close the crowd broke for the bride, and carried her home in triumph in a chair. But here began the trouble, the widower, the bachelor, and the two young men each swore that he held the widow's plump hand and was married to her; the crowd could not decide, the minister didn't know, and the widow was puzzled, for all claimed to be engaged to her, and though the widower was her choice he might have been jolted aside; indeed, he acknowledged that somebody tried to choke him in the dark. The four men fought, but that didn't settle it. The guests ducked two of them in the brook, but still no light. Finally the widower compromised with the others by giving them £100 each, and reigned as her lord. One of the young men is married, but still declares that he was married to Widow Dodsworth in the big barn. The other also protests that he is her lawful husband. The bachelor is dead, but maintained to the end, "I married her-I ought to have her !"

A Noiseless Clock.

A clock recently invented by M. Anthoine, of Paris, is set in motion by a float. The liquid supporting the float is allowed to flow off gradually, and the descent of the float actuates the clock, which requires no other means of regulation. In a clock, the face of which is illuminated by a lamp, the float is put in oil, with which the lamp is fed. The oil is uniformly consumed if the flame always burns with the same height. Hence M. Anthoine makes a mark on the lamp cylinder, indicating the proper height of flame.

A correspondent of the London St. James's Gazette narrates the following incident: - "I had occasion recently to ask in the book department of one of the largest stores whether there was a complete edition of Herrick's poems published in a handy form. · Errick, 'Errick', mused the attendant, a youth of perhaps nineteen summers. Then, turning to his companion, of rather maturer age, he asked: 'Mr. -, do you know of any edition of 'Errick's poems complete?" No. 2 thought for a moment; and then, addressing me, said, 'No. sir, I'm afraid not;' but at that moment a happy inspiration seized him, and he added, 'not' unless he publishes unde: a nom de plume!"

SLEDS BY THE CORD.

Of Various Styles and at Extensive in Number as Happy Youngsters.

Twenty-five cords of hand sleds were piled on the sidewalk in front of a down-town store. They extended along the street on the curb between the walk and the windows, so that people could hardly pass, although porters were rapidly carrying them inside.

"What are you going to do with all those hand sleds?' the dealer was asked.

"Did you think that was a big pile? You don't know that a cord of sleds only numbers about sixty, do you? Come inside and see some sleds.

In four stories of three fronts were more sleds piled as high as a man could reach from a step ladder. They were tied together, two and two, the tops facing each other.

"Next year's stock?" "No, next week's supply. We'll have some more after that.

"Where do they come from ?" "There are a dozen factories in the country that during the six warm months make sleds. During the rest of the year they make express waggons. It's a specialty without any exorbitant profit in it."

"How do the retail prices run?" "From 80 cents to \$18. The first is a cheap solid board runner without ornament. At \$1 75 they have bent wood runners braced with iron inside and out. They will carry a man. Above that you can pay for all the ornament you want. Swell box cutters, upholstered in plush or raw silk, ornamented with real chromos, and withal as strong as they are handsome, will cost from \$15 to \$18. A pole can be attached for a span of goats when desired. They delight the hearts of the boys and girls." "What is the choice sled of all?"

"The boy's choice is the coaster. It is long, low, sharp forward, and rakish; reminds him of the time when he will command a pirate schooner. The runners are of solid wood, heavily shod. There are good hand holds in them. They project beyond the boy's head as he goes down the hill, so as to protect him when he runs into the other fellow. They are sure death to the other fellow. It is becoming the fashion to put alarm bell gongs on them."

"What are the thirty - cent sleds worth ?"

"Good to increase trade. A man is not very old who can say that the trade has quadrupled in his time. The increase is due to cheep sleds. They break and thus necessitate the purchase of another."

"Is there anything more to be said about hand sleds?"

"Yes. Some are made wholly of iron, except the top board. That is wood, because wood is lighter, and is not so cold to chubby fingers. Sleds vary in length from two to four feet, and in height from four to ten inches. They will average one-third as broad as they are long. They are so cheap that the boy cannot afford to make his own. American sleds are lighter and stronger than Canada sleds. We sell lots of them there, in the face of a twenty-five per cent. tariff. We have sold some in Russia. We would sell more, only the trade there begins when we are interested in velocipedes and express waggons. We have shipped some as far south as Richmond, Va., just enough to make boys wish they lived where they could have some fun. One thing we cannot tell about sleds, and that is the number made. It is simply coextensive with youngsters."

Tricks in a Tunnel.

A party of four persons were travelling on the Hudson River road one summer. In a seat were a young lady and a young gentleman who had been very attentive to her. In the seat behind them sat their friends, one of whom was a sportive young lady, fond of practical jokes, and rather defiant of public opinion. As the train dashed through a short and very dark tunnel, she leaned over and imprinted a resonant kiss on the cheek of the young lady in front of her. A scream followed, and laughter came from the darkness all over the car. As the train ran into daylight, the insulted young lady turned on her innocent escort, and with snapping eyes and flaming cheeks said:
"How dare you insult me in this

manner?"

"I assure you," he said, stammering in confusion at the strangeness of his position, "that I have done nothing." "Nothing!" she repeated, and burst

into tears. The passengers now ceased laughing, and looked at the unfortunate young fellow indignantly. After further protests, which were not heeded, he went to the smoking-car. The sportive young lady wrote a note the next day and explained matters. The young couple

were reconciled, married, and the other

young lady was not invited to their

wedding. An annoying practical joke was played on a bashful young man who was accompanying a young lady on a journey. While going through a tunnel a friend knocked off the bashful young man's hat, forced his fingers through his hair, kissed the back of his own friend, and then slapped his own face violently. Every one in the car looked in that direction when the light came, and the friend was apparently the most surprised of all. The mussed-up appearan and confusion of the astonished victim convinced the spectators that he had tried to steal a kiss and had been slapped. The young lady understood the situation, and blushed painfully. The friends got off at the same station, a rough-and-tumble followed, and the practical joker was whipped.

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