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DOWNERS GROVE. ILLINOIS

WE shall never know if we are really a brutal nation until a Spanish bull meets up with a college rush line.

THERE are 71,895 grass widows in the United States. No figures are at hand as to the number of widows who have been able to keep of the grass.

Stop advertising when your business gets too heavy for you to handle. but until that happy climax is reached you'd better continue talking to the people.

THE idea that Miss Anna Gould's future husband is without intrinsic worth should be dismissed. He is pronounced the best cotillon leader in all France.

HE Brooklyn trolley cars appear to be running again as usual. They ran into three funeral processions in one day last week, and it wasn't any of their funerals either.

ONE sure effect of the hypnotic fad is a tendency to confuse paresis with the new favorite. The new title is quite as euphonious as the old, and is much more satisfactory to the victims.

In making changes in its game and fish laws, Wisconsin has done one of the funniest things ever known in preservation-that of adding the state professor of "geology" to the commission.

THIRTY years ago Lord Kelvin calculated that the earth is about 100,-0.00,000 years old, basing his figures on the loss of the internal heat of the globe. Lord Kelvin now says that his estimate should be multiplied by ten. Colonel Ingersoll should sail into science as a delusion and enemy to

THE ascent of the Jungfran will by a simple matter when the climber can walk up to the line of vegetation and then board a railway car to be drawn to the top through an inclind tunnel cut in the rocky side of the · mountain. At this rate the Alps will cease to by a reign of thrilling in-

terest.

THE semi-annual engagement of Miss Anna (fould is announced, and this time confirmed by her brother George. The angressful gentleman is a count and lives in Paris and almired Miss tiould the minute he heard about her. In fact, on his part, it was one of those pleasant cases of love at first hearing.

Titk Japanese are having all the glory and excitement of war without any of the hardships and without very much of its dangers. It is said that during the whole course of the war they have not lost so many lives as were lost by the sinking of the Elbe. The war has not been much more fatal to them than is Inci-Sam's annual Fourth of July cylebration.

MARINE disastors seem to be worse than they have been in years Luckily. the men of the sea take these things tolerably easily if not contemptuously. "By gosh. Bill," was the remark of a sailor on the Southern Atlantic to his mate during an awful storm. "just think of the terrible time those poor devils are having on shore with darmed otherwise. When the new survey was chimbley pots and shingles a blowing all around them."

JAMES GORINON BENNETT MAGES & most liberal offer to American writers. He will donate \$10,000 to the best serial story of from angent to to them) words by an American author: \$1,188) for a novelette of from 15.0 m to 25,-000 words: \$1,000 for a story of from 6,000 to 10,000 and \$1,000 for the best epic poem of any event in American history. This is the way to build up American writership.

Is a suit for divorce recently tried in Kentucky the defendant, replying to the charge of drunkenness solemniy averred that he never drank anything but water. The jury without leaving the box unanimously decided the case against him. Though usually inclined to stand by each other. Kentuckians have no place for other Kentuckians who confine their drinking to water. They insist that they must have been born in some other state.

PENNSYLVANIA wants to bribe poople to put out forest fires. A clause in a new forestry bill now under consideration at Harrisburg is as follows: "Every person assisting to suppress a forest fire when called on for such service by a fire warden shall be entitled to payment at a daily rate not greater than \$1.50 per day, or proportionately for parts of a day." The extravagance of the reward offered for the dangerous work of extinguishing for. est fires will be ant to excite a stampede of fire-fighters from other states to the Keystone state. The man who drafted the bill has probably never messured the value of a forest except by the cord.

In Pennsylvania they propose to require that flags be put on public school buildings, made of American wool grown by Americans and floated from flagstaffs of American lumber fashioned by American work nen. This is real Pennsylvania patriotism.

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August Alexander and Alexander A SCIENTIST shows that the flame of e candle can be extinguished by howing through a brickbat. It can be extinguished more easily by blown; without a brickbat. Besid is candles re but little usel these days. T. stist should go sonk his head

A CALIFORNIA MARVEL.

A Shadow fhrown Thirty Miles. From the Mountain to Another.

Just about four times a year the sunrise visitor to Mount Diable's summit may witness a rare phenomenon, the "shadow of the devil," talked of vaguely for scores of years all along the Contra Costa county side, says the San Francisco Chronicle. A long time ago the Spanlards who dwelt here and there about Diablo's footbills noticed the phenomena and gave it the name it still bears, investing it with superstitions funcies, and holding it to be a thing significant of good or ill. The sheepman or rancher whem sunrise found near enough the peak on the quarterly shadow days to see the strange landscape freak would cross himself piously and go home believing he had an omen. The first photograph ever taken of the shadow was made recently from the top of Diablo a few minutes after sunrise. It is in a way a notable picture, and the taking of it was extremely difficult. as the lights and shades are varied and extremely hard to manage. The party which went up Diablo was composed of a quartet of cyclers, one of whom, J. J. B. Argenta, is an enthusiastic member of the Camera club. At 4 a. m. Sunday the party rose and went to the summit, pushing their wheels before them in the darkness over the roughest sort of a mountain road. By the almanae the sun was scheduled to appear that morning at 6:32 o'clock, but it was 6:34 before he appeared to the waiting quartet. At 6:40 o'clock the shadow apmysterious. It only lasts for a few a veritable dreum to them. It has minutes and then is swept but of the early morning scene as a breath from a looking-glass fades. If the observer did not know just where to look for it it might easily come and pass for an-

There is a simple enough explanation of the shadow. Diable is fully LORD feet above the other mountains in the range about it, and when the sun rises behind it a triangular shadow of the great conical peak is thrown against Grizzly, which is back of Berkeley, thirty miles away. The town west of Diable. Walnut Creek. on the left, and all the cluster of tiny hills that surround Diable like brilliants around a stone of the first water, are still in darkness. The two large valleys on either side wem almost black when the heavy shalow is thrown on the scene slantingly clear and sould n. The lights that set off the shadow are peculiar in the extreme, and that is what makes photography up there such a delicate and difficult matter. On the right side of the mountain the light nearest to the black line that accentuates the shariow was palest yellow, shading gradually into green, until it was lest in the green of the hills. On the left the line was realdish and the shadow it wif was blue-black. No doubt Grizzly is overshadowed every morning by its pre-imment meighbor, thirty miles away, but the atmosphere is seldom kindly enough to allow one to see it from Diable. On this Sunday morning there was a thin haze. In: it was not enough to blot out the shadow. No one ever seems to have seen the shalow from the intermediate lowlanus, in darkness.

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not be any the wiser.

Won't Be Annexed.

aware, still claims he is a Delawarean. and defes all the state of Pennsylvania and her authorities to prove made Johnston's house was placed in Pennsylvania, as the line was moved further south. He lives on what is known as the Flatirum, a piece of land setween the Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania lines, and which was ately decided to be in the latter state. John ston has gone to Wilmington several times to pay his taxes, but his money has been refused. He says as long as he lives he will not par a cent of taxes or tribute to any state or government except Belaviers. On election day he went to Newark to vote, wrapped in the American flag. Paltimore American.

Exidently Stande ..

It was the regular biens al convention of the Phila leiphia Chizens' clab. .. What action," inquired the chairman, "do I understand is to be taken in recognition of Dr. Comm Doyle's complimentary remarks about our venerable community? Dr. Doyle sail, you will remember that he found life in this city very charm-

In an instant a scor : of members were on their feet, tremulous with

"Have him sued for slan ler," said a dozen voices in a chorus. "Dr. Doyle knows he never found any life in Philad Iphia. " -- Chicago Record.

What Noah Was Do'ng.

While teaching a class of girls in our school recently, says a London exchange, the master asked the following question:

"What was Noah supposed to be doing when the animals were going into the ark?"

He received several answers. At last a little girl put her hand up. .. Well," he said, .. what do you

"Taking fickets, sir!

Getting Used to Hard Fare.

Gus De Smith - I hear you patronize a Bowery restaurant where the dinner only costs fifteen cents table d'hote. What the mischief dors that mean?

Didley Knickerlocker-Yes. I'm engaged to a Vassar girl who is going to do her own cooking, and I am pr. .. paring my system for the impen ling | Sanford, and it has had for its purpose change. -- Texas Siftings.

ROCKFORD, ILL., THE LOWELL OF THE WEST.

Famous for Its Educational Institutions Its Churches and Its Broad Avenues-But Above All Rockford Is Rich In Lovely Femininity.

Rockford (IR...) Correspondence.]

VER SINCE THE day in 1835 when Germanius Kent and Thatcher Blake came to Rockford from Galena and founded a sawmill en Kent's Creek the residents of the fair forest city have never ceased shout-MIND MADEL STURTEVANT ing the praises of the Lowell of the

west. The town derives its name from the fact that here these two sturdy pioneers found that the picturesque Rock could be forded. Rockford's claim to the title of being the most beautiful by in the great west is based on its wealth of shade trees which line the broad, paved thoroughfares, in many instances almost arching them, and adorn the ample, well-kept lawns. The scenery all around this vicinity is grand, and second only to the Hudson. Not only is Rockford a beautiful place in which to live, but it has always' J. P. Perkins, has also been especially been noted for its social advantages, the cordial quality of the hospitality of its public spirited citizens and its active interest in its work being Meshandsome and cultured women. In fact, it is a question whether any city C. A. Ki hen, G. B. Kelley, G. L. Winn, peared and the picture was taken. It; of its size in the country can boast of is no wonder that the Spaniards called | so many beautiful young girls and matit the devil's shadow. It has the ap- rons, and that is what makes it so popupearance of the nether regions and is lar a place for young men and life here

LILY OF THE PRAIRIE leading literary lights of Rockford utilize the musical talent so generous. R. H. Tinker, D. Selwyn Clark, G. A. Sanford, George S. Briggs, Walter M. Barrows, W. W. Leete and the Misses Mary E. Preston, Anna Lathrop and Sarah Anderson.

The '84 Club, which was organized



name, by Mrs. I. L. Watson and Mrs. prominent from a literary point of view, the ladies who have taken a more dames Julia P. Warren, Peter Sames, John Barnes, Jane M. Snow, L. Tib-L. Beattie.

and includes among others Mesdames ly represented in the city and, at least William Lathrop, George S. Haskell, by the organization of a club to stimu-A. L. Taggert, Ralph Emerson, W. A. late their own members to systematic Talcott, Seely Perry, J. E. Clemens, study and work. The result was the Caroline Brazee, Katharine M. Kceler, formation of the Mendelssohn club, which retained Mrs. Chandler Starr as its president for nine years and who, as its recognized inspiration and impelling ferce, has made it an important factor in the musical education of the city Mrs. Starr is not only a leader in Rock ford's social life but is a woman rare musical talent, which has brough her many unsought hopors in other cities as well as at home. She is no only master of the planeforte, but has for many years presided at the pipe organ of the Second Congregational little lady, is noted for her excellent church and is now engaged there to preside over the handsome new \$10,000 organ. Miss Mary Roxy Wilkins is young lady of innate musical ability and dauntless spirit, which has made for her a recognized place among the teachers of music in the west. Mrs. Elliott West, a popular member of the Mendelssohn club and its secretary for several years past, is known through choir work in the leading churches and is also a member of the Schubert lady quartet. the other members being Misser Minnle Harris and Etta Clark and Mrs. L. Judson West. This quartet will be remembered as having won the warmest eacomiums while in California and engagements in adjacent states. Mrs. W. H. Fitch, a society leader and wife of a noted physician, is possessed of a

best type, with a profusion of light hair and laughing eyes, is a distinctive belle, and always in demand at all social events. Miss Elizabeth Allen, who is soon to remove to Chicago with her parents, with superb figure is clearly one of the most conspicuous types of betts, Edgar E. Bartlett and Miss Mary beauty in this city, being a brune with large, brilliant eyes, She also has One organization in which Rockford a very sweet voice. Her sister, Edith. takes especial pride and which has a member of the younger set, is also

ter and they command their full share of attention. One quartet of pretty voice which has been in frequent de- girls, all daughters of prominent and wealthy families, are the Misses Edith mand for concert work. Miss Francis Porter, a blonde of the Robertson, Norma Starr, Elizabeth Moffat and Edna Taylor. They will all be much sought after in a year or Miss Jennie Baird, who . ame here from Madison, is of modest disposition and naturally retiring, but is very pretty. Her sister Miss Mamie is also developing into a most beautiful woman. Miss Eleanor McKee is a very vivacious brune., with scores of admirers. Miss Harriet Warren is popular and a leader in the younger set. Other girls who are favorites in the younger crowd are the Misses Carrie Jilson, Edith Medlar, Kathryn Flynn, Jennie Weyburn, Alma Boner, Nanette Lakin, Edna Waterman, Lena Gill, Relle Phinney, Mae De Welf, Ethel Commings, Florence Palmer, Blancho

and Genevieve Minzinger. The latter, a dainty young girl, has recently come out in society, but is none the less charming than her sisters, who have been favorites for several years. Miss Florence Houston, a recent acquisition to Rockford society from Beloit, is a most delightful young lady, with sparkling eyes and luxurlant, wavy hair, of the pronounced blonde type. Miss Mabel Sturtevant, whose father runs the Hotel Holland, is a graceful blonde and has many admirers. Miss Francis Walker, daughter of the superintendent of of schools, is noted for her sweet and unaffected manner. She is tall and one of the prettiest girls in town. Miss Henrietta Wallace is tall and distinguished in appearance, a charming entertainer and an heiress. Miss Sara McCulloch, a dainty and petite taste in dressing. The Misses May and Edith Dickinson, by their personal qualities and the beauty of their home and social life, hold prominent positions in Rockford society. The engagemers of Miss May to Mr. Wood, a Boston gentleman, has been publicly announced, and society here will probably lose her charming presence in the near future. Miss Jesste Forbes, a charming debutante, is now traveling abroad. Perhaps no two young ladies are better known here than the Misses Alice and Mabel Goodlander. They entertain frequently and are young women of unusually attractive manners. Rockford probably has more beautiful young society buds who are just blossoming out than any other town in the state. Many of them have been seen at the hops during the past win-

> Lawson, Ada Peers, Jean Chalo, Eva-Manlove, Bertha Coggeshall, Grace Peake, Daisy Sames, Besste Aylworth, Mine Stewart, Marguerite Warner und Ida Phinney.

THE SKIN DEPTH OF BEAUTY.

A long Woman of Observation Says

the Scientists tio Too Beep. "I which referees would mind her own forteins we." sorted at yourness worth and of orterevation, as size laid aside her wraps. "I have just some from a class lecture for women and the between told us that legitte is not white deep after all 18thvarietied up to believe it was a besture ere that the charm of a profits face deperiods upon our muscles and nerver and that when we look particularly charmtas, it is investige we have tend therenor is and muscles well under control that they twit beand pull has the way ne sant them be

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Lere's Jonny Bream.

Father New, see bere! If you marry that young panier, bow on with are to no come to live? Some filet on, we take begind that all our. You remember that old is now. or gave med

Yes. "Well. I have been reading a poultry contar, and I find that a good ben will raise twenty chicks in a season. Well, the next wasen that will be twenty-edebears; and as each will mise twenty more chicks, that will be 420. The next year the number will be \$400, the fellowing year 168,460, and the next 2,260, con! Aust think! At only 50 cents appear we will then have \$1.680,000. Then, you dear old papa, we'll lend you some money to pay off the mortgage on this bease. New York Weekly.

The fate of Tantalus

Vrs. Scribbler (impressively) - Uhatever you do, never, never marry a ne"spaper maa.

School Chum-Why not? "I married one, and I know. Every night my hashand brings home a big bundle of newspapers from all over the country, and they most drive me

The newspapers?" "Indeed they do. They are just crammed with the most astonishing bargains in stores a thousand miles AWRY.

TREET.

Progress of Electricity.

The first sailing vessel to be lighted by electricity is said to have been the Spanish bark La Vigusea, a bulk oil and general cargo carrier. She is fitted throughout with incandescent lights, the power for the dynamo being fmnished by a small oil engine, which also fernishes moner to pump her oil cargo when she is reading or unloading.

Yrs. Hannah L. Lock, who came to Chicago in 1841 and who was one of the original members of the First Methodist Church, is dead.



and musical center, and the appellanois will never be allowed to wane.



MISS LAURA GORBAM. adles who have leisure to devote to intellectual improvement taking the lead. The wide range of resource undertaken by not a few of them is surprising and It has proved to them a liberal education in itself. Probably one of the oldest in the city is the Monday Club, orcanized back in 1.17 by Mrs. Harriet study and convertation on literature and art. It is con - sed of some of the felt some moneyes mould be tak a to by are the library liatharine, Elizabeth

taken high rank as a social. Eterary done much in the way of entertaining a remarkably pretty sirl and especially distinguished quests from out of town is tion of the queen city of northern IIII- the Commercial club, which was formed by business men in 1892 and is domiciled Rockford has dozens of clubs, organ- in a handsome club house in the stylish residence portion of the city on North Main street. It : interior is exquisitely furnished and the members take particular delight in the entertainment of the fall sex on the regular ladies. night. Indeed the club has been the scene of some of the most delightful social events on record here.

One of the city's more recent creations is the Rockford Whist club, with a membership of over 100 devotees of the game, which has commodious, comfortably furnished apartments over the Second National bank.

It is not alone for beauty of situation. extensive manufacturing interests, nor for successful business enterprises that Rockford is the oft quoted ideal city of the west. For, interwoven with the fabric of the metropolis has been that higher culture which has made music a natural outgrowth rather than an engrafted art. Almost co-existent with Rockford college was the conservatory of music in connection with it. and in 1858 Prof. D. N. Hood, who is still at the head of the department, entered as musical instructor. Its rank among other conservatories is due to his labors in its behalf, and the graduthan local fame. Many bave continged ; their studies abroad, and on returning have been instrumental in elevating the standard of musical excellence, whitat the present time Rockford is represented before European audiences by Mrs. Rathadae Tanner Fisk and Miss Nettie Dur

In 1884 a number of Rockford 1 dies

MISS FRANCES PORTER. ates therefrom have achieved more lectual face and graceful figure, is onof Ruckford's best-liked society giels She is bright and talented and active in all social movements. Miss Grac-Brantingham is another favorite who attracts many admirers by her sr perior quality of mind and heart. the paints exquisitely, and in addition has a sweet face and is possessed of bridd conversational powers. Three colice stly bright and presty girls in one fam

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