

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS. NOTES OF THE DAY.

The city of London puts upon the market in one year over \$10,000,000 worth of umbrellas.

Postmaster Bartlett of Suncook, N. H., has a continental \$8 bill, payable in gold, and dated 1776.

Denver is the only city with natural streams of water flowing through the gutters in the streets.

At Great Falls, Mont., electric power is so cheap that all public and domestic work is done with its aid.

Lines are more easily seen than small cracks. A line 1-4,900ths of an inch thick can be easily seen by the unaided eye.

At the battle of Gettysburg the average age of the soldiers of the federal army, including the officers, was 22 years.

Although 400,000,000 passengers have been carried by the trains of the Brooklyn bridge, only one fatal accident has occurred.

The foundation of a church at San Como, Guatemala, has been shifted seven inches by the growth of two large white gum trees.

There is a shellfish in the Mediterranean which produces a good quality of silk. Fabrics have been manufactured from it, but only as curiosities. St. Moritz, Switzerland, has the champion toboggan slide. It is three-quarters of a mile long and has been descended in a whiz of seventy-one seconds.

Bamboo pens have been used in India for over a thousand years. They are made like the ordinary quill pen, and for a few hours' writing are very serviceable.

RAM'S HORNS.

Whenever the clock ticks, it brings the time nearer when the door of mercy will shut.

No matter what appearances may be, the road God tells us to take is always the best.

The man who is not religious at home, often tries hard to be so considered in church.

Whoever throws a stone straight at the devil, will hit some highly respectable man in the face.

As soon as a man is convicted of sin, he is convinced that he cannot be saved without God's help.

When Jesus comes to make up his jewels, he will find some of his brightest in the dark places.

The preacher who wants sinners awakened, should see to it that his church does not go to sleep.

It takes some men a long time to find out that they can never become rich by keeping all they get.

The man who opens the Bible with a teachable spirit, will never have to close it without being taught.

Whenever the furnace door opens before the Christian, it is that he may walk through it with Christ.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

Duty is a synonym of happiness. Most men do not know opportunity when it stares them in the face.

It is kindness that makes life's capabilities blossom and paints them with their cheering hues and endows them with their invigorating fragrance.

Whether it waits on its superiors, or ministers to its inferiors, or disports itself with its equals, its work is marked with a prodigality which the strictest discretion cannot blame.

The love that survives the tomb is the noblest attribute of the soul. If it has woe it has likewise its delights; and when the overwhelming burst of grief is lulled into the gentle tear of recollection, then the sudden anguish and convulsive agony over the present ruins of all we most loved are softened away into pensive meditations of all that it was in the days of its loveliness.

Who would root such a sorrow from the heart? Though it may sometimes throw a passing cloud over the bright hour of gaiety, or spread a deeper sadness over the hours of gloom, yet who would exchange it for the song of pleasure or the burst of revelry? No; there is a voice from the tomb sweeter than song; there is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn even from the charm of the living.

That fortitude which has encountered no danger, that prudence which has surmounted no difficulties, that integrity which has been attacked by no temptation, can at best be considered but as gold not yet brought to the test, of which therefore the true value cannot be assigned.

THE USE OF COSMETICS.

Both the Greek and Roman ladies tried to improve their complexions. In Augustus' reign only women of high birth were permitted to use white lead.

In the middle ages every woman painted and powdered. Even the nuns used a great deal of "make-up" and corpses were rouged to give them a life-like appearance.

Ovid's poem about cosmetics was unfortunately lost. A volume by Crito, the Empress Plotina's secretary, was probably the first of the many books written on this subject.

During the revolution rouge went out of style and it was the fashion to be unnaturally pale. A pallor was produced by means of cold cream and powder.

When cosmetics went out washing became fashionable. Soap was an unheard-of luxury in 1700. Many a holy man was canonized because of his

HOW ARE YOUR FENCES?

A Very Important Question with Farmers and Others Just Now.

Probably there is nothing that interests the land owner more at this time of the year than fencing. They are desirous of securing the very best article they can for the purpose they desire to use it for and at the cheapest price going. While this is good business, price should not take the place of quality. In building a smooth wire fence you do not build it for temporary use but expect it to last you for years and to get this kind of an article it requires a certain amount of good material to make it.

The De Kalb Fence Co., of De Kalb, Ill., has the largest and most complete line of smooth wire fencing of any plant in the country. We desire particularly to call your attention to their goods and write them for a catalogue which they will mail you free.

No line of goods has grown so rapidly in demand or given such general satisfaction as the fencing manufactured by this company. Their steel web picket fence for lawn and yard purposes, their cabled field and hog fence for farm use, their cabled poultry, garden and rabbit fence for its use, are all they claim for them.

You will hardly do yourself justice if you do not thoroughly investigate their lines before placing your order.

Dog Eating in Mexico.

The dog meat business continues, despite the stern examples that have been made of its vendors. A policeman seized a man named Genaro Perez, passing through the alley of Los Gachupines, who bore a suspicious-looking bag, which, on examination, disclosed the skinned carcass of a large dog with the lower part of the legs cut off so as to prevent the easy recognition of its species. M. Perez was taken to the police station to the third Demarcacion to be examined as to the antecedents of his dog meat, which, it is shrewdly suspected, was destined to be made into savory dishes sold at the puzon under the arcades. We are getting fast to be like Canton and other big Chinese towns, where dog is sold without shame and partaken of with gusto.—Mexican Herald.

New Advertising Firm.

The well known firm of newspaper advertising agents, Alden & Faxon, Cincinnati, Ohio, has changed the style of the business firm, and will hereafter be known as the Frank H. Alden & Sons Company. Frank H. Alden admits his two sons, Frank Walker Alden and Clarence Hamilton Alden, to the firm.

Frank H. Alden, the president of the newly formed company, who has been widely known among the newspapers and advertisers for the last twenty-five years, comes of the good old John Alden, of Mayflower stock, his father being the eighth John in direct descent. He has in his possession numbers of curious relics that have been handed down through the family.

The old firm of Alden & Faxon has been well known to the newspaper fraternity for a number of years, and has earned a reputation for fair dealings with the newspapers and prompt and accurate service with the advertisers. Mr. Faxon has not been connected with it for eleven years. Mr. Alden's two sons were educated at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and inherit the same push and energy that has characterized their father. With the new blood that enters the firm, added to the long business experience of the senior member, there is no doubt that this house will continue its prosperous career. This company has always enjoyed a wide reputation and counts among its customers some of the largest advertisers in the West and South.

Ideas.

In a physiological sense, the brain rules the man. It is the central office of his bodily functions. Likewise, the mind determines the moral, spiritual plane of life. It is a unity and a unifier. We are ruled by ideas. How a man lives depends on what ideas are in his mind. Thus a man's belief is important. It is his master. It is not always what he subscribes to, but what he thinks, that determines him. Even the conscience follows intelligence, and is trained to right activity by correct ideas.—Rev. H. P. DeForest.

Home Seekers, Excursions.

In order to give every one an opportunity to see the Western Country and enable the home seekers to secure a home in time to commence work for the season of 1896, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has arranged to run a series of four home seekers' excursions to various points in the West, North-West and South-West on the following dates: April 7 and 21 and May 5 at the low rate of two dollars more than one ticket fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good for return on Tuesday or Friday within twenty-one days from date of sale. For rates, time of trains and further details apply to any coupon ticket agent in the East or South, or address Geo. H. Headford, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Chicago, Ill.

A Spring Trip South.

On April 7 and 21, and May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the north, to all points on the Louisville & Nashville railroad in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and a portion of Kentucky, at one single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good to return within twenty-one days, on payment of \$2 to agent at destination, and will allow stop-over at any point on the south bound trip. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he cannot sell you excursion tickets write to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or J. K. Ridgely, N. W. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

There is money to be made in Cripple Creek. When you go take the "Rock Island Route" to Colorado Springs. This is the only direct line—saves several hours' time to Cripple Creek. Send for full information.

JOHN SEBASTIAN,
General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

CEMETERY FOR DOGS.

A NEW YORK WOMAN TO START ONE.

For Graves of Canine Pets—People Who License Their Dogs, She Says, Will Be Her Patrons—Proposed Burying Ground.

WHEN the greater New York becomes a political fact, it will have within its territory the only dog cemetery in the world. The proprietor of the cemetery, whose plans are now being completed, is a woman, and a new woman at that. She does not care just at present to have her name nor the location of her proposed place of interment made public, because she fears complications regarding the purchase of a plot of land that she has in mind may result. But to a reporter for the Sunday Journal she spoke freely of her hopes, plans and ambitions. In fact, she feels certain that a fortune is ahead of her.

"I am going to go in," said she, "not alone as a proprietress of a dog cemetery, but also as a dog undertaker. Why not? Do we not read every day in the papers, or almost every day, of pet dogs who are put away in expensive caskets, but for whom there is no resting place in the cemeteries devoted to man, because the regulations prohibit the burial of the lower animals? Now, I am going to provide a place for dogs that shall be as attractive as are the cemeteries for men. There will be, of course, only good dogs, dogs that have been cherished during their lifetime by their

theless, and I am sure of doing a very profitable business as soon as I get my cemetery and undertaking establishment started."

"Where are you going to locate the cemetery?"

"Just outside of Long Island City, not far from Calvary cemetery. I am negotiating now for a piece of land—about an acre altogether. I will have it neatly fenced, and then laid out in plots, which I will sell to dog owners. My undertaking establishment will be in the city. I will begin on a very modest scale at first—just get a little room somewhere where I will keep a few caskets of different sizes on hand. The cemetery will be planted with flowers and made as pretty and attractive as possible.

"The grave of each dog will be marked with a headstone, and if people choose they may erect such monuments as they see fit. We have often heard of monuments erected to noble dogs, and that there has not been more of this is due very largely to the fact that it has not been convenient to find a place for these monuments to be erected. I will make my business known as soon as I am ready to start by means of circulars that I will send around to all the dog owners in this city. I will get the list of dog owners from the Bergh Society, which now issues licenses for all dogs that are worth having. This will give me a pretty complete list of people who think enough of their dogs to warrant the belief that they would want to bury them decently after death."

Tillman's "Seven Leben" Luck.

Senator Tillman is known to the negroes of South Carolina as a "seven leben chile"—that is to say, he is the eleventh child of his father, who was the seventh child of Senator Tillman's grandfather. This combination is regarded as superlatively lucky by the

WHY PEOPLE GO MAD.

An Analysis of the Causes of Many Thousands of Victims.

Rarely can one find a more depressing story of human ills than that which is told in the sixth annual report of the state commission of lunacy, recently given out by the state printer in Albany, says the American Medical Review. In the table showing the causes which sent 16,208 people to the county asylums during the six years covered by the statistics may be found some curious statements. Thus in spite of the supposed deleterious influence of cigarette-smoking but one woman and one man were driven insane by the habit, but excessive smoking of tobacco in other forms sent 19 men and 3 women to the asylums. One woman became insane through the extraction of her teeth and one girl lost her mind through fear of punishment. An interperate desire to acquire knowledge forever stopped the studies of 20 men and 12 women. Overwork broke down the minds of 252 men and 430 women. Intemperance in alcoholic drinks accomplished the undoing of 1,227 men and 212 women. No other cause claimed so many victims among men. Besides these there were some 200 who became insane through drink complicated with some other cause, and it is a curious fact that one of these was a man who drank essence of peppermint. The opium habit claimed 17 men and 22 women. Under the head of "moral causes" are grouped such troubles as loss of friends, religious and political excitements, disappointments, and so on. These causes crazed 902 men and 1,294 women. It seems rather strange, but one man became insane through "military hardship." The use of a hair-wash unseated one woman's reason. One man became insane because of the heat of the furnaces under the boilers he was firing. The table of causes compiled from the New York

PILLOW WRINKLES.

LINES OF AGE TRACED TO THIS LUXURY.

Some of the Good Results of Massage—Slanting Eyes of the Orientals Are Due to Their Wooden Head Rests—Facularities Explained.

HOW often are seen youthful faces lined with wrinkles and figures retaining the plumpness of few years crowned with the visages of age, says the New York Herald. Scientific investigation has indicated the belief that these prematurely old heads on young shoulders are in a great measure due to that luxury of modern life, the pillow.

The Chinese and Japanese use in the place of a pillow a little hollow wooden block of wood, which, when the sleeper lies upon his side—the usual position—presses strongly against the lower part of the cheek bone, forcing the flesh toward the outer corner of the eye. May not the peculiar facial characteristics of these people—high cheek bones and slanting eyes—be owing to this small but powerful agent? No, notwithstanding these races have been in a state of semi-civilization for ages, during which time we may suppose these head rests have been used, the children yet have these peculiar features in a much less-marked degree than their elders, and, indeed, many of them do not have the slanting eyes at all and only acquire them as they grow older.

If the reader will experiment upon himself a little with one of these curious wooden blocks every doubt will vanish.

The feather pillow is a most fruitful source of wrinkled, ill-shaped faces. To its use—always ably assisted by the ever-ready hands—may be attributed the accumulation of most of the flesh of the face around the mouth and nose, giving the appearance of high cheek bones, and forming around the mouth those concave lines called by the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table "the parentheses."

The next time the reader finds himself alone in a crowd let him open his eyes and look about him. In the face of those about him he cannot fail to see deep prints of the hand and the pillow. There will be many tiny, deep, swollen eyes that have been thrust far back into the head by frequent hard rubbings. The crowd will be plentifully punctuated with the Autocrat's parentheses, ranging from the first faint lines on the faces of the young to the deep folds of flesh around the mouths and noses of the old. But among no other features will he find such variety of exquisite ugliness as among the noses. The noses of infants are almost always but shapeless lumps of soft gristle and can be molded into very grotesque forms. He will see them mashed flat, tweaked sharp, thrust upward, pulled downward.

There will be the young man with a firm and stalwart figure, yet with a face so hollow that you can almost see the prints of fingers of the fist he has kept thrust into it about half his leisure moments since he was a small child. If you watch him awhile you may catch him in the act. There will also be the individual whose nature has endowed with a dignified Roman nose, which he has rendered most ludicrous by pushing it upward with his handkerchief whenever his catarrh troubled him, until it has acquired a saucy, upward tilt. You will be sure to see the youth with rampant ears and you may also see the boy with his nose turned to one side of his face. He has a chronic cold in his head and is in the habit of frequently applying his nose to his right jacket sleeve.

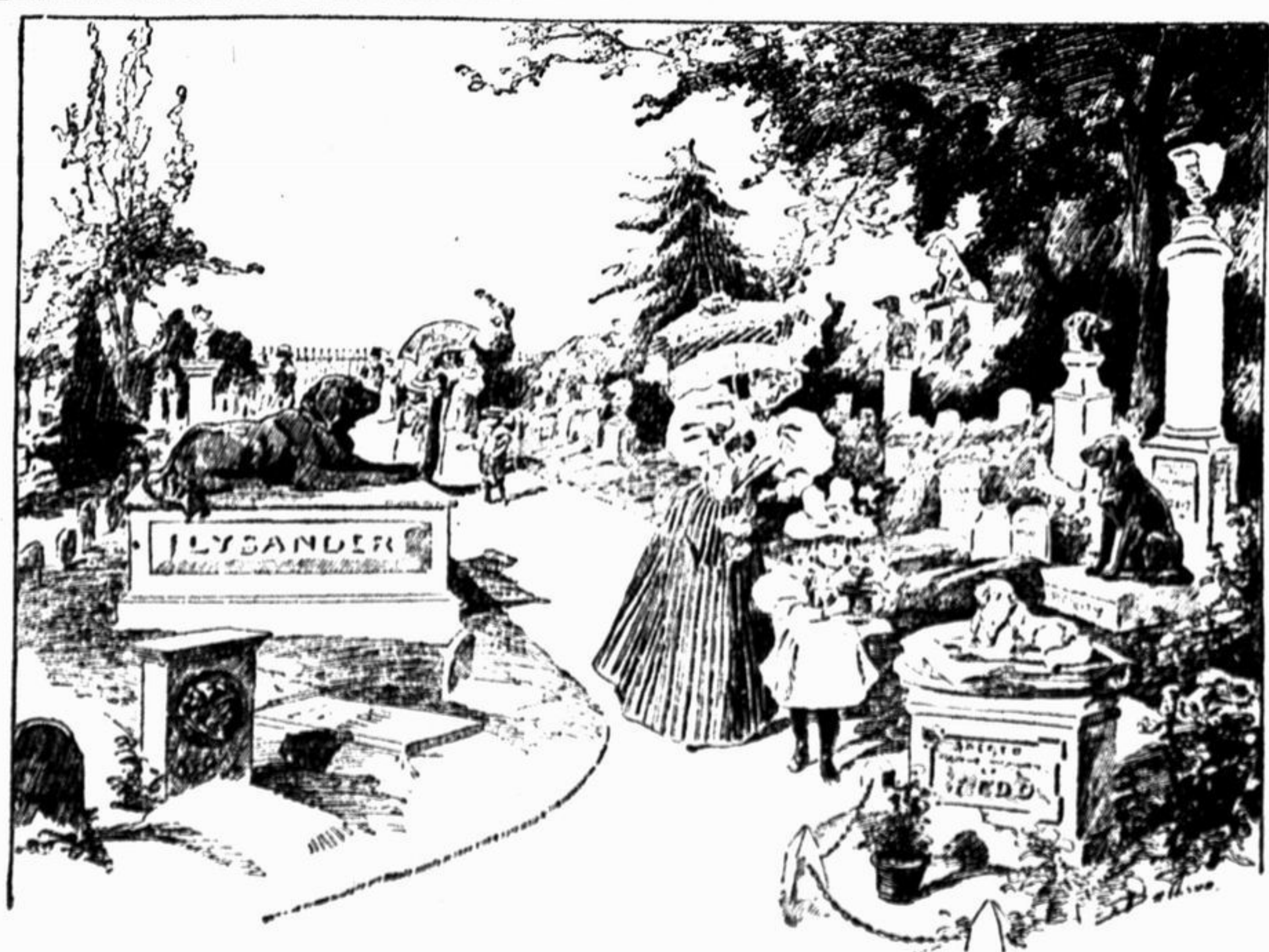
Who that will reflect can doubt that if the hand be heavily pressed into the fleshy part of the face, between the upper and lower jaws, for no more than an hour each day, that hollow cheeks will, in a few days, be the inevitable result? The ears, the nose, and the lips may become disfigured in an incredibly short time, by kneading them with the fingers, and even the forehead and chin, if begun upon in early youth, when the bones are more yielding than later in life, may be made to recede by the frequent and persistent heavy pressure of the hand or arm. It is a well-known fact that a slender waist may be acquired by systematic lacing between the ages of 12 and 18.

A good deal may be done, however, in the same way toward repairing the reckless inroads made by the hands upon the face. If, after long years, you have succeeded in kneading your face into the semblance of a comic mask, you may, after more long years, knead it into something not altogether uncomely. Patient and intelligent massage may do something toward rounding out hollow cheeks, a turned-up nose can be brought into very good shape in a surprisingly short time and a short upper lip will be lengthened at the same time.

It is among children, however, that the most satisfactory results can be obtained in face massage. Their flesh, bones and muscles are more yielding than they will be later in life, nature seems more willing to lend her aid, and it is possible for a patient, intelligent mother to transform some of her "ugly ducklings" into pretty white swans.

Told by a Trapper.

One Vermont trapper, hailing from Houghtonville, has trapped during this season 1,600 skunks, 175 foxes, 70 minks, 200 muskrats and 100 coons. The record seems pretty high, but it is vouched for by a local paper, and Vermont has a great reputation for game and trappers.



PROPOSED NEW CEMETERY FOR PET DOGS IN BROOKLYN.

owners, interred in the cemetery. Any one who knows what the true love of a dog is, how attached his owners become to him, can realize that a slight sum would very gladly be paid for his proper disposition after death.

"I am one of those who believe that dogs—good dogs—have souls. If some dogs that I know don't go to heaven after they die, then it is because true merit, true virtue, count for nothing. I know lots and lots of dogs that are infinitely better and more steadfast in their friendship than ninety-nine people out of a hundred. I love dogs, and it is as much on this account as it is that I need a vocation that I have gone into this business, which at present is perhaps unusual, but which in the future, I am sure, will become just as much an institution as the burial of human beings. Is it not the same way today with the human family as with the dogs? The poor, the wretched, the miserable and the forsaken are buried in trenches in Potter's Field. They are all mixed together pell-mell, and no one knows or cares to know one from the other. But those of us who have loved one see to it that they are tenderly laid away amid pleasant surroundings.

"The stray dogs, the curs and the wretched outcasts of the canine family generally are today carted away without care or regard. But no one who has a pet dog surrenders him to the dead animal contractor, to be converted on Barren Island into fertilizer. The dead pet is carefully buried in some spot where the authorities cannot interfere.

"But it is hard to find such a spot. The cemeteries rigidly close their grounds to dogs and other animals, and the city ordinances prohibit the burial of dogs within the corporate lines. A man cannot even dig a grave in his own back yard without making himself liable to arrest. I know from my own experience and the statements of my friends that this condition of affairs has often become a much more trying problem than people who care nothing for dogs can appreciate.

"A man or woman who is sincerely attached to a dog is as anxious that he shall have decent burial or disposition after death as if it were a case of a child. This may seem absurd to people who cannot enter into the feeling of attachment that exists between dogs and their masters, but it is true, never-

superstitious negroes, who look upon Tillman as a "man of destiny" and hence not to be opposed with any prospect of success. Tillman's luck has become proverbial in South Carolina and his friends say that he has never known defeat in any undertaking since his boyhood. His nerve and determination have carried him through many places where another man would have failed miserably. He is in his 50th year and lived on the old family farm up to 1890, when he was elected governor, the first office he ever held. He lost one of his eyes as a result of an accident while swimming when a boy.—Exchange.

Spare the Adjectives.

"I have observed rather a curious thing in you, Alice," said a gentleman to his niece. "You seem to live in the superlative degree. When you have a toothache it is the worst you ever had. The young man who was here last night was the ugliest fellow you ever saw. According to your statement a little while ago, it took you forever and a day to learn to make sponge cake. The house, you say, is full of flies. You have just declared that the room is as hot as an oven, you have the dreadfiest headache you ever had in your life and the boy across the road is making the fearfullest racket a boy ever made. Don't you see, my child, this sort of thing won't do? Some time in your life you will really have an experience requiring strong words to describe it and you will not be able to convey any idea of it. You will have used up all your adjectives. That is all, my dear. A word to the wise is sufficient."—Exchange.

Pearls of Great Price.

The queen of England has a necklace of pink pearls that is worth \$80,000, and the Dowager Empress of Germany one made of thirty-two pearls that would bring easily \$125,000. The Rothschild women have, however, gems of this sort that far exceed in value those of royalty. Baroness Gustave de Rothschild possesses one made up of five rows of pearls, the whole chain being valued at \$200,000.

Celebrated Lawyer: "Now, then, tell me honestly, did you rob that bank?" Client (in disgust): "Of course I did. Do yer s'pose I'd be able to retain you if I didn't?"

asylums goes into greater detail. It shows that 13 men, but not one woman, became insane through disappointment in love during the six years. One man went insane because his wife eloped, but the women who lose their husbands in like fashion must have taken a more sensible view of the matter, for not one was sent to an asylum. More remarkable still is the fact that under the head of "domestic trouble," there were registered 59 men and not one woman. Six men, but not one woman, became insane through fright. So, too, hair dye turned the brains as well as the hair of two men, but not one woman. Jealousy was the undoing of one man, but of no woman. On the other hand, overwork by itself destroyed the minds of 44 women, but of no men. Overwork and intemperance combined, however, landed 134 men, but not one woman, in the asylums. Intemperance alone called for 976 men and 610 women—this out of a total of 9,146 men and women admitted to the asylums during six years. Overstudy deranged the minds of 11 men and no women. Koch's lymph ruined one man.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

Hold on to the truth, for it will serve well, and do you good through eternity.

The knowledge of the world which is so much admired, but which, after all, is but a poor attainment, is really nothing more than a knowledge of the defects, foibles, and weak points of men and women.

Both our mental and moral acquisitions increase by their communication to others; which gives an illustration of two truths—first, that we are framed to carry out the law of love; and second, that the possessions which multiply in the imparting are naturally the most valuable.

There is one noble means of avenging ourselves for unjust criticism; it is by doing still better, and silencing it solely by the increasing excellence of our work. This is the only true way of triumphing. But if, instead of this, you undertake to dispute, to defend or to criticize by way of reprisal, you involve yourself in endless troubles and disquietudes, disturb all healthful tranquility and waste in harassing contests that precious time which you should consecrate to your regular duties.