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small son of a well-known insur unce man was given a \$5 bill to bay Christmas presents for his parents and little friends. Among the articles he purchased was a very handsome cup and saucer for his father. Th little boy had never been known to keep a secret, and when he arrived home his mother cautioned him, whatever he did, not to tell father about the present which had been purchased for him. All went well until the father came home to dinner.

"Well, Ned," was his greeting, "did you buy all your presents?" "Yes, father, and I bought one for

you, and it's a---" "Thank you," exclaimed the father, very much amused, "and pray, what was it?"

"I mustn't tell. But, mother, if father guesses it, I won't be telling, will

His mother shook her head. After ten minutes of very far-fetched guessing, the child felt that he could stand it no longer, so, putting his elbows on the table, and looking at his father, he said, in the most pleading tones:

"Father, why don't you guess a cup and saucer."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Pointers on Heating.

"Ah! you have a fine furnace. Mine heats nine rooms and burns a ton and a quarter a month of good coal. Yours burns over two tons, I'll bet, and you have only seven rooms to heat. Just again at Niagara Falls. They were at send over to your grocer's and buy a small 10-cent bag of common salt and sprinkle it over your coal. It will save you three-quarters of a ton a month. Be sure to try the salt. Greatest scheme on earth. Wood? Kindling wood? Five dollars for a wheel-barrow load? I never use it. In my house we start all fires with charcoal. You can buy it in paper bags, 10 cents eaca. Put an old newspaper in the bottom of the grate and throw on half a bag of charcoal; then fill the furnace with anthracite and apply the match. You will have a roaring fire in a minute, and you never have to build it a second time."-New York Press.

Had Heard Cherry Tree Yarn. When S. Davis Page became city controller, all holders of bills against the city were sworn as to their honesty. A certain first warder, who had been doing small jobs for the school board for several years, appeared a few days after the new order was issued, and was questioned by the chief clerk, who wound up by asking:

'Is anyone interested in this bill except yourself?"

"Well," began the other, gravely "I'll not swear against that, for there is a groceryman down at my corner interested it."-Philadelphia Ledger.

"What Fools These Mortals Be." The Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Chicago, later of the Hanson Place Baptist church of Brooklyn, and who has accepted a call to Tremont temple. Boston, recently lectured in Springfield, Mass., and one of the foremost pastors in the city was asked to announce the lecture from his pulpit. This is the way the pastor made the announcement: "The Rev. Dr. Henson will lecture on 'Fools' in the State Street Baptist church on Wednesday evening, and I trust a great many will

Stirred Up by Wolseley.

Lord Wolseley's book, "The Story of a Soldier's Life," has caused a sensation in official circles by reason of its stinging criticisms of the British military policy. Lord Wolseley points out that politicians have been allowed the management of expert professions, the inevitable result being disaster for the nation. His lordship's American reminiscences are especially interesting, covering as they do a good deal of the civil war period, during which he had official interviews with federal and confederate army commanders.

Ireland's Attorney General.

Mr. Atkinson, the new attorney general for Ireland, is a slight, spare man, fair of hair and beard, with an alert, attractive personality and plentifully endowed with native Irish wit. He is a martyr of rheumatism and, to use his own phrase, has "steeped his legs in every bath in Europe." A lady of the great world once commiserated him on his suffering and added: "But you look well, Mr. Atkinson." "My dear Lady Blank," he replied, "it's my legs that are bad and you can't see

Many Soldier-Statesmen.

Seven members of the present house of representatives served as soldiers the war with Spain. They are Charles Dick, nineteentl Ohio district; Ariosta A. Wiley, second Alabama; Butler Ames, afth Massachusetts; Au gust P. Gardner, sixth Massachusetts: William Hughes, sixth New Jersey: Francis B. Harrison, thirteenth New York, and Wyatt Alken, third South Carolina. They ranged in military rank from private to lieutenant

Citizen Shows Gratitude

laidore Newman, a philanthropic eftizen of New Orleans, marked the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in this country from Germany, which fell itable, educational and religious pur-

TIME HAD BROUGHT CHANGES

Mr. Rathekeller No Longer Avoided the Cave of the Winds.

Mr. and Mrs. Calendula C. Rathskeller were at Niagara Falls on their wedding journey. They had wandered rapturously about, arm in arm, listening to the roar of the mighty cataract. They had bought bead-work moccasins and pincushions from Indian squaws who spoke with a strong Tipperary accent, had contributed to the support of several princely back drivers, had paid for the right to look at the falls from all the eligible points of view, and had been hunted with great success by prowling photog-

And now they stood in the Cave of the Winds.

The thunder of Niagara overpowered them; the earth trembled beneath them. They looked at each other, and their lips moved, but if any sound came from them it could not be heard in the deep roar. Calendula pressed the little hand that lay confidingly on his arm, and led his fair young bride from the cave with all possible speed.

"Japonica," he said to her when he had led her into the open air, "do you know why I could not bear to linger longer in that horrible place?"

"No, Calendula; why was it?" "I could not hear your voice, my darling."

Five years had passed. Mr. and Mrs. Calendula C. Rathskeller were the hotel, removing the dust of travel. "Japonica," urged the husband, with

a yearning hungry look in his eyes, "before we do anything else let us go and spend a few hours in the Cave of | brella stands, may be had in this. the Winds."

The Walmangu Geyser. The great Waimangu geyser in the north-island of New Zealand has come into special notoriety on account of a recent eruption, which caused the loss of four lives. The geyser is rounded by hills from 300 to 500 feet high, all covered with volcanic debris from the terrible Tararewa eruption in 1886, when the mountain of that name exploded, causing destruction and havoc for miles, including the loss of two native villages with their inhabitants-close upon 100 lives. This valley is throughout in a constant state of geyser action. Everywhere the ground is covered with "blowholes" and pools, the hot, sulphurous water with steam bubbling up at numerous points. Eruptions take place without any special prelude. The imprisoned forces of nature, with seemingly one gigantic, concentrated effort, shoot up an immense and terrible mass of water, red-hot lava and stones to the height of from 400 to 1,500 feet, spreading in all directions, covering frequently the hills around.

With the cares of business behind him, and thoughts of wife and baby in his suburban home occupying his mind to the exclusion of everything else, Hilltop hurried down Chambers street to the ferry. He paused for a moment at a busy crossing just as a truck laden with kegs of fresh Vermont maple syrup backed heavily against the curb. Down came a tub from the topmost tier and broke with duil, sickening thud at Hilltop's feet. He looked in dismay at his syrup-covered feet and trousers and

"Here's a pretty mess!" "Well," responded the driver, "It's not on me."-New York Times.

Newton and the Lady's Finger. Absentmindedness has often gone hand in hand with smoking proclivities, and we are told that Sir Isaac Newton, in a fit of mental abstraction, once used the finger of a lady he was courting as a tobacco stopper whilst he sat and smoked in silence beside her, thinking, of course, that his own finger was being employed for the purpose. On another occasion he con tinued to apply various lights to his pipe wondering why no smoke result ed, only to discover at length that for several hours the bowl had been

How Old Is This Bull? An evening paper stated last week that some years ago "a Tory orator," attacking a speech of Mr. Chamberlain's, "repelled the allegation and scorned the alligator." This slip was really made some seventy years ago in the house of commons by Joseph Hume. There is something marvelous in the effrontery with which venerable anecdotes are now raked up and presented to the credulous public with a new dressing.-London Truth.

Indian's Strategem.

The late Mrs. Harriet Converse used to tell a little incident which took place while she was on one of her numerous visits to the Seneca reservation in New York state. For a certain reason she wished to write out the name of an Indian there. He did not wish to show the white woman chief his ignorance of spelling, and he adroitly avoided the point, when she asked how to spell his name, by

"It make no matter; put it down widout spell."-New York Times.

Afways on Eye to Business. "Russell Sage is as easy to reach as any of the big men in this city." said a newspaper man whose work has been in Wall street for a third of poses in the Crescent City and other a century. "I used to wonder why it NOVEL BITS OF CHINA

Pad Has Brought Out a Great Number

The fad for quaint and curious chinaware has brought out any number of novelties along this line. Each of the large shops features in its display this fall exclusive importations in odd or antique design. The majority of these pieces are intended for decorative purposes only, but some, including fascinating tea services, are suited for occasional use upon the table.

In Royal Doulton are seen pitchers and vases in extremely weird effects. These are tall and slender in shape and are colored a deep, highly glazed brown. On one side of each is a mys terious figure done in dull reds, yellows and black. A lean Pied Piper stalks on one, rats scamper about his heels and a stormy sky is suggested in the background. On another a witch in pointed hat crosses over a tiny black cauldron set in the foreground. From the pot a thin line of steam arises to curl in halo form about her head. A third design shows a gypsy figure.

Novel tea sets in Royal Doulton are circled with galloping huntsmen, done in gay colors. Others are decorated with men and women dressed in the picturesque costumes of the days of George IV.

From Finland comes a most strike ing ware patterned after the Arabita potteries. The pieces are cream color, in odd geometric shapes, with ornamental bands of geometric design, done in vivid reds, yellows, blues and

Old English Trentham ware is an effective revival of the year. Pieces of all sizes, from candlesticks to um-Gayly colored fruits and flowers form the decorations on some pieces, while others show bees swarming to a hive or very black cocks with very red

In Dresden china the old-fashioned fruit baskets, in openwork ornamented with large floral and fruit designs, have been revived this fall.

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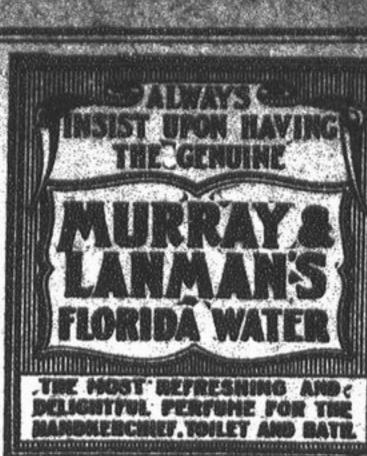
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