

GREAT MEN ABOVE RULES

Why These Orthographic Mistakes Should Be Overlooked. Emperor Maximilian of Germany, who reigned in the fifteenth century, in the speech in which he opened the council of Constance uttered an expression which Cardinal Bessarion corrected. The emperor replied, "Pardon me, however agreeable you may be to others, you please not when you assert that we have no authority than the grammar of Priscianus."

A CHILD'S NATURAL WONDER

She Marvels at Unequal Distribution of Legs. A story illustrative of the severe logic of some juvenile minds is related by a reader of the Sun, who got it from a friend, a woman of family, one member of the latter being a four-year-old daughter. One day this ob-servant miss saw a lame man on the street and asked her mother what made him walk so queerly. The mother told her it was because one leg was shorter than the other.

Unique Wedding Present

A unique wedding present was received recently by one of Bar Harbor's autumn brides. The young lady is quite an artist in the culinary line and delights in choice recipes. Imagine her pleasure on receiving a daintily bound volume bearing the legend "Recipes," and in the lower corner her initials. Within appeared rules for cooking all kinds of dainties, written in the familiar hand of some friend and signed with the name of the contributor. Each person had been asked to contribute rules for making several of her choicest viands and the result was a compilation of "true and tried" recipes that would delight any housewife, besides being a pleasant souvenir.—Bar Harbor Record.

Lexicography Defined

Senator Stewart of Nevada, is making a speech before a committee, once used the word "intrinsic." "Here," interrupted another member of the committee, "you didn't use that word right." "What word?" asked Stewart. "Why, 'intrinsic'." "Yes, I did." "Webster doesn't say so." "Webster? What Webster?" "Webster's Dictionary." "Now, see here," growled Senator Stewart, "I am tired of having that book quoted at me. Every schoolboy knows that it is a mere jumble of words."

Tactful Giving is an Art

The chief requisites of it are a desire to be genuinely kind and useful to another, a perfectly natural manner when giving the favor, and afterwards an apparent forgetfulness that such a thing has ever been done. For many a trifling gift there has been exacted thrice its worth in spoken gratitude. An exaggerated gratitude is never real. And no one likes to feel that the person who gave him anything is wondering why he does not say more about the gift.

Amelice-Chinese

The "heathen Chinese" has made his appearance in a new garb at Portland, Ore., where a militia company composed entirely of Chinamen is attracting much favorable attention. The members of the company are nearly all merchants, bankers and clerks of the higher class. They devote much time to drill and the study of military matters, with the result that the command has already reached a high degree of excellence.

Wants Educated People Back

The expulsions of intelligent people from Russia by the late Minister, M. Sipiagin, were so numerous that a number of them have been now invited to return, as the education of the country has been affected by their absence.

NEWS ITEMS ACCEPTABLE

The MERRIFIELD is always glad to receive items of persons who are visiting or entertaining friends or news of local interest, and to that end invites subscribers to send such information to this office. Notices of receptions, parties, building improvements, removals, social events, personals of former residents—all of these subjects come under this head and information will be promptly received. Telephones, write or call.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Downers Grove Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Lincoln Hotel, 11th St., Chicago, Ill. Dated at Downers Grove, Ill., Dec. 29, 1903.

Coughing

"I was given up to die with quick consumption. I then began to use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I improved at once, and am now in perfect health."—Chas. E. Hartman, Gibbstown, N. Y.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of James H. Wallace, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of James H. Wallace, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of DuPage County prior to the first Monday in January, at the Court House in Wheaton, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend said court for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 17th day of October, A. D. 1903. JOSEPH G. WALLACE, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Estate of Gottlieb Reas, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Gottlieb Reas, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of DuPage County prior to the first Monday in January, at the Court House in Wheaton, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend said court for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 10th day of November, A. D. 1903. AGUSTY NECKERT, Administratrix.

Consumption

Salt pork is a famous old-fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty of pork," was the advice to the consumptive 50 and 100 years ago.

Salt pork is good if a man can stomach it. The idea behind it is that fat is the food the consumptive needs most.

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Feeding him fat in this way, which is often the only way, is half the battle, but Scott's Emulsion does more than that. There is something about the combination of cod liver oil and hypophosphites in Scott's Emulsion that puts new life into the weak parts and has a special action on the diseased lungs.

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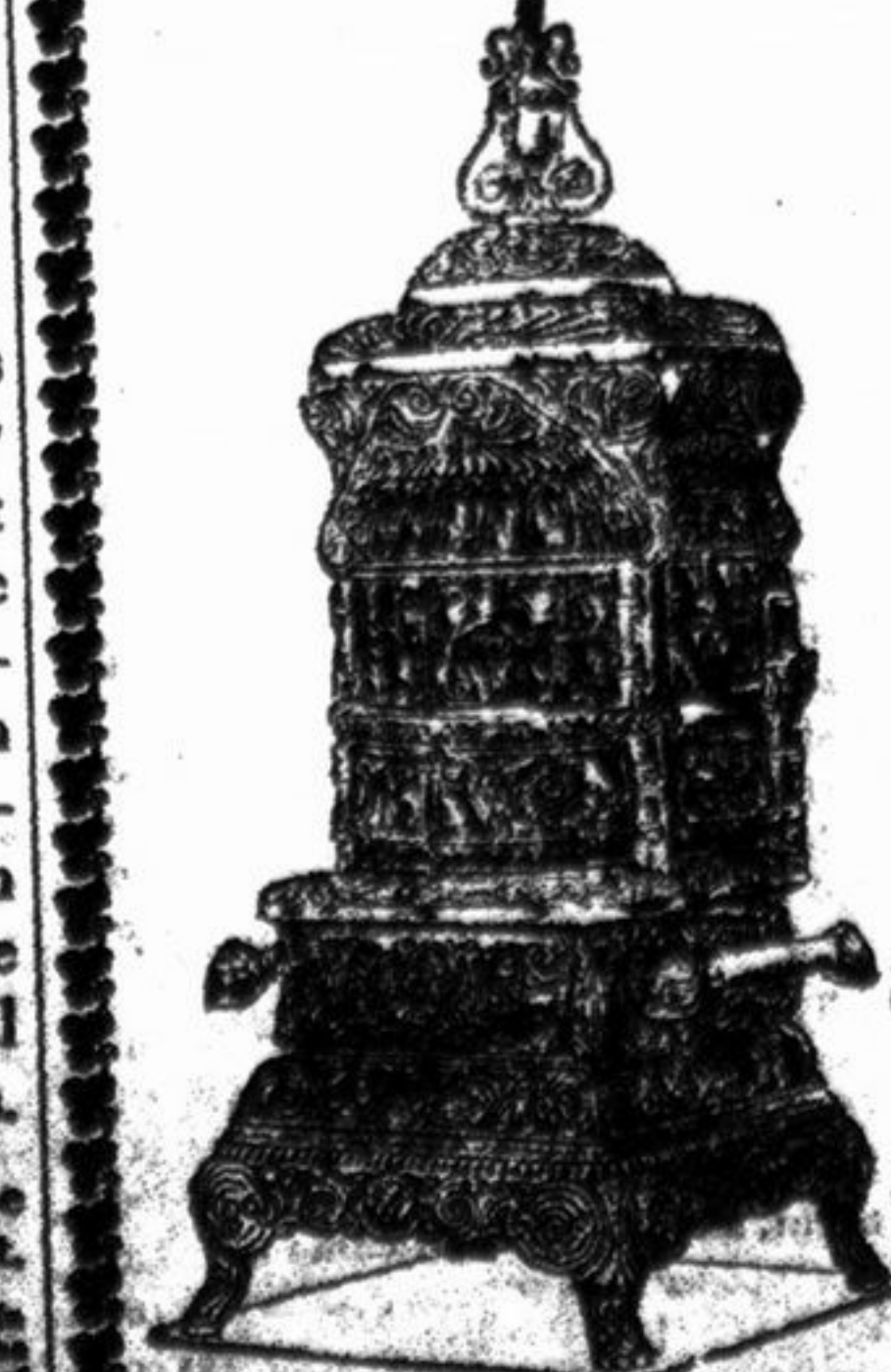
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