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Cold cash is a wonderful complexion specific.

It's easy to live on love alone—be seven meals.

Love consists of having what some other wants.

If a man is honest he can afford to stay out of politics.

You, Cordelia, there are more than sixteen ounces in a dog pound.

Two men will quit smoking simply because tobacco is controlled by a soulless trust.

Another reason why there will be no war with Japan is that Mr. Andrew Carnegie says so.

Maybe it will yet become necessary for State legislatures to enact laws against the "unwritten law."

The favorite oath of Mrs. Depew, of Detroit, is said to be "Holy Mackerel!" Probably it is uttered in a bass voice.

It won't help the Czar greatly to close the institutions of learning and allow the bone factories to continue running overtime.

A London paper says King Edward is the hardest-worked man in England. And yet we haven't heard of him pitching any hay.

"In England," says Miss Leeds of London, "the best preachers go into the stumps." Perhaps that's what's the matter with the aristocracy.

One of the astrologers says the stars indicate that the United States is soon to engage in warfare against the rest of the world. Why scare the rest of the world that way?

Whenever a man gets to foolishly thinking he is the idol of the people he ought in justice to himself and for the reduction of the size of his head, to aspire a ball game.

A New York woman has become the wife of the man who saved her from drowning. There are men who will be more than enough after this to inquire before they save drowning women whether they are married or not.

Dr. Binuma, a New York scientist, says people think with their toes. The young man who has just been kicked out by the girl's father will be inclined to agree with the professor, in so far, at least, as the hard thoughts which people think are concerned.

These are beginning to receive proper respect. Two contractors in New York were fined the other day for putting heating engines in such a position in the street that the smoke and steam from them injured the branches of the trees under which they stood. The magistrate who fined them recommended that hereafter all permits for the use of engines should provide that they should be placed where they will not injure the shade trees.

They do some things better in Great Britain—rewarding public servants, for example. It is announced that Lord Cromer, who served his country as diplomatic agent in Egypt for many years, is to receive a gift of £50,000 in recognition of what he has done. The sum is enough to enable him to live in comfort the rest of his days and to maintain a position in society fitting for an ex-officer of his distinction. If he had devoted his great abilities to the accumulation of a fortune in private business he might have been receiving an annual income fully equal to that of the proposed gift, and perhaps much greater.

There is a widespread fallacy that no act of a minor is binding in law. Those who entertain that opinion may be interested in a decision handed down by the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court. The decision had to do with a suit for damages brought against a railroad company by a mother who had intrusted the checking of a trunk to her 18-year-old son. The lock on the trunk being defective, the company, when it checked the trunk, removed from the boy a release from responsibility. In handing down its decision, which was favorable to the railway company, the court said: "The fact that the son was a minor did not insulate him from acting as an agent, the well-known rule being that authority made by an infant as an agent is binding upon the principal."

Groves Cleveland's Fish Lore. The unstrung, philosophical fishing fraternity does more for humanity than the strenuous people.

Fishing stories are always to be believed.

It is better to go home with nothing killed than to feel the weight of a mean, unsportsmanlike act.

There can be no doubt that the promise of industrial business, of contented labor, and of healthful moderation in the pursuit of wealth in this democratic country of ours would be infinitely improved if a larger share of the time which has been devoted to the connection of trusts and business combinations had been spent in fishing.

The biggest fish are always lost.

Fishermen necessarily see and do wonderful things. If those not members of the fraternity are unable to assimilate the recital of these wonders, it is because their believing apparatus has not been properly regulated and stimulated.

No man can be a completely good fisherman unless he is generous, sympathetic and honest.—From his book, Fishing and Shooting.

An Irishman who wasn't much of a hunter went out to hunt one day, and the first thing he saw to shoot at was a bluejay sitting squarely on the top of a fence. He blazed away at the bird and then walked over to pick it up. What he happened to find there was a dead frog, which he valued carefully at five cents, looking at it with a pleased air. Finally he remarked, "Well, nothing but a devil of a fooling and shooting, but I'll have to shoot the little feller along the fence line, and I'm bound to have to fall behind him now." Those who have been associated with it for years. Children are especially cruel to each other. In the course of time, however, and injuries pass away, the little ones along the fence line, and I'm bound to have to fall behind him now."

ARRIVAL OF MAIL.

From West: From East:
6:08 a.m. 8:57 a.m.
9:32 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
1:34 p.m. 5:06 p.m.
5:28 p.m.

Post office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Last mail in the evening is closed at 7:00 p.m., and leaves here at 8:44 going east.

Elbert C. Stanley, P. M.

BUYING AN AMERICAN FLAG.

A lady who wished to purchase an American flag with the correct number of stars on it recently encountered many difficulties, some of which are described in the New York Sun. At the outset she had trouble in finding a store that dealt in American flags at all. Finally she did discover a store where they sold them, but all they had were cheap cotton affairs with thirty-six stars printed in the field.

"But I want the right number of stars, and haven't you a better flag?" she asked.

"Those have the right number of stars," said the salesgirl.

"Oh, no, we have more states than that!"

At the next store she found that they made a special point of handling flags. She asked for a silk flag about a foot in length, and the salesgirl produced one immediately. But alas! it had only thirty-six stars! The customer explained that it was desirable that there should be the right number of stars.

After a search the salesgirl found a slightly larger flag with forty-eight stars in the corner.

"But this is not right, either," she informed the customer.

"Why, yes it is!" This is the newest we have."

"But how many States have we?" For the woman had begun seriously to wonder if she had been keeping up with the times.

"How many States have we?" the salesgirl called to the floor walker, who happened to be passing.

"Why, how many stars are there on that flag?" returned the floor walker. "Forty-eight."

"Then there are forty-eight States."

"But there are thirty-six stars on these other flags," the woman objected.

"Well, if you really want to know how many stars there should be I will find out for you, for there is a man here who is a regular crack on such subjects," said the floor walker.

Presently he brought up an elderly man and explained to him that the customer wanted to know how many stars there should be on the flag.

"I should say perhaps forty-six," he replied, "but I am not certain."

"How many stars should there be on the flag, sonny?" demanded the floor walker of a small cash-boy who was passing.

"Forty-six," replied the boy, instantly.

"How do you know?"

"Learned it in school," said the boy.

"Well, he's just come from school; he knows," commented the floor-walker.

Later on, at a small Oriental shop, an American flag with forty-six stars was purchased by the persistent seeker.

Could Not Resist It.

A dealer in real estate tells this story. A middle-aged widow came to his office to try to make arrangements for the purchase of a house and lot. "We can make a small payment down," she said, "and would sign a mortgage running for a period of five years to secure the payment of the rest of the money. My daughters have good positions as bookkeepers in a large mercantile establishment, and can save enough out of their salaries to meet the payments as they become due."

The real estate man hesitated.

"I should want to be sure of your paying for the property in the stipulated time," he said. "I should feel like a criminal if I had to foreclose the mortgage at any time and yet business is business. I shall have to see your daughters."

She brought them to his office the next day.

"Madam," he said, shaking his head, "you will have to give me some additional security. Your daughters are too handsome. They will marry and lose their jobs long before the five years are up."

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

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Public notice is hereby given, that the County Court of DuPage County, Illinois, has rendered a judgment for a special assessment upon property benefited by the following improvements, namely, dredging, paving and otherwise improving Maple Avenue from the western limits of the Village of Downers Grove to the easterly line of Budgett Avenue, extending as will be fully apparent from the attached copy of judgment on file in my office. The warrant for collection of said assessment is in the hands of the undersigned, and all persons interested are hereby notified to call upon me in my office at 100 South Main Street, Downers Grove, Illinois, to pay the amount of the assessment.

Dated this 28th day of August, A. D. 1907.

SAMUEL CURTIS,
Village Collector.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, will receive proposals or bids until the hour of 2:30 P. M. on the 3d day of September, A. D. 1907, at the Village Hall of said Village, for the grading, dredging, paving and otherwise improving of the portion of Budgett Avenue from the south line of Budgett Street to the south line of Franklin Street, as a connecting system, including all labor and material.

Appropriate Quantities.

1273 cubic yards excavation.

275 sq. yd. granite top macadam paving.

455 cu. yds. concrete combined curb and gutter.

230 cu. ft. soil ledge.

5 inlets.

145 cu. ft. 10-inch inlet pipe.

100 cu. ft. 6-inch inlet pipe.

100 cu. ft. 4-inch inlet pipe.

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