

Local Happenings

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be sent to the editor...

- Sweet cider at F. Gerwig's. G. H. Bunge has gone to Columbus, O., on business.

- All business houses will be closed all day Christmas and New Year's. Miss Mattie Bryce is tutoring a number of pupils.

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- The Cass Sunday school will give an entertainment and tree Christmas eve. The children are now hard at work training under the direction of Miss Nettie Smart.

- Miss Young, the Cass school teacher, left suddenly for Racine, Wis., last week, called by the sudden illness of a relative. She has now returned, the party being some improved.

- Miss Gertrude Heardt had a narrow escape from death last week while spending the night with her aunt, Mrs. A. Gray, in Chicago. The flat took fire during the night. Miss Heardt was rescued by firemen in an unconscious condition.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

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SPEECH OF PROFESSOR H. BRODT

Spontaneous and volunteered to join the rank and file of our army. Three companies of Germans volunteered under the leadership of Capt. Schmitt.

At this trying time the enthusiasm and patriotism of the Germans for this country know no bounds, thousands upon thousands responding to the call "to arms."

It is well known that, owing to the fact that a great many of these Germans had served in the army in our country, they were in great demand, and rendered efficient service as artillery men and cavalry men.

The German regiments which especially displayed great bravery were the 22nd Indiana, 9th Ohio, 2nd Missouri and 24th Illinois. You, my veterans, who are present here today, irrespective of nationality, whom death has spared until now, you all went into this conflict ready to lay down your lives for the cause of this country.

About the Schools

School closes Friday, Dec. 18th, for the regular holiday vacation and will open Monday, Jan. 4, 1900.

SPORTING NEWS.

The first bowling match of the season was played at the athletic association last Saturday by teams representing the North and South sides.

LADIES.

- Miss Bertha Mochel 108 Miss Stewart 92 Mrs. W. W. Devereaux 87

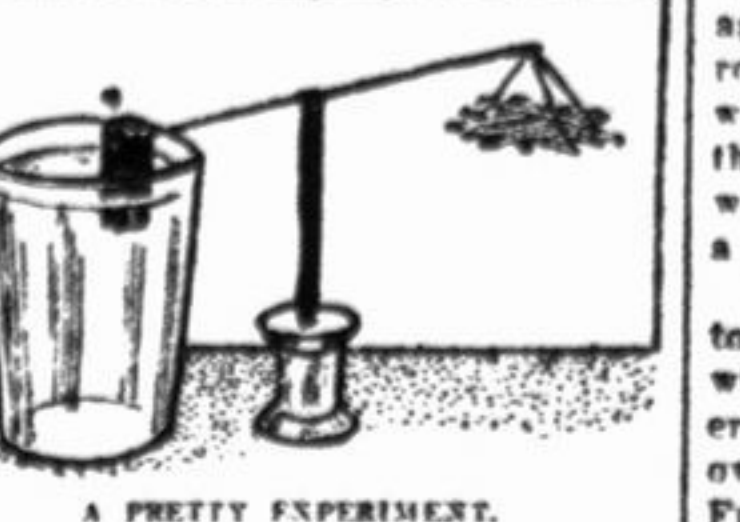
GENTLEMEN.

- L. B. Banning 180 Lester Gerwig 100 Hugo Pitcher 100 P. Vix 150

A Simple Experiment.

Here is a charming little experiment with which you can entertain a party of friends for a good half hour.

All you need is a spoon, a pencil, a knitting needle, some thread, a cork, and a tumbler of water—things which any of our readers can easily find about the house.



A PRETTY EXPERIMENT.

pastebord, as the picture shows. Now you are ready for your experiment.

Now place match after match on the cardboard, and you will find that a good sized pile will be required before the cork can be lifted from the water.

Almost any steamer afloat in the merchant service can now go to Manchester, England, the deepening of the ship canal to a uniform depth of twenty-eight feet having been completed.

Widows and Remarriages

"Is the widow going out of favor in the marriage market?" I asked the registrar of a populous district of London.

"Oh, decidedly," he replied. "You know that fewer people of every kind marry now than formerly. Thirty years ago, out of every hundred marriageable people about six would marry in any year; now the number is less than five."

"You must remember that there are many more spinsters than widows in the country at all ages up to 40, and especially up to 30 or 35. Now, the great marrying ages for women are from 19 to 23 or 30. You speak of no fewer than ten out of every hundred of the year's brides were widows. What is the number now?"

"But it must not be supposed that the widow has dropped entirely out of fashion. Nothing of the kind. She is gradually losing her supreme position, but she still has a decided advantage over the woman who has never been married—and this at all ages."

"The young widow is preferred to the young maiden, and the middle-aged and elderly widows have it all their own way."

"I must give you figures again, for there is no other way of making a true comparison. Up to the age of 20 there are practically no widows. Just a few. In every thousand girls aged from 15 to 20 there are 985 unmarried, and all the brides of this age with the exception of two were spinsters. At 20 the widow begins to appear in force. From this age to 25 there is one widow in the population to each 363 unmarried women. She is lost among the crowd, one would think, and yet she goes off faster than the spinster."

"We are dealing with the year before last, the latest year about which the Registrar-General gives his account. In this year no fewer than 128,000 maidens in their twentieth or twenty-fifth year married. It is the greatest marrying age."

WOMEN OF THE MILLS.

The very best way to get the first sight of woman as a worker in Fall River, Mass., the great center of the cotton industry, is to take the night boat from New York some winter evening, and to get up the next morning about 5 o'clock and ascend from the wharf into the town.

By a quarter to 6 figures appear on the sidewalks. Male figures, Female figures. If you will go and stand near one of the big mills you will see these figures coming toward you down all the streets of the town.

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His Interest in Instrumental Music Chiefly Curiosity. Napoleon has been described as almost a music lover. A recent writer put him at the very foot of the list of modern rulers so far as appreciation or even toleration of music was concerned.

A curious anecdote is told of his brusque manner of dealing with artists. One night at a concert at the Tulleries while Dupont, the famous violoncellist, was performing a solo, the Emperor suddenly entered. His Majesty nodded his head approvingly and when the piece was finished said to Dupont:

"How the deuce do you manage to keep that instrument so motionless—and taking up the 'cello he tried to jam it between his spurred boots. Poor Dupont nearly fainted when he saw his trousers treated like a war horse. For several minutes he looked on, trembling from head to foot. At last, however, he darted forward and called out 'Sir!' in such pathetic tones that the Emperor handed him back the instrument."

THE SOUR MILK COW.

An Explanation of the Women New to the Country Didn't Quite Believe. The woman was new to the country and her best look great pains to explain to her whatever she didn't understand about the farm.

"That's the sour milk cow," the farmer explained with a straight face. "We always cut the tail off one cow in the herd so as to get sour milk fresh every day."

A Problem.

Thomas W. Lawson at a dinner in Boston talked about success. "Success in finance," he said, "is due in great measure to prompt action. The doubting, hesitating, Hamlet type of man had best keep out of finance. He is sure to be swamped. The street has no use for him."

"Such a man always makes me think of my boyhood friend, Grimes. Grimes was a fatterer, a doubter, a Hamlet of the worst type. 'One night I dropped in on him and found him bent in a brown study over a white vest. 'Hello, Grimes,' said I. 'What's the matter?' 'This vest,' said he. 'It's too dirty to wear and not dirty enough to send to the wash. I don't know what to do about it.'—Washington Star."

Log Far Underground.

Wood 404 feet underground in a perfect state of preservation was found at the Alshing stock farm in West Virginia while boring for the second time a well there. The drill had penetrated to a depth of 400 feet and had just been drilling hard rock when it suddenly struck a log which was five feet in diameter and in perfect state of preservation.

Charles Roberts, M. P., in his book on "The Time Limit and Local Option," brings out the fact, revealed by the Home Office returns, that of the 12,000,000 Irish in rural districts in England and Wales there are 1,000 (more than 80 per cent) in which there is no house. In the county of Lincolnshire 45 per cent are in houses.

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