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It has been the keeping of the little white hearse in the stable more than it used to stay there that has done more than anything else to bring up the average of life. "Save the children!" is the cry of modern humanity and of the modern health department.

Ours must be, not "a nation of amateurs," but a nation of professionals, if it is to hold its own in the coming struggles—struggles not merely for commercial dominance, but for the supremacy of political and moral ideals, says the Atlantic.

At the conclusion of Wu Ting-fang's address at the Fourth of July celebration in Philadelphia, one of the young women seated on the platform passed a small American flag to the distinguished Chinese diplomat, with the request that he write his autograph on one of the white stars.

At Wichita a small boy went into the studio of a photographer and said he wanted his picture taken. "I want it taken on my horse," said the boy, and jokingly the photographer answered: "All right, bring your horse up."

At a revival meeting in Georgia a man arose and said that he was the wickedest man in the city. "I'd go to perdition if I should die tonight," he concluded. Immediately an old deacon started the hymn: "If you get there before I do, look out for me—I'm coming, too."

It requires more than 100 gallons of oil a year to keep the largest locomotive in smooth running order.

It is natural for rich men, whether they live in Europe or America, to wish for the possession of an ancestry that shall match their incomes. Fortunately for such persons, says the Chicago Tribune, there are genealogists who, if given money enough, will supply a customer with the stateliest of family trees.

To read day by day of the number of female bachelors that are being turned out by the colleges is something quite startling, says the Boston Herald. Already one doctor in every 25 is a woman, and one twenty-eighth of all the preachers are women.

It is frequently said that you have to go away from home to get the news, which is illustrated by an advertisement in the London Times, to which William E. Curtis calls attention, offering for sale "the best authenticated residence of George Washington, near Banbury, England, containing seven bedrooms, three reception rooms, kitchen, offices, with stabling and outbuildings, and 210 acres of land, which produced £195 worth of produce last year."

Out of respect for the memory of his wife a Pittston (Pa.) man played 27 pieces of music over her grave in Pittston cemetery. She died a year ago. The strange concert was witnessed by a large crowd, among them a number of boys who jeered at the player. Others guarded the bereaved man as he sat upon the newly-made mound and played the Scottish bagpipe for an hour.

"Dine here and you will never dine anywhere else," is a startling though doubtless meant to be alluring, statement in the window of a restaurant in Camden, N. J. Hung underneath the above was a notice written on a piece of legal cap paper, that read: "Wanted, a boy, who can open oysters with a reference."

The first name in the Boston directory is Arnold and the last Zyzick. The shortest is Re and the longest Schneckenberger. Venus is a teamster, Jupiter a laborer, Mars a watchman, Neptune a baker and Charon a hospital cook.

A Danish applicant for naturalization papers in Kansas was asked if he was satisfied with the general conditions in this country. His answer was: "Yes, only I would like to see more rain." The judge handed him his papers.

Read THE NEWS-LETTER.

Would you believe it if we were to tell you that right here in this city live children who have never seen the lake? If you don't, just go down to the Chicago bureau of charities some of these days and ask Superintendent Bicknell about it, says the Chicago Chronicle. He will tell you that this is really true, and, moreover, that many of these children live within a mile or two of the lake shore. Why have they not seen the lake? Because they have no money to spend in car fare and they cannot walk, for they are too small or do not know the way.

The pure milk question is becoming of such importance that it has been taken up by the courts. Several cases have occurred in Iowa under a law that state prohibiting the addition of water or any other substance to milk offered for sale. The courts hold that the law is constitutional. They declare further that if the substances mixed in the milk are not deleterious, even if they are used only to preserve its sweetness and without intent to defraud, the dealer who is guilty of offering the sophisticated milk for sale must pay the penalties of the law.

A woman of New Britain, Conn., maintains that mosquitoes have brains and reasoning powers; that it is "outrageous" to kill the "little harmless insects," and that all that is necessary is to reason with them. She says: "If a mosquito is troubling you just speak to him kindly and say: 'Look here, my friend, you leave me alone, and I'll leave you alone.' Then believe that he won't bite you! Even if he does his stinging won't hurt. I have done this for years, and now enjoy having the pretty little things around and listening to their musical buzz."

The people of a Kansas town are laughing at a dumpy little pair of married folks who live in that city. The fire bell rang in the middle of the night, and the husband pitched out of bed and ran to the scene without stopping to change his night shirt for anything more clothful. But scarcely had he reached the crowd, which already had gathered, when his wife came breathlessly after him, carrying his trousers, which she urged him to put on—she herself being clothed in nothing more tangible than her robe de nuit.

"It was all the devil's fault," says a defendant in Pennsylvania, charged with stealing a coat. "He rose before me in the shape of a dark form and whispered to me: 'Take that coat.' I immediately became his servant." A simpler defense would have been to say that the defendant, being a follower of the new fashion, had merely borrowed the coat long enough to get dinner at a hotel.

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