

—The Governor of Maine has issued the necessary orders in the State. His only child is a young man of 28 years old. Not infrequently she has been paid for her work at the rate of \$500 a day. Her first picture was taken at the Paris salon when she was but 19 years old.

—Baltimore, Ala., has a population of 9,000, among whom is not a resident lawyer and only one doctor. There was a lawyer there once, but the doctor is said to have disposed of him.

—The final blow was struck at the platform when it was found that Giteau had been a lecturer. If no other committee will be more forthcoming they will allow lecturers to get away from town.

—The fact that the custom in Georgia now is to sell watermelons by the pound discourages the negro in the least; he takes, in his own mind, the largest melon he can buy for his money.

—A Detroit doctor says people with light eyes and blue hair who have warts. Now is some advice will tell you what color of eyes and hair they should wear. Many unhappy marriages will be prevented.

—An Englishman who has published his observations during a trip in the United States concludes that the most striking and thoroughly American characters he saw were Bob Ingersoll and Mark S.

—Bunches of roses as large as a tall cabbage are fastened above and in front of the lips and below the breast of the most fashionable women at Saratoga and Long Beach whenever they are costumed for a carriage drive.

—Philadelphia has fifty receive policemen with an average weight of 2 1/2 pounds. All but four months of the year are spent carrying a bag 6 1/2 inches and two others only 6 1/2 inches long. The average is 6 feet 2 inches.

—San Francisco has placed a Chinese policeman on duty in the cooler quarters of that city. Despite the fact that it may draw down upon us the masses of the masses we feel constrained to ask if this not a genuine case of Asiatic cholera, eh?

—A Colorado editor says that terror caused a flock of six-year-old black sheep to become perfectly white between twilight and daylight. That far Western scribble either mistook a mountain snow storm for terror or else he had heard about the matter. You can take your choice.

—Quite numerous: Sister—"What are you crying for, Billy?" Billy—"Cos Jack Stone's helped me." Sister—"What's the matter like that, you all alone?" Billy—"He wasn't all alone, at all, he had his legs and his fists with him."

—One of James Russell Lowell's apophthegms that now bears the press is "Earth's noblest thing—a woman perfected." We hark back the base insinuation. Woman is no thing. She is a plump, lovable personality, or ought to be.

—When a fellow sees a picture of his little niece grown up to be a marriageable young lady, and he remembers the day upon which that niece's mamma first began to walk, it is about time for him to begin taking an interest in caskets and life insurance companies.

—Just before death Mrs. Patton, of Evansville, Ind., told her husband and her daughter by a previous promise to get married as soon as she was laid away in the tomb. So evidently liked the man and was determined to keep him in the family.

—In his great joy over the almost certain recovery of the prisoner at Arizona, the keeper changed the name of his saloon from "Munich Hall" to "Garfield Exchange," and gave a forty-eight hour free lunch to celebrate the event. Patriotism looms up like six feet in the southwest.

—Two great bills have been cast at West Weight, in England, for the tower of the new Edington by the town of Edington. The weight of each bill is 200 pounds and a diameter at the mouth of five feet 12 inches. Their note is C, and they are intended to act as signals—the one to lead, the other to windward.

—A young lad of Providence hung himself after reading a dime novel. This is a decided improvement on the plan of sending a butcher knife and going West with a revolver in the heart to slaughter Indians and wear long hair and being brought back to interview trunk strap before going across two townships.

—The present Duke of Wellington has a pension of \$29,000 a year since the death of his father in 1852. He has also \$160,000 a year from estates given to his father by the government, and the interest on \$3,500,000 voted to the great Duke by the British Parliament after the battle of Waterloo. The present Duke is 74 years old.

—In the course of a street brawl the other day one of the combatants was heard to reiterate with considerable profanity that he might be whipped, but he wouldn't be subjugated. It seems that he miscalculated a little on this point, as he was seen the next day going to a private school with his wife, and actually carrying the boy.

—The printing of Vienna proper to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of Gutenberg's invention of printing in that city, a man worthily besting so important an event. Twenty prominent printers and publishers of Paris will attend the festivities, and all the leading cities of Europe are expected to send delegations.

—The invention for easing the strain on horses in starting horse cars, which has been in six months' successful service, is put in operation by a little pedal which is touched by the driver's foot. It connects the tongue of the car with a lever, which operates a latch in taking hold of the horse. The pedal, thus causing the dead pull nearly at once.

—A Keene, N. H., young man was recently severely punished by corrosive sublimate contained in the name upon postage stamps which he had moistened with his tongue as he stuck them upon some 200 envelopes. The poison had been taken in sufficient quantities to cause the man to be hospitalized for several days and other symptoms of quite an alarming nature.

—Immediately in front of the show window of a Philadelphia publishing house, on Chest nut street, above Third, is a wide grating upon which rustic folks stand to examine highly colored pictures. There is nothing strange about this, excepting that every morning the show boys find four or five canes, and on Monday mornings especially the number is very large.

—One J. W. Herold, of Rondout, has a collection of United States cents from 1790 to 1861, excepting for the years 1801, 1804, 1809 and 1860. He has been busy gathering them together. He says in 1857 the last of the large copper were coined, and in the same year the coinage of the small white cents was begun. In 1865 was begun the issuing of the small copper cents we now have.

—Travelers by rail say that the railroad has fast becoming a relic of the past. He had to be hauled out of the seat and mopped on the floor for years before he would learn that no railroad passenger paying one fare has a right to two seats, but he has learned it at last, and even smiles good naturedly when asked to remove his luggage and his feet and his hat and make room for six people to sit down.

—As the noble vessel now rides the waves en route to Europe, the tourist can seek his berth at night and lay down to slumber with the reflection that as no scores the clockwork dynamo machine may be repairing in the night, the lights may be extinguished and the proper moment when it can hurl his remains promiscuously over the deep, leaving not even a wart by which loving friends can identify him.

—A gentleman who knows General Grant's daughter, Mrs. Sartoris, in England, says that when she was a child she was criticized in this country, she turned out a first class match. Her husband has a respectable income of probably \$10,000 a year, and, with a home many years in his family, he lives upon his income easily, and has plenty of time for writing, fishing and boating. Nellie Sartoris has three living children, and likes England and her mode of life.

THE LIME KILN CLUB.

ALL SORTS.

—The new kite invented by Emma Abbott opens in front.

A big job in the hose line—the stocking of the Merrimack.

A tragedian is a dangerous man—he takes life so cheerfully.

Many students burn midnight oil, but do very little midnight toil.

It is hard to grow a beard, because each particular hair is a stub born.

A wife must be like roasted lamb—tender and nicely dressed. No sauce required.

Bernhardt's future tomb, we learn from the New York Commercial, will be adorned with Sara Phelps.

From the prices that some physicians charge, one can readily imagine that high heels are fashionable.

Henry Waterson pronounces Talmage's sermon on water "delicious." Wonder what he would say to water itself.

Gold ore and a deposit in the savings bank are very much the same, inasmuch as they are both in my account statement.

Rustic chairs are pretty objects, and as long as a man exercises the inclination to sit in them they are desirable to be about.

Texas sittings ask: "Might we not have rain if all the politicians with clouds hanging over them were called together in convention?"

The idea that nothing harder than diamonds could be made has been exploded, a St. Louis bride having baked a batch of biscuits.

Here is another attempt to deprive a woman of her rights. A man writes her up an invention to prevent the slamming of doors.

Detroit is known as "the city of the Straits," and Chicago, bound to be different, very naturally takes the name of "the city of the crooks."

"An that's the Pillar of Hercules!" she said, adjusting her silver spectacles. The land ladies! "What's the rest of his bedclothes like, I wonder?"

"Martha, why will you leave our service?" "Because, madam, you are a brunette and I am a blonde. I can't take any comfort wearing your dresses."

Although we are not troubled as the ancients were in making bricks without straw, still a straw is a great aid to a fellow desiring to put a brick in his hat.

A young lady bearing the aristocratic cognomen of Jardine recently deserted her lover, because in an impassioned sonnet he made her name rhyme with "sardine."

The Cincinnati Gazette openly and badly advises the female sex to hang a limb on either side of the bicycle and ride to death and glory. And its editor is a deacon at the church.

Dean Swift hearing of a carpenter's falling through a scaffolding of a house which he was engaged in repairing, remarked that he liked to see a mechanic go through his work promptly.

A Georgia editor says: "Gold in thirteen-three counties in this State, copper in thirty-two in North Carolina, diamonds in twenty-six, whiskey in all of them, and the last gets year with all the rest."

The Boston Post mentions twenty eight different diseases to which the human tongue is liable, and for the life of us we can't see how both parties manage to dodge through campaigns as they do.

An old bachelor, who particularly hated literary women, asked an authoress if she could throw any light on kissing. "I could," said she, looking aright at him, "but I think it's better in the dark."

There is nothing like a bicycle to put flesh on a man. A Marathon man has had one only about a week, and his left ankle is three inches larger around than it was when he first rode it.

If Uncle Sam was mixed up in this Argentine question the name of the city of Stax wouldn't stand fifteen minutes. He'd make some six of it or get so satisfied something or other for the trouble of sailing over there.

ANCIENT HISTORY.

Thousands of men have envied Astor, Stewart, Vanderbilt, Mackay, Keene, Gould, and the other fellows who can buy straws at \$1 per box, but the richest of them were mere vagrants when compared to some of the ancients. There was Nimus, for instance.

He was the son of Nimrod, the old hunter. He made lions scratch for holes and tigers take to ditches. Old Nim left his boy about \$100,000,000 in cash, besides 120,000 cattle, a piece of land about as big as Arkansas, and 14,000 likely slaves. There were no lawyers in those days who made a specialty in breaking wills and gobbling estates, and young Nimus quietly took possession and cast about for some plan to keep himself out of the poor house. He was considered a poor young man, and had been seen lugging his girl to an ice cream saloon or riding out in a lively rig, his friends would have said he was a first class success.

We heard the one player who did not cheat accused of cheating five times. We heard four distinct bitter quarrels. We heard a beautiful young girl tell twelves, and a meek looking young man three, and finally we saw the young girl throw her mallet against the head of the man who had tricked a horse, and the other young girl pounded her mallet so hard on the ground that it knocked the buds off an apple tree—they both banged into the house at different doors, and the two young men looked sheepish and went off a drink. Now, why is this?

CURIOUS FACTS.

—When Xerxes had bridged the Hellespont a storm arose and destroyed his work. After he had been ordered the strait secured with 300 lashes.

—Larozer, the French law giver of chemistry, while experimenting on the intensity of different lights, shut himself up in total darkness for six weeks to increase the sensibility of the eye.

—When Cardinal de Monte was elected Pope, before he left the conclave he bestowed a cardinal's hat upon a young man whose chief merit consisted in the daily attentions he paid his Holiness's monkey.

—The belief in centaurs originated in the mistake of some spectators beholding a group of Thebanians on horseback while their horses were drinking, the animals heads being depressed and out of sight.

POPPING THE QUESTION.

Some Curious Precedents in Making Proposals.

Sir Arthur Helps believed that never since the world began did two lovers make love in exactly the same way as any other two lovers. Whether he was right is equally beyond proof. It is, however, sometimes put in by somebody to make the wick burn slowly, but when the flame reaches the pin mamma comes in, the "frying" is over, and a day or two afterwards the pair are made one.

A MARRIAGE WITH A GENEROUS MOTIVE. A curious marriage proposal was made by a reverend bachelor who entered the matrimonial state on his knees. He was a young man, and when she entered the room he made her sit down; and, after telling her how anxious and sorrowful he had been because he had no money to leave her, he continued:

"Of course you are aware that there is a minister's widow's fund so that if the husband dies his wife will have an annuity during her life. Now, supposing you marry me, although I am almost at death's door, will you consent to this?"

"Master, dear, you must be doing! What would people say?"

"I was never more serious in my life, Mary; and I am sure people will say we have both acted wisely in this matter. Take till the evening to think it over, and bring me your answer."

In the evening Mary told him she would take him. So, ten days after they were married, and three days later the good old man died; but the widow still enjoyed her share of the widow's fund.

A big, good natured doctor was desperately in love with, and had been twice refused by a fair haired woman. After the last refusal he told her that if she ever changed her mind to let him know, as his love for her was unchangeable, and he would be proud to be her husband. Some months later he was driving home from seeing a patient, when he saw his lady love riding in his direction. Supposing she would merely bow and pass on, as she had often done, he pulled up his horse.

At the moment Miss Dixon came up to him she reined in her horse, stopped, and called out:

"Won't you stay, Dr. Hill?"

He raised his hat and replied:

"I shall be happy to do so," then waiting for her to speak.

Dr. Hill I have been closely watching you lately, and seeing nothing but goodness and nobleness in your character, and believing you will make an excellent husband, I am willing to marry you."

Mr. Smith, coming all the way from Australia on the lookout for a wife, saw a young governess on board a Glasgow steamer, whom, from her kindness and attention to some children under her charge, he fancied would suit him. So he went and introduced himself, and taking a seat beside her said:

"I am fifty years of age; have an income of a thousand a year; am a total abstainer from intoxicating drink; I have a good house near Melbourne, and all I want is a good wife to manage my possessions. Would you mind taking me?"

"I have no objections."

When Lord Strangford set down to criticize a book of travels by Miss Beaufort, he little dreamed that before long he would write to the young authoress: "I was thinking the other day about that communication from the Emperor Akbar to the King of Portugal which contained a request for copies of the holy book of the Christians, and in which the following sentence occurs: 'In the world of humanity which is the mirror and reflection of the world of God, there is nothing equal to love or comparable to human affection.' For my part, I have felt and known this, though I never said it till to-day to you one. When you next write, please give me the possessive pronoun of the first person."

An elderly man was a declaration made in quainter fashion, saving perhaps, by the Scotch belle, who in the maudlin household to the churchyard, and pointing with his finger stammered:

"My folk is there, Mary; wad ye like to lie there?" Or the ingenuously humorous Irish lover, who took his girl to see the family burying ground, and then asked her if she would like to lay her bones beside his bones.

Loise de Savoye popped the question to Bourbon, but had to take "No," for an answer, the constable curtly declaring that the disparity of years between them, and his own feeling, rendered the union impossible.

Women find a way. Cleverly cornered was the western man whose girl had broken her heart, and he had read what was in the mind, eliciting for reply:

"Oh, yes! You have it in your mind to ask me to be y-r wife; but you are just a little scared at the idea."

It is plain to see that did not scare her any more than it did the Galloway girl, who, when Jock, coming into the kitchen while she was preparing breakfast, said: "I think I'll marry ye, Jean!" Answered:

"I would be muckle obliged to ye if ye would let me see the man ye are a-goin' to marry. I stipulating like another ready lassie on accepting as given an offer."

"But ye maun gie me my dues o' courtin' for a' that, Jamie."

The right of courtship is one out of which no woman ought to allow herself to be deprived.

Little as faint heartedness in a lover may be the liking of a fair lady, it is sufficiently flattering to be condoned; but where any Caleb in search of a wife chooses to sue by delegate, he assuredly deserves to fall ignominiously. Love is not to be won by an attorney, and oftentimes the attorney has thrown his client overboard and carried off the prize himself, as happened when William Grimm went courting in his brother's behalf.

Hooker escaped that risk by leaving every thing, even the selection of the lady, to Mrs. Churelman, who found him a wife and achieved a son in law herself at the same time. Proposing by proxy is the rule, not the exception, in Greenland. Time was when the Greenlanders won their wives by capture; but since their conversion by Danish missionaries they have become the fairest of women. Now a candidate for the holy state goes to a missionary, and tells him he wants a wife.

Dumb declarations are in vogue too among the Boers of South Africa. Mr. Anthony Trollope tells us that when a young Boer goes in quest of a wife he puts on his best wools, sticks a feather in his cap, provides himself with a bottle of sugar plum, and a candle, a wax one if possible—mounts his horse—rides to the house holding the young woman he would honor, hangs the reins on the gate, dismounts and enters. His smart gear, his fea-

FACTS AND FIGURES.

—Last year England imported 783,714 720 eggs.

—The rose gardens of Adrianople cover 14,000 acres.

—One person out of every 246,582 is struck by lightning.

A parrot in Harlem, N. Y., speaks 250 different words.

Ireland has three thousand five hundred and sixty-four doctors of medicine.

The amount of common salt in the sea is estimated to be about five times the bulk of the Alps.

A cord of stone, three bushels of lime and a cubic yard of sand will lay 100 cubic feet of wall.

—One thousand laths will cover 70 yards of snare, and 11 pounds of lath nails will nail them on.

—Owing to low water over 250,000 feet of lumber will be stuck in the Ottawa River this summer.

A thermometer plunged into the snow to the depth of four inches will mark nine degrees more heat than at the surface.

Eight bushels of good lime, 16 bushels of sand and one bushel of hair will make enough mortar to plaster 100 square yards.

—Within thirty-seven years the Church of England has erected 2,81 churches, and expended on church buildings \$200,000,000.

—There are in Great Britain and Ireland 22,836 doctors. Of these there are in England 14,918; in Scotland, 3,454; in Ireland, 3,564.

—One thousand shingles laid four inches to the weather will cover 100 square feet of surface, and 5 pounds of shingle nails willasten them on.

—Sir Bartle Frere stated that in a single year more than \$3,500,000 worth of diamonds were passed through the Cape Town post office.

—One fifth more sining and flooring is needed than the number of square feet of surface to be covered, because of the lap in the siding and matching of the floor.

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THE LIME KILN CLUB.

At the meeting opened Brother Gardner announced that the Hon. William Johnson, of Fort Huron, "was awaiting in the ante-room for admission, and on motion of Assessor Smith the Committee of the Reception were instructed to bring him in. When the duty had been performed the President introduced the visitor, made him welcome, and Mr. Johnson led as follows:

"What an ed comet? Who is she? Which is it? What am he hear for? How many of you kin answer dese questions? My friends, de study of astronomy am full of interest' an' pleasure. But fur astronomy how could we hev known dat de moon am occupied by a race of one-eyed giants, an' dat de distance to de sun am so great dat if we was to set out an' trable on a hoss yar we would take us 'fo' weeks to git dar? Astronomy teaches us dat de atmosphere in de planet Jupiter am so clear an' transparent dat you kin see a hoss fly six miles off de ground, an' dat de air is so cool dat a dead dog kin be left in front of a first class hotel for nine weeks. In de planet Venus it am allus good weather fur de planet a fishin', and de air am so bracin' dat de women allus spit der own wood. De planet Saturn fur de most part am a barren an' cream de hull yar round an' de wery best kind o' lager beer kin be had fur sixty-eight cents a keg. Way back in de dark ages nobody knew wheder de sun was ten miles or ten million miles off. De sight of a 'clipse skinned' child'en into fits an' made strong men crawl under de bed for safety. De stars war' supposed to be pieces of tin nailed to de midnight air, an' men would no mo' believe dat de air would turn round, dan you no believe dat de day will soon come when men will go settin' 'fres de air at de rate of two miles a minute.

"But I doan' wish to take up de valuable time of dese meetin', an' I will close by deservin' dat all ocebubus seem supplementary to de general object of de furlong. Dar am no mo' reason to be 'fraid of de stars, an' de generosity of de sincer' dat de stars, de cloacin' to operate disastrously against de terrorlessness of de octavo."

Elder Toots cheered.

Givadam Jones doubled up in a hard knock.

Pickles Smith fainted dead away and he did not regain consciousness until Waydown Bebe ran the cold handle of the water dipper down his back.

Mr. Johnson was taken out in such a weak and exhausted condition that the janitor had to fan him with a large sheet, and he was carried to the corner of a whiskey straight, he had been favored with such a paradisaical effort.

INVITATIONS. The Secretary announced the reception of an invitation to attend a colored camp-meeting at Beeto, Tex., with watermelons selling in that part of the country, and an apple. Also, to attend the celebration of the anniversary of emancipation in the West Indies, to be held at Chatham, Ont.

Also, to a colored church picnic to be held in Richmond.

ELECTIONS. The following candidates were duly balloted for and elected on the 17th: M. J. Johnson, David Smith, Cesar Jones, H. S. Knox, Mandrake Green, Boli Jones, and General Butler.

A RARE GIFT. After the election, Brother Gardner announced that he had received notice of the shipment to the club of a rare gift of the museum, being a No. 8 shoe unearthed from the ruins of Troy by Dr. Schliemann. The sole of the shoe bears the letter "H" and is supposed to have belonged to Helen of Troy, as she is known to have worn a crown and a diadem. The gift is from the Colored Aid Association of Pennsylvania, before which society Brother Gardner will deliver an essay on "Ancient Bunnions" some time in August. The Secretary was instructed to return thanks and was ordered placed directly over the Bear Trap.

HAVE WE ANY ESTHETICS? The chairman of the Committee on Agriculture announced that he was ready to report on the question: "Have we any aesthetics among us?" The committee had carefully investigated for two long weeks, and had reached the conclusion that if there were any such persons in the club they were hidden away in garrets. The committee had run across sad eyed girls, having a sorrowful pucker to the mouth and carrying sorrowful had parasites, but they are not aesthetes. They had merely been disappointed in not going to the sea side. The committee had run across a few young men, carrying sad little canes and wearing spiritless hats, but they smoked five cent cigars and chewed raw peanuts, and aesthetes never do that. The committee had labored diligently and well, and was forced to the conclusion that the only fools in Detroit were natural born ones.

THE WEATHER. The Chairman of the Weather Bureau handed in the following square facts for the coming week: Sunday—Promises well for was day. Monday—But it was a delusion. Begins to rain at daylight, and never lets up till 9 o'clock in the evening. More whiskey and less water.

Tuesday—Look out for a thaw. If the sleighing goes off now we won't get another run before September.

Wednesday—High winds. Clothes lines should be firmly anchored and small children kept under cover. May be a good day for fishing, but it's according to what you're fishing for.

Thursday—Calm, very calm; so calm that discharges on the back fence strike mediative attitudes.

Friday—Signs of a great disturbance in the upper layers of the atmosphere. No claim as a summer resort. L. monade with a stick in it will be in demand on the Atlantic coast.

Saturday—Usual thunder and lightning, followed by increased respiration; toinchole, 100. Don't buy a Sunday watermelon unless you plug it.

A BARBER ADVERTISED. A letter from Akron, O., warned the club that a halbut colored man had left that place or Detroit with a stabel full of bottles of liquid warranted to remove wrinkles and check the hair. The club had been told these splendid fish I sent you from