MISCELLANEOUS.

Some men try advertising as the Indian tried feathers. He took one feather, it laid on the board, and slept on it all night. In the morning he remarked: "White man say feathers heap soft; white man—fool."

A bachelor who lives in Newark, N. J., and who has always had a fear that his little wife might rule him, says now that a new idea has struck him. He is going to marry a type-writer girl, because he can dictate to her.

Lie one. Time 11 a. m.—Mother—Now mind, Johnnie, there's a ghost in that dark closet guarding the jam! Johnnie trembles violently, and commences to water at the mouth. Lie 2. Time 2 p. m. Johnnie—Oh, mamma! The ghost has eaten half the jam.

Chautauqua's prosperity, it is said, is measured daily by the amount of eggs eaten within its limits. When 1,500 dozen eggs a week are eaten, for instance, it is estimated that 6,000 persons have been living on the grounds and that there have been 10,000 transient tourists a day for that week.

"Yes, ma'am," said the butcher, "there's as nice and tender a roast of lamb as you'll find in the market. I wouldn't sell it to anybody but an old customer like you. It was my eldest daughter's little pet lamb. It broke her heart to let it go. You see, she had played with it ever since she was a little girl. I—I—mean to say—Oh, you prefer some veal cutlets. Shall I send 'em up, ma'am?"

Boys Will be Boys.—County Magistrate (genially to complainant)—Oh, boys will be boys! wouldn't prosecute 'em if I was you. That cut over y'r eye will soon heal, and (ye know they wouldn't a' stoned ye if ye hadn't got mad when they sassed ye. Just remember ye was a boy once y'rself, and ——Magistrate's wife (rushing in)—Silas! Silas! Them boys is in our orchard ag'in! Magistrate (darting up)—Consarn 'em! Where's my shotgun?

There is a complaint in England that subscriptions flow in very slowly toward a Bright memorial. The Conservatives, the Liberal Unionists, the Gladstonians and the Parnellites have all pledged themselves to the success of the project, so that all parties will be responsible for any failure that may ensue. There was a kind of competition between the various party leaders as to who would say the kindest things of Mr. Bright at the time of his death. It will look bad if all this talk produces nothing in pounds, shillings and pence.

According to the New York Sun, the American Postmaster General recently presented a number of Western merchants with free tickets from Chicago to Philadelphia and return, with the object of getting them to buy from his big Philadelphia store. They made purchases to a considerable amount, enough to leave a goodly margin of profit over the price of the tickets, but on their return they stopped at New York and spent three times as much as they had spent in Philadelphia, which was not exactly the idea the great merchant had in his head when he gave away the tickets.

The divorce courts of the United States are distinguishing themselves just at present. The Flack case in New York is as disgraceful as any could possibly be, but it is not much worse than one which has come to light in Washington. A wife began divorce proceedings against her husband, but upon obtaining from him a deed of his entire fortune agreed to withdraw them. She carried the suit on secretly, however, and finally obtained a decree, notwithstanding that she had continued to live with her husband while the case was in court. She seems to have had a "pull" on the court, as it is expressed in New York. The discovery of a few more cases such as this ought to bring about a reform of the divorce system of the United States.

At first races between ocean steamships were deprecated as dangerous, and the companies emphatically denied the newspaper reports of such and such a steamer racing with another. Now that the public mind is familiarized with the idea, and no injury seems to have been done to transatlantic travel, the racing is done quite openly. Steamers belonging to several of the lines running into New York are now urged to full speed in order to make a record, not for safety, but for fast travelling. An accident will happen during one of these contests, and then we shall have steamship owners clamoring denials that racing had anything to do with it. The price paid will perhaps be costly in life and money, but then the most valuable experience always comes high.

There is something peculiarly revolting in the crime of poisoning, evidencing as it does a deliberate vindictiveness and planned cruelty which deprive the guilty of all sympathy. The crime in India, according to the report of Dr. Lyon, the analyst to the Government of Bombay, is rapidly increasing, as 360 cases of it came under his notice last year, and only 282 the year before. The use of vegetable poisons, which can be got from village sorcerers, indicating the source of much of this villainy. It is common to place poison in the rice eaten, and in most of the instances the murderer is never discovered. Restrictions upon the sale of poison are found a very efficacious mode of preventing the unlawful use of it, and the law in Bombay in this respect badly needs amendment.

Three Canadians occupy positions of importance in the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. One, William Osler, M. D., of Montreal, is professor of medicine. Saying farewell to the University of Pennsylvania Dr. Osler gave his graduating class two recipes for success in business. First the physician must possess imperturbability. Under circumstances of the gravest peril he must never show, either by his face or manner, the slightest fear or even anxiety. Second, the physician must cultivate equanimity, and as a first step to this must learn not to expect too much of the people among whom he dwells. Many people think the doctor careless of their fate, seeing that he does not express anxiety touching their condition and fear least they may not recover. But it is not the doctor's place to alarm his patients to death.

An interesting comparison is made by the London "Times" between the equipment of the fleet which assembled at Spithead the other day and that of the ships with which Nelson won his victories. The Spithead fleet had 558 guns in all, not including the innumerable boat guns, quick-firing, and machine guns. In Nelson's time and for many years after, each man-of-war carried whole tiers of guns, the Duke of Wellington, for instance, having no less than 131 on her three decks. But the latter were mere toys compared with the giant breech-loaders of to-day. The heaviest shot used on the Victory was only sixty-eight pounds; the Victoria fires an eighteen hundred pound projectile. The change in the manning of fleets is no less marked. The Spithead fleet had an aggregate of 21,000 men, corresponding, we are told, to an aggregate of 80,000 in Nelson's day. The whole science of naval warfare, in fact, has undergone a wonderful change, and even now it appears to have reached only an experimental stage.

THEY DIVIDED THE PRIZE.

How Eight Bethlehem Men Won $5,000 in the Louisiana State Lottery.

Saturday's express brought from New Orleans several packages of bank notes consigned to H. I. Kerschner, of Bethlehem. The sum total of the amount was $5,000 and it was the payment of a one-twentieth part of ticket No. 58,607, which number drew the second cash capital prize of $100,000 in the July drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery. The $5,000 was not alone Mr. Kerschner's. He was one of the eight Bethlehemites who had a pool and held the lucky ticket. Mr. Kerschner was seen yesterday afternoon by a reporter and said "About a month ago some Allentonians were talking about the Louisiana State Lottery at the Sun Hotel, in Bethlehem, and George Hirst, the bartendtender, and I decided to invest $1 apiece in the lottery to try our luck. Several of the employes of my stable and a few of Mr. Hirst's friends joined us and made a pool of $8, each throwing in $1. Eight tickets were got and I locked them up in a safe. The drawing came off on the 16th and several days afterwards we were shown the prize list and found that one of the eight tickets had made a 'hit.' It was a twentieth part of ticket Nor 58,607, which drew $100,000. We gave our ticket for collection to the Adams express company and the money ($5,000) was very promptly forwarded to me. After paying a commission for collecting our prize there remained something like $4,960, which we divided, each of the eight getting $520.12." The lucky members of the pool have deposited their "boodle" in Bank. Mr. Kerschner says this was the first pool that was made up in Bethlehem and all consider themselves very lucky. Five thousand dollars for a $1 investment, they all agree is "not so slow."—[Bethlehem (Pa.) Times, July 3.

A Vile Plot Frustrated.

A remarkable interposition of Providence is on record in Paris. In 1766 a young peasant girl went to Paris and was hired as a domestic servant by a man whose reputation was excellent, but who was a hypocrite and a libertine. He made improper proposals to the young girl who refused to understand his meaning or give him any encouragement. This so enraged him that he had her arrested for theft, and secured her conviction by hiding some jewelry in her trunk. The prisoner had no friends to intercede for her and was hanged. The executioner was a novice, bungled over the work, and after repeated attempt to kill the girl imagined he had succeeded, and handed the body over to a dissecting surgeon. The first cut with a knife showed that the girl lived and she was quickly restored. When she opened her eyes she imagined herself in another world, and it was some time before she could be convicted of her escape. Her description of what she saw during her apparent death was listened to with wonder and amazement by her new found friends. She told of lovely parterres with beautiful streams flowing through and round them, of flora and fauna of dazzling gorgeousness, of perpetual sunshine and unmeasurable happiness. The young girl had lived a prosaic life, was poorly educated, and had no imagination at all, if the chronicler is to be credited, and her revelations are the more remarkable in consequence. The scoundrel who compassed her ruin was arrested, but acquitted on technical grounds, but the people "loaded him with well-merited reproaches."

Has Lake Superior a Tide?

The skippers and water-wise men on the upper lakes are said to have been afforded reason lately for reviving an old belief that Lake Superior has a tide. The Sault Ste. Marie News describes a somewhat unusual movement of the water at the canal there. "The water, all of a sudden, began to lower, and one could almost see it go down until it was fully three feet below its usual stage. Almost at once it began to rise, and kept going up until it reached a point a foot higher than the normal depth. And so it fluctuated more or less all day, causing no end of trouble to boats, and giving rise to the usual speculation on the part of wise people. The rapids were a sight when the water lowered. The shoal places were high and dry, and the jagged rocks that lie in wait for the Indian canoe unmasked, so that their true shapes were learned." Scientists have a fair chance of airing their knowledge on the question, but meanwhile that comet, Encke, of Professor Wiggins', reported to be keeping unpleasantly close to our earth, may have something to do with it. Encke should be warned.

A Little Encouragement.

He was a hard-working man, and he wanted to have his wife's portrait taken. While the photographer was arranging his camera the husband sought to give some advice to the companion of his life regarding her pose.

"Noo then, Betty," he said, "be shair and keep yer face stracht an' no' be laughin'. Think seriously or ye'll spile the pictur'. Remember that yer faither is in prison, an' that yer brither has had to compound wi' his creditors, an' jist try to imagine what wid hae become o' ye if I hadna taen pity on ye."

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