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## The Science of Mineralogy.

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## The Characteristics of Minerals.

The First of a Series of Articles by a Practical Mineralogist. The Relation of Mineralogy to the other Sciences. The uses and benefits of Mineralogy. Outline of the ground to be covered by future articles in The Collector.

On looking about us, in viewing this ball, sometimes called world, upon which we exist or try to live, we observe that it consists of rocks, earth, or soil, and water. We also notice that it is covered with a great variety of plants, and tenanted by myriads of animals. Many, yea, most persons go through their life without even having one correct idea as to the structure of the most common materials upon which they live and tread. The animals, regardless of kind, from the animalcula to man, give origin to the science called Zoology; the plants to Botany, and the rocks or minerals to Mineralogy. All natural objects that have life are embraced in the first two branches and the third branch, Mineralogy, relates to inanimate nature. It describes the kinds of mineral material forming the surface of our planet, points out the various methods of distinguishing minerals, explains their modes of occurrence in the earth and makes known their uses. The science of Geology is simply a branch of the ponderous department of nature under consideration and we shall endeavor to treat upon it at some later issue. This article is simply to give an outline of the ground to be covered in later writings, which we hope will prove interesting. The science under question is of great importance, being greatly more so than most people are wont to believe. To the unpracticed eye the costly gem, as it is found in the rocks, seems but a rude bit of stone and the most valued ores may appear worthless. It is nearly always the case that the metals are so disguised that nothing of their real nature is seen. A few examples will suffice. An ore of silver exists which might be

taken for lead ore, another that resembles wax; an ore of lead which so nearly has the color and lustre of Glauber salt that it is often taken for such; an ore of iron that resembles sparry limestone; diamonds appearing to be but ordinary pebbles and other disguises too numerous to mention. These are common occurrences and consequently much careful study and attention is required of the student to make progress in the science.

The general topics or epochs to be brought forward in our future letters is partially embraced in the general outline following, which will be presented with all the strictness of a scientific system, as far as "common language" will allow.

- (1.) The construction of minerals.
- (2.) The uses of minerals and their modes of application in the arts.
- (3.) The classification of the main species of minerals.
- (4.) The general characteristics of minerals.
- (5.) The localities in which the more important minerals can be found.

In addition to the above, a complete list and description of a mineralogist's outfit will be given, describing the tools needed and the mode of using them.

We might add that a knowledge of Chemistry and Crystallography will greatly assist the student in his observations and experiments.

Our next article will treat upon the general formation of minerals.

If you wish to obtain a few practical points on this interesting study, keep track of these articles.

### STATE NOTES.

Ben Cable the democratic congressman from the Rock Island district is trying his plans deep and strong for the senatorship when Mr. Cullom's time expires.

Taylorville citizens have donated five acres of ground and a cash bonus to parties from Kansas City who propose to erect a paper mill in that town.

P. M. Cress & Son the noted horse breeders of Washington have had hard luck this season, as they have lost by death six of their best horses during the past six months.

At Mason City two men were killed last week by rail road trains. It is suspicioned, however, that one of them named Runyon was murdered and placed on the track. Both the men were residents of Delavan.

## A Short Talk on Philately.

This has been called the age of cranks, and such cranks rides some favorite hobby, some times they ride two or more at once, in which case there is usually a preference. I claim to be one of these cranks myself and my hobby is Philately. But I do not live alone, for I have thousands of companions in the United States alone to say nothing of the other countries.

Most collecting crazes die out after a few years, but not so with Philately. There is a strange fascination about it that cause all that enter the ranks to stay there until the Death Angel calls. There is also money in it too for the cool headed person, but oftentimes young people go into the business with a rush and then there is a crash. After spending lots of money they have nothing to show and they quit the business. To buy new stamps for cash and each only of reliable dealers. Exchange your duplicates for stamps you do not have. Don't strike too high. Don't covet the rare stamp worth \$5. or \$10. but rather get a series of the commoner ones and then work up.

Meanwhile you will want a lot of dealers catalogues and stamp papers. The latter are so plenty and the price so low you can afford to subscribe for several. Do not read them through and then throw them aside, but read and reread until you are sure you understand every sentence in them;

Nearly all will have a free exchange column. Patronize this and fill up the paper, at the same time disposing of your duplicates. As I said before, go slow but sure. Don't think you know it all. No one yet knows everything. If you have the true collector's spirit in you you will be surprised at the growth of your collection.

After you have got your collection well started you will want to know how to keep it so it will be an interesting object. Visit collectors and observe how they keep theirs and then choose the best or rather the one that suits you best, for every man has a taste different from his fellows. You will probably buy an album but in this, as in all else use

judgement. A poor album spoils the beauty of an otherwise good collection. I might add the admonition not to loose interest and let the collection go to waste if it was anything but Philately, but it is useless. After you get this far you will not turn back.

There is a needed book on Philately and we should unite our strong appeal to the advanced collectors to furnish it for us. That is a key to the stamps of the U. S. giving all the peculiarities in plain language also giving the cause of their rarity or abundance and a table of their relative values. It is the duty of some of the Philatelic societies to give us the book at a fair price and I would warrant them a tremendous sale. Who will be the first to take hold of this matter and push it to the end?

STEPHEN J. ADAMS,  
CORNISH, MAINE.

### Sacred Music.

The wonders of sacred music as interpreted by the composers and choir singers of modern times are fearfully trying to those who are inexperienced in all the mysteries of rhythm and melody. Many complain of their inability to understand the words of the singers and this is the probable reason why, a short song is made long by the perpetual repetition of the words and lines. A critic at the World's fair a few days ago, comments on this peculiarity in one of the cantatas performed. It is an easy matter to lengthen out the entertainment by singing but a few lines—

for example:  
From mighty kings he took the spoil  
From mighty kings he took the spoil  
From mighty kings from mighty kings  
He took the spoils  
From mighty kings he took the spoil  
He took the sport, he took the spoil  
From mighty kings from mighty kings  
He took the sport and he took the spoil

and so on ad infinitum. We are like the critic mentioned, and would rather hear the Suwanee River just once than all the palaver one is obliged to pay a dollar for.

We received many responses to our ad. on the last page of the COLLECTOR, and we would give the addresses of the prize winners were it not for the fact that they were so many and our space so small. Over 100 responses were received, Mr. E. S. Macgowan, St. Paul, Minn., being the winner of the prize to be given to the one sending the 100th answer.

## What Our Exchanges Say.

An exchange truthfully remarks: "Lawyers stand up in court houses before jurors, in the presence of large audiences and denounce men as liars, scoundrels, thieves and perjured villains, and when court adjourns the men thus abused appear to harbor no ill-will against them. But let a newspaper faintly intimate that a man's character is blemished, and he has to confront a horse pistol, stand a libel suit, or suffer what some people think to be the greatest of all mortifications—lose a subscriber."

Last Thursday's New York World contained a magnificent cartoon of our democratic governor. It was the picture of a huge rhinoceros with a face upon it which resembled Mr. Altgeld's. The animal was labeled "Rhinoceros Altgeldus (Chicago)" and upon one side of it was a banner which read, "They Can't Cut Through My Hide in Three Weeks," and below was the following bit of conversation: "Oh, papa! I am afraid of this." "Well you may, my son. This is the Pachydermatous Rhinoceros Altgeldus. (Habitat Chicago)." "Is his hide so thick?" "Alas! my child. It is as thick as his head."

Gov. Altgeld asserts that the jury was packed. The record shows that 981 men were called into the jury box. Each of the eight defendants were entitled to twenty peremptory challenges, or 190 in all. The state was entitled to the same number. The number excused upon challenge for cause was 757. The defense challenged 160 peremptory and the state fifty-two. Eleven of the jurors were accepted by the defense when they still had forty-three peremptory challenges remaining. As to eleven of the jurors, then, the charge that the jury was packed will not stand. About a month was consumed in securing the jury, which would not have been the case had not every effort been put forth to ensure an impartial panel.—[State Journal.

"The coming extra session of congress will be the ninth under the present constitution. President John Adams called an extraordinary session for May 15, 1797, on account of difficulties with France; President Madison, May 22, 1809, and again May 24, 1813, both because of difficulties with England; President Van Buren, Sept. 4, 1837, to consider the financial condition of the country; President William Henry Harrison, May 31, 1841, for the same purpose; President Pierce, Aug. 21, 1856, on account of the Kansas troubles; President Lincoln, July 4, 1861, on account of the rebellion in the south, and President Hayes, Oct. 15, 1877, for want of an appropriation for the army. On Oct. 17, 1803, President Jefferson convened congress three weeks earlier than usual, because of the purchase of Louisiana and because of certain difficulties with Spain but beyond these occasions, the regular sessions have always been sufficient to transact the business of the

country. The senate is often convened alone for executive business.—[Champaign Gazette.

## Getting out of Jail.

The Pittsburg Dispatch says "Sing Sing is rapidly making such a name as a place for convicts to escape from that the politicians of New York must be proud of it."

Convicts do not have to break out of the Illinois penitentiary, all that is necessary for the worst of them to get free is to satisfy the Democratic governor of this state that they are in favor of any advancement he may desire politically, and their discharge papers are forth coming.

Bloomington has just put out a new city directory and Peoria will soon have hers issued.

## FACTS AND FIGURES.

London's latest census showed the population to be 4,211,056 people.

The life saving service in 1890 cost \$1,000,000 and saved 800 lives and \$5,000,000 of property.

The sales of shoes in St. Louis have increased more than 500 per cent during the last ten years, while the population has increased but fifty per cent.

San Francisco is the banner city for saloons. It has one such institution to every ninety-three persons. Albany comes next with one to every 110 persons, and New Orleans one to every 121 persons.

The number of business failures in the United States compared with the number of similar failures in Canada, is as follows: In 1890 there was in the United States one failure to every ninety-three business concerns, while in Canada there was one failure to every forty-five. In 1891 there was one to every eighty-two in the United States, and one to every forty-two in Canada. In 1892 the figures were one in ninety-two for the United States and one to forty-five for Canada.

A Chicago man offers his services to the public as a letter-writer, and warrants his epistles "to start a parent's tear, stir the expiring embers of waning affection and awaken the full ecstasy of a lover's heart."

Until within a year it was a point of military honor with Prussian officers to be schneidig, or cutting, to civilians. But the German emperor took occasion to suggest to them that they be gentlemen first and officers later. Their manners are now improved.

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# A BOY'S STORY.

## Fourth of July and Fireworks.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS (M. QUAD).

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How I loved that girl—that Melvina Jackson! It was a case of love at first sight. I threw a paper wad at a red-headed boy in school, and the teacher made me sit with Melvina Jackson as a punishment. In after years I saw that she had a turn up nose, a freckled face, a cast in her left eye and a mouth like a milkpan, but at that period I looked up-



HIS HAIR WAS HIS TENDER POINT.

on her as a champion beauty. I didn't lose five minutes' time telling my feelings of adulation and admiration, but the most she would say was that she would ride down hill on my hand sled, borrow my geography in preference to any other and allow me to sharpen her slate pencil and lick the boys who snow-balled her after school. Thus we loved and loved, or at least I did. There came a time when I could look back and see where Melvina was cool, calculating and level headed—where her love stopped dead short and business began, but I was blind then.

A year passed by before a rival entered the field. We had our spats. There were occasions when we made up faces at each other across the schoolroom; when she turned from me and let another boy wash her slate; when I was glad that she left off at the foot of the spelling class; when I added up 9 and 8 on the black-board and made 15, and she giggled and was rejoiced. On the whole, however, we were happy. I licked 14 different boys for her direct benefit that year, and her per cent in geography was the highest of any girl in the school. We were engaged—that is, I had asked Melvina about half a million times if she would have me, and she had always replied that she guessed she would if the hogs didn't get in and root up the garden or some other awful calamity occur.

My rival was a callow youth named Sam Greene. Something warned me of peril the minute I set eyes on him, but an hour later, when I heard that he could write poetry, I realized that it would be a fight to the death. Sam went straight to work to unhorse me. At the forenoon recess he presented Melvina Jackson with a lead pencil and a slate sponge, and she smiled sweetly as she accepted them. I wrote her a note meant to annihilate her, but she read it with her mouth full of apple and didn't scarce worth a cent. Long enough before noon I had determined to lick Sam Greene. A licked boy goes right out of the rival business and doesn't bother any more. If Melvina had melted a little and assured me of her fealty, I might have changed my mind, but she didn't melt. She even went so far as to whisper to a girl who would whisper it to me that Sam Greene had dreamy eyes and a nose like Cicero. After that my resolution was unshakable.

My callow rival had to be provoked before he would fight, but when we got at it he proved to be a sterling antagonist. For a long time victory wavered in the balance, and then I won by a scratch. His hair was his tender point, and when I got hold with both hands he gave in. For a week Melvina placed me on a pedestal and almost agreed to elope. Then Sam Greene sent her a piece of poetry entitled "The Maiden's Heart," and I lost my grip again. The only thing to be done was to lick him again, but he had had his hair shingled in the meantime, and the conflict did not terminate to my satisfaction. Some of the boys said I "hollered," and others said I licked, and it was an open question as to who won. He went right home and wrote another piece of poetry entitled "She Died at Sunset," and I should have been a goner but for Providence. I was hanging around Mr. Jackson's house in the evening, hoping to at least see Melvina's shadow on the kitchen window curtain, when I discovered that the smokehouse was on fire. I heroically quenched the flames, burned my left heel and saved seven hams from an inglorious fate. That was more than an offset for "She Died at Sunset," and for weeks I was a happy youth. I must credit Sam with going over and helping Mrs. Jackson to make soft soap and with painting the well curb red, white and blue at his own expense, but Melvina only treated him as a brother.

Age came creeping over me as time passed on, and my sixteenth birthday arrived. It was ushered in by Melvina presenting me with a 15-cent Testament, and it was ushered out by my giving Sam Greene the awfullest licking a hyena of a boy ever received. One of his legs slipped into a posthole during our struggle, and then I had him. This was only a week before the Fourth of July, and there was also to be a circus in town that day. In that fight, as I was rejoiced to hear, Sam lost 9 cents in cash out of one of his pockets, and I fondly hoped he would be financially paralyzed on the glorious Fourth. Alas, for my hopes! His mother permitted him to sell two old flatirons and a dozen eggs, and he was made financially stronger than before. Neither of us dared ask the fair Melvina to accompany us to the celebration. We hadn't the age nor the backing. Our attentions would come in after she reached town in her father's lumber wagon. I had licked Sam Greene again, but he was not discouraged.

When the glorious day arrived, I had a cash capital of 27 cents. In firing the sunrise salute the anvil burst, and one of the pieces struck our hencoop. That would have made me a hero in Melvina's eyes, but that ornery Sam Greene managed to burn a hole in his vest exactly over his heart with a firecracker, and that dished me. We had a fight over it, but it resulted in a draw. Sam offered Melvina the first 'lasses candy, but I came in a good second with real pink lemonade. I think he discovered the circus procession before I did, but I was the first to call attention to a serpent 20 feet long painted on the canvas of a sideshow at the circus. It was which and 't'other until I got a plan to ruin Sam. I encouraged him to take Melvina in to behold the wild man of Borneo, while I remained an outsider. He fell into the trap and came out dead broke, while I still had 18 cent capital.

As my dear one and I sat under one of the circus wagons that afternoon eating gingerbread and living for each other alone, while Sam was trying to regain his lost prestige by turning handsprings a few yards away, I remember that I appealed to Melvina to fly with me. She said she was too fat to fly, and I had to struggle with my disappointment. She promised on her solemn honor, however, to die the same night I did in case we both had bilious fever, and I was quite satisfied. When the shades of night began to fall, Sam Greene was a doomed boy. Poetry couldn't save him. He made

a raise of 3 cents somehow and bought an orange and offered Melvina all the peeling and half the fruit, but she turned away in disdain.

There were to be fireworks in the evening on a vacant lot not far from the circus tent. The people were not disappointed. I had a front seat with Melvina on the grass, with the callow and hollow hearted Sam Greene as near as he could get to us. The fireworks were loosely piled under the stand. The first rocket had been fired when Sam dug his toe into my back. I resented the as-



SOMETHING BROKE LOOSE.

sault, and a scrap was the consequence. It wasn't over half a minute when we rolled among the fireworks, and something broke loose. Ten seconds later candles, rockets, bombs, pinwheels, serpents and all sorts of zigzag things were scooting about in the crowd. Melvina's father had just got hold of Sam and I and bumped our heads together with a "Thar, by gosh!" when a rocket struck him on the lower vest button, and he laid down.

In the wild break the crowd walked all over each other, and half a dozen farmers' teams ran away. The circus performance had just commenced, but a dozen rockets banged the old tent, set it on fire in as many places, and everybody had to turn to and fight the flames. Next day it was figured that 40 people had been hurt and damage done to the amount of \$2,000. Sam Greene lost an eye and had an ear almost torn off, while I had my nose broken and all my front teeth knocked out, and on top of that came an old fashioned home licking which kept us in bed for a week.

Sam and I got outdoors the same day. Animal magnetism drew us toward each other. From force of habit we got ready for a conflict, but no conflict occurred.

"You kin hev her all to yourself," said Sam as we faced each other.

"So kin you!"  
 "I don't want her!"  
 "Neither do I!"  
 "Are you mad?"  
 "No."  
 "Then I hain't."

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### EDITOR'S CORNER.

This month we circulate a smaller number of copies than usual,—only 1500. The cause of this is the dull season, united with the World's Fair. Owing to the last cause we were unable to get out a very good paper, so of course we don't send out too many sample copies this month. Excuse us this time, friends, we will try to do better with our next.

NEXT month we will greet our readers with a much improved appearance. Our new machinery permits us to greatly enlarge and improve the COLLECTOR and we sincerely hope our efforts will meet with the hearty support of the Collectors of the United States. Our subscription price will probably advance to \$1.00 per annum and those who wish to take advantage of our present low price and large premiums will do well by sending their lucre at once.

#### YOU BET, I'VE GOT FRIENDS IN CHICAGO.

You ask if I'm going to attend the World's fair To see the grand sights, to gaze and to stare,  
And I answer by saying "Of course it is so For you bet, I've got friends in Chicago.

It's true I've not seen them for many a day; In fact I'm not sure but they'll think me quite gay  
But I'll move at a gait that none can call slow As I'll bet a young steer that they kaint bunko me.

#### THEY KAIN'T BUNKO ME.

The big show is open, to Chicago I'll go,  
I'll move here and there in a way that aint slow,  
I'll see all the sights, and happy I'll be,  
An' I'll bet a young steer that they kaint bunko me.

No, they kaint bunko me for the papers I read,  
To their warnings I've made up my mind to give heed  
And that's why it looks to a man up a tree  
That I'm right when I say that they kaint bunko me.

We will be pleased to receive many new applications for membership in the L. A. S. C., this month. At the last meeting it was decided to make the dues 5c per month for outsiders, 10c per month for persons in this city. The initiation fee is 5c. All members receive the official organ free. If you wish to join send your fee to the Sec. who will forward blanks, etc. This society has a constitution similar to that of the "S. of P." with all the objectionable features eliminated. Free exchange. Free library. Fine Silk Badge, 10c.

On another page will be found our large and valuable premium list. The immense demand last month for some of the specimens listed compelled us to give *but one premium of a kind* of some listed. Lack of space forbids us to mention the names of the persons who received the more valuable premiums, it being sufficient to mention that for some as many as a dozen requests were received. Many failed to receive their premiums on account of failure to comply with conditions of list, viz; sending 5c to pay postage on specimens. We shall make the same offer as in last issue, sending only *one specimen a month* of the following; letters A, B, C and N.

#### In Chicago.

The Pekin taxidermist, D. Meixsell has departed for a months visit in Chicago, and consequently his assistant will be doubly busy to attend to his business in this city. He intends to come home enthusiastic over the fair and bring some fine stock for his increasing, trade home with him.

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Peerless thou art, alone doth stand,  
A continent by freedom blest,  
Bright banners float o'er all thy land,  
From mountain peak to peaceful vale,  
From ocean depths to bubbling rill,  
We ever hear the same sweet tale  
Of peace on earth, to man good will.

Of all the nations of the earth,  
What one can such a record show  
Of purity and sterling worth  
Among her men of years ago?  
On histories' page forevermore  
Their names shall blend harmoniously  
As those who opened wide the door,  
Freedom for all posterity.

Unfurl our glorious flag once more,  
Ring out in clarion tones again,  
Amid the glare of cannon's roar,  
The nation's yearly grand amen.  
This day of days, alone it stands  
A priceless gem of lustrous hue,  
Secured to us by patriot hands,  
A loyal band to right e'er true.

The stars and stripes, long may they wave,  
Grand emblem of a land that's free;  
Might and oppression found one grave;  
Thereon was reared sweet liberty.  
And while the golden sunset rays  
In radiance flash across the earth  
We'd offer up to God all praise  
For noble deeds that gave our Fourth.  
—E. Clifford Wadsworth.

Efforts are being made for the formation of a new state, taking parts of Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

## JULYS OF THE PAST.

### A WONDERFUL MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF NATIONS.

Not Only the Month of Independence, but of Many Other Important Events. Charles Carroll of Carrollton—The Continental Congress.

July is a wonderful month in the history of all nations, and in many of them the leading anniversary falls in that month. Of course this is not the result of mere accident. It has often been remarked that more startling and important events have occurred in one month of midsummer and one of midwinter than in all the rest of the year, and truly man is so far subject to nature that stirring events seem to crowd, as it were, toward that period when vegetation for the most part completes its growth.



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The bicycle girl is plump and round.  
Her cheeks are rosy, her skin is brown,  
Her eyes are bright with health.  
In her garb of navy blue  
She gets all the admiration due  
To a woman's greatest wealth.  
  
Her flesh is firm and her muscles strong,  
Her rounded limbs might well belong  
To a goddess of olden time.  
As she glides along on her silent wheel  
All men admire, for all men feel  
That her vigor is sublime.  
  
Then hail to the bicycle girl, and long  
May she live and grow more strong.  
As a woman ought to do,  
Till her weaker sisters also try  
With her in her health and her strength to vie  
And get them bicycles, too.  
—Somerville Journal.

**Burned to Death.**

Mrs. Jacob Lohnes and little daughter perished in a horrible manner at their home four miles south of Pekin Saturday afternoon, the news of which caused strong men to shudder and grow sick at heart. The unfortunate victim had attempted to start a fire by using kerosene. An explosion followed, the burning oil was scattered in all directions and before assistance could arrive Mrs. Lohnes and her infant child were were burned to death. The house was also destroyed together with its contents. Jacob Lohnes, the husband, was in Pekin doing some trading when the distressing affair took place. A seventeen year old daughter was at home and it was at first reported that it was she who had attempted to start the fire. This, however was a mistake, for her mother had sent her out to get some wood and she was in the yard when the explosion occurred. Had she been in the house, she, no doubt, would also have been cremated. The remains of mother and child were placed in one coffin and the funeral

was held in this city Sunday afternoon from the residence of John Hellman, Rev. Walters officiating. Mr. Lohnes and daughter have the deep sympathy of all in the great sorrow which came upon them with cyclonic swiftness and robbed them of two dear ones in the twinkling of an eye.

Chicago business men do not want outside customers to send them postal notes or money orders because they are all afraid to go to the dangerous trap called a postoffice in that city to collect.

A lost will was picked up on the streets of Bloomington a few days since which devised an estate of \$60,000. One of the heirs to the estate has just finished a term in the penitentiary, and is now in jail in Bloomington on a charge of larceny.

A prominent Illinois democrat says that Col. Morrison has secured every appointment he has thus far asked of Cleveland. As Col. Morrison is doing his level best for the appointment of Owen Scott as internal revenue collector for this district it is surmised that Scott will get it.

**Pass Away.**

Mrs. Virginia Gulick, only sister of Dr. W. E. Schenck of this city, died at her home in Morristown, N. J., last week. Mrs. Gulick had a host of warm friends in Pekin and the news of her death caused many heartaches.

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### EDITOR'S CORNER.

This month we circulate a smaller number of copies than usual,—only 1500. The cause of this is the dull season, united with the World's Fair. Owing to the last cause we were unable to get out a very good paper, so of course we don't send out too many sample copies this month. Excuse us this time, friends, we will try to do better with our next.

NEXT month we will greet our readers with a much improved appearance. Our new machinery permits us to greatly enlarge and improve the COLLECTOR and we sincerely hope our efforts will meet with the hearty support of the Collectors of the United States. Our subscription price will probably advance to \$1.00 per annum and those who wish to take advantage of our present low price and large premiums will do well by sending their lucre at once.

#### YOU BET, I'VE GOT FRIENDS IN CHICAGO.

You ask if I'm going to attend the World's fair To see the grand sights, to gaze and to stare, And I answer by saying "Of course it is so For you bet, I've got friends in Chicago.

It's true I've not seen them for many a day; In fact I'm not sure but they'll think me quite gay But I'll move at a gait that none can call slow As I hunt for those friends in Chicago.

#### THEY KAIN'T BUNKO ME.

The big show is open, to Chicago I'll go, I'll move here and there in a way that aint slow, I'll see all the sights, and happy I'll be, An' I'll bet a young steer that they kaint bunko me.

No, they kaint bunko me for the papers I read, To their warnings I've made up my mind to give heed And that's why it looks to a man up a tree That I'm right when I say that they kaint bunko me.

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#### In Chicago.

The Pekin taxidermist, D. Meixsell has departed for a months visit in Chicago, and consequently his assistant will be doubly busy to attend to his business in this city. He intends to come home enthusiastic over the fair and bring some fine stock for his increasing, trade home with him.

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Columbia, gem of the west,  
Peerless thou art, alone doth stand,  
A continent by freedom blest,  
Bright banners float o'er all thy land,  
From mountain peak to peaceful vale,  
From ocean depths to bubbling rill,  
We ever hear the same sweet tale  
Of peace on earth, to man good will.

Of all the nations of the earth,  
What one can such a record show  
Of purity and sterling worth  
Among her men of years ago?  
On histories' page forevermore  
Their names shall blend harmoniously  
As those who opened wide the door,  
Freedom for all posterity.

Unfurl our glorious flag once more,  
Ring out in clarion tones again,  
Amid the glare of cannon's roar,  
The nation's yearly grand amen.  
This day of days, alone it stands  
A priceless gem of lustrous hue,  
Secured to us by patriot hands,  
A loyal band to right e'er true.

The stars and stripes, long may they wave,  
Grand emblem of a land that's free;  
Might and oppression found one grave;  
Thereon was reared sweet liberty.  
And while the golden sunset rays  
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To a goddess of olden time.  
As she glides along on her silent wheel  
All men admire, for all men feel  
That her vigor is sumblime.

Then hail to the bicycle girl, and long  
May she live and grow more strong,  
As a woman ought to do,  
Till her weaker sisters also try  
With her in her health and her strength to vie  
And get them bicycles, too.

—Somerville Journal.

**Burned to Death.**

Mrs. Jacob Lohnes and little daughter perished in a horrible manner at their home four miles south of Pekin Saturday afternoon, the news of which caused strong men to shudder and grow sick at heart. The unfortunate victim had attempted to start a fire by using kerosene. An explosion followed, the burning oil was scattered in all directions and before assistance could arrive Mrs. Lohnes and her infant child were burned to death. The house was also destroyed together with its contents. Jacob Lohnes, the husband, was in Pekin doing some trading when the distressing affair took place. A seventeen year old daughter was at home and it was at first reported that it was she who had attempted to start the fire. This, however was a mistake, for her mother had sent her out to get some wood and she was in the yard when the explosion occurred. Had she been in the house, she, no doubt, would also have been cremated. The remains of mother and child were placed in one coffin and the funeral

was held in this city Sunday afternoon from the residence of John Hellman, Rev. Walters officiating. Mr. Lohnes and daughter have the deep sympathy of all in the great sorrow which came upon them with cyclonic swiftness and robbed them of two dear ones in the twinkling of an eye.

Chicago business men do not want outside customers to send them postal notes or money orders because they are all afraid to go to the dangerous trap called a postoffice in that city to collect.

A lost will was picked up on the streets of Bloomington a few days since which devised an estate of \$60,000. One of the heirs to the estate has just finished a term in the penitentiary, and is now in jail in Bloomington on a charge of larceny.

A prominent Illinois democrat says that Col. Morrison has secured every appointment he has thus far asked of Cleveland. As Col. Morrison is doing his level best for the appointment of Owen Scott as internal revenue collector for this district it is surmised that Scott will get it.

**Pass Away.**

Mrs. Virginia Gulick, only sister of Dr. W. E. Schenck of this city, died at her home in Morristown, N. J., last week. Mrs. Gulick had a host of warm friends in Pekin and the news of her death caused many heartaches.

The Weekly Philatelist and The Collector one year for 55 cents.

The Youth's Magazine and The Collector, one year for 50 cents.

INSTRUCTIVE—that paper called The Collector and edited by F. E. Lux of this city. Send for copy.

**CAPITAL GOSSIP.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10, 1893. At this time, when so much is heard about the pensions paid by the government, it is of interest to consider the large number of special pension bills that have from time to time been passed by congress for the benefit of individuals. Up to date about 4,500 persons have received such grants, deriving from them allowances running all the way from \$2 a month to \$5,000 per annum. In this category have been numbered the widows of four presidents of the United States. It seems to be considered that \$5 000 is a suitable annuity for the surviving relict of a chief magistrate of the nation. The widow of President Lincoln got only \$3,000 in 1870 and for a considerable subsequent period, but in 1882 her annual stipend was raised by the government to \$5,000. The widow of John Tyler, up to the time of her death, in 1889, drew \$5,000 a year from the national treasury. Mrs. James K. Polk, who died about a year ago, got a like amount. Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant receives \$5,000 per annum. The widow of President Garfield was left at his death in better circumstances than were enjoyed by any of the other ladies mentioned, but the same amount, \$5,000 per annum, was voted her. Mrs. Lincoln's original allowance of \$3,000 was the highest special pension granted up to 1870. Before that date the largest amount awarded on account of services in the late war was \$50 a month.

The first special pension allowed on this account was granted July 12, 1862, to the widow of Gen. Charles F. Smith. It was \$50 a month. Subsequently, however, more generous annuities were given to the widows of a number of officers of the army and navy. The largest allowance, after those of \$5,000 each already mentioned, is drawn by the widow of the late Admiral David D. Porter. It is \$2,500 per annum. Of late years congress has adopted the custom of making special allowances of money for the widows of representatives and senators who die in harness. In most cases a year's salary is granted, while in other instances a sum equal to the pay for the balance of an unexpired term is given.

The accounts of the government for the fiscal year 1892 '3 show in round numbers that the total receipts for the year have aggregated \$385,000,000, while the expenditures foot up \$383,000,000, leaving a surplus of receipts over expenditures of \$2,000,000. Before Mr. Cleveland's inauguration the democrats charged the outgoing administration with responsibility for a probable deficit, but the result above stated was the estimate submitted to Mr. Foster, then secretary of the treasury, as the probable surplus for the fiscal year, and the outcome proves it to have been prophetically accurate.

**Be Sure to Come.**

All are invited to attend the meetings of the League of American Stamp collectors. Every Friday evening at 7:30. Next meeting will be held at the home of President Trinkaus.



**Talking Too Loud.**

Bingo—Bobbie, there's mischief in your eye. What piece of cruelty have you devised for this evening?  
 Bobbie—I don't want to tell.  
 Bingo (firmly)—Out with it or I'll wallop you.  
 Bobbie—We've got two cats out in the barn, and we're going to tie rockets to their tails.  
 Bingo—Keep still or your mother may hear you.

**He Wanted Them Charged.**



Willie—Mamma says to let me have a bunch of firecrackers.  
 Storekeeper—Yes, my little man. Does she want them charged?  
 Willie—Well, if they ain't you'll hear from me.

**INSTRUCTIVE**—that paper called *The Collector* and edited by F. E. Lux of this city. Send for copy.

**Growing.**

The League of American Stamp Collectors is the name of a new philatelic society which was organized sometime ago in this city by eleven energetic stamp collectors, and to say that the philatelists all over the U.S. are taking advantage of the new American ideas and privileges of this society is mildly putting it. The growth of the society was marvelous from the first and the older it gets the faster it grows. The initiation fee for outsiders is five cents and for collectors in the city ten cents, with dues same per month. Official organ sent free to members.

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James Haines is after the insurance commissionership of the state.

Goy. Altgeld ranks among the greatest political suicides of his time.

Pekin and Tremont are to be connected by telephone.

The rain Saturday morning was worth a good many dollars to Tazewell county.

The book stores have also joined in the early closing movement. Let others follow suit.

As yet, the dogs roam about the streets unmuzzled. Probably after some child is bitten, the authorities will take some action.

Chas Duisdieker's new foundry is running in full blast. He has a splendid plant and is much pleased with his new location.

Many men who woke up on the morning of July 5th with that terra cotta taste in their mouths are still trying to drive it away.

The locusts opened their summer concerts on July 4, we can therefore, look for the frost about the middle of August.

The dry goods men, the shoe dealers, the grocers and the barbers are now included in the early closing movement.

I. N. Munson is getting the Improved Steam Washer pretty well introduced in this city. The machine is very highly spoken of by those who have tried it.

In view of the large number of bicyclists in this city, why would it not be the proper thing for them to get together and make a parade some evening.

119 new buildings were erected in Pekin between May 1st 1892 and May 1st 1893. The record for the year May 1st 1893 to May 1st 1894 will surpass the above, which is a remarkably good showing for the beautiful Celestial City.

Pat Flynn has unlimited faith in Pekin both present and future, has practical demonstration in the fact that he proposes to erect a handsome business block on the greater portion of the old Duisdieker foundry site. The contractors are now figuring on the structure, but the contract has not yet been let.

## VARIOUS PEOPLE.

Christian Joachim Mohn, who has just died at Naples, knew sixty languages.

Francis Murphy's son Tom has got 14,000 Hartford men to sign the temperance pledge.

Ex-Empress Charlotte of Mexico, in her insanity, requires a fresh pair of pearl-gray, two-button kid gloves on rising every morning throughout the year.

Zanzibar's new sultan—the fourth in five years—Hamed Bin Thevain, is, with one exception, the sole survivor of the fifty brothers and sisters of his grandfather.

Miss Sarah Orne Jewett is said to complete her stories mentally before putting them on paper. She always writes in the afternoon, and usually about 3,000 or 4,000 words a day.

The offerings at the papal jubilee, exclusive of plate, jewels, etc., is reported to have amounted to more than \$1,200,000. The duke of Norfolk headed the list with a contribution of \$250,000.

There died in Jamaica, Long Island, recently, Thomas J. Wayne, grand nephew of "Mad Anthony," who bore a striking resemblance to that revolutionary general. Mr. Wayne was 92 years old.

The current year is the centennial of the cotton-gin. Eli Whitney invented it in 1793. It is said to have done more towards the making of the South than any other one thing except the cotton.

The princess of Wales has the portraits of her family and near relatives photographed upon cups and saucers upon the most delicate china. The photogravure is done in dull brown. This royal fancy has become the fashion, and portraits look out from all china milk-jugs, cups, teapots, etc.

The late Jules Ferry had a narrow escape from violence at the hands of the Paris commune, to whom he was especially odious. He eluded their pursuit through a church, letting himself down in a basket out of a rear window while the mob was forcing the outer door. The basket fell to the ground with a thud and gave its occupant a severe shaking up.

Richard M. Hunt of New York is the first American to receive the gold medal of Queen Victoria, annually awarded to the one whom the council of the Royal Institute of British Architects shall select as the most worthy exponent of their profession. Mr. Hunt probably wins this recognition by his design of the Administration building at the world's fair.

Ferdinand Ward, the New York sharper who has lately completed a term in Sing Sing for defrauding General Grant, is back in New York canvassing for a printing house. It is reported that he will get a small interest in a printing office and become a job printer by trade. He likes the business, and he became an expert printer. Sing Sing taught him what he had never learned before—a trade.

## CUSTOM AND SUPERSTITION.

The Chinese detective force is a secret body, and the best organized in the world. They have an eye upon every man, woman and child, foreign or native in China, and, in addition, watch over each other.

In 1599 it was lawful in Hungary that only he who had killed a Turk should wear a feather, and for every one slain he was allowed to wear one feather in his cap. Hence the origin of the term, as applied to success or achievements: "A feather in his cap."

The use of a processional cross in St. Paul's Episcopal church at Erie, Pa., caused the vestrymen to ask Rector John Huske to resign. He refused,

claiming his right and the sanction of the bishop to use the cross. The church was broken into one night and the cross has never been found since.

A superstitious scare in a district of India where a railway is being built has had serious consequences. Rumor had gone abroad that 100 children were required or sacrifice in connection with building a bridge. The idea which is an old one, prevails that children's heads are necessary for the foundation of bridges. The villagers have taken extraordinary precautions to prevent their children being kidnapped. In one recent case several Afghan traders were killed by a mob who suspected them of being kidnapers.

## WHIFFS AND WHIMS.

Quiggs—How does Bertha M. Mudde rank as a novelist? Publisher—About as rank as any of them.

"I never destroy a receipted bill, do you?" said Bunting to Gilley. "I don't think I ever saw one," replied Gilley.

Mamma (reviewing Ethel's composition)—Why, child, this is no way to spell "rhinoceros." Ethel—But if it does not spell it, how did you know what it was?

First Little Girl—I heard you was workin' in a candy store. Second Little Girl—I was, but I stopped. "Why?" "I found I was losin' my appetite for candy."

"They say that horrid man next door compels his wife to put his shoes on every morning. I'd just like to see you trying such a trick. I'd—" "No danger, my dear. They're too small for you."

"I am glad to see you willing and ready to reform," said the temperance worker. "I suppose you were led astray?" "Led? Bless your heart, no! Everybody else had to hump to keep up with me in the procession!"

"Brakes and couplings! Rats!" exclaimed Mrs. Hogan, as she threw down her paper in disgust. "P'fwin I read that head ahn the ar-r-ticle, sure I t'tought it was divorcees an' marriages, an' it's nought but a lot of stuff about the railroads."

## SO SCIENTISTS SAY.

All the glaciers in the Alps would not equal one of the largest in our territory of Alaska.

The Eastern Gulf coast has the heaviest rains, over sixty inches a year; Arizona and New Mexico the least, less than ten inches.

The shell of the snail is built up from lime in the plants on which it feeds, and the creatures are never found on soil which produces no lime.

S. S. Smith of Westmoreland, Ky., owns a cow that sheds her horns every spring. The cow is a black Jersey, a noted butter maker, and is believed to be the only cow that sheds her horns.

The orange and the lemon are both said to be fatal to the cholera bacillus. Placed in contact with the cut surface of the fruit, the bacteria survive but a few hours. Even on the uninjured rind they die within twenty-four hours at least, so says the imperial health office of Berlin.

Electrical conditions are such in the mountain regions of Colorado that a human being becomes charged with electricity whenever he moves quickly across a carpeted room, and the phenomenon observed by dry, cold weather of electric sparks from the human hand or nose, is of constant occurrence there. It has been discovered that even in that climate the phenomenon occurs frequently in houses built in such manner as to insure dryness and partial insulation.

The application of photography to astronomy has been productive of especially noteworthy results in the discovery of the small bodies which

move in orbits between those of Mars and Jupiter. From the observation of the first of these, Ceres, in 1801, until the end of 1891, 321 had been discovered by the laborious method of eye observation. Then photography was brought into the service, and within the last fifteen months no fewer than forty-four of these celestial bodies have been found. Six were found by Prof. Charlois of Nice in the first week of March.

## FEMININE FANCIES.

The "ghost dance" is an evolution of the phantom party.

Mrs. Astor is said to never pay less than \$25 for a pair of shoes.

There are now in Paris over 1,000 American female art students.

The washerwoman may be said to live on the products of the soil.

A fever thermometer is made in chatelaine form for trained nurses.

Beauty is only skin deep, but it will get a seat in a street car every time.

There is a good deal of selfishness in refusing to give because we can't do it in our own way.

Father, coming home—Is Carrie out? Hopeful—No, but the lamp is. That Spitkins feller's here again.

Mrs. Nagger—I would just like to see any one abduct me! Mr. Nagger—H'm. So would I, my dear.

Mrs. Paran Stevens, the New York society woman, receives about 1,000 cards to receptions during the year.

A young Ohio girl has suffered so severely from neuralgia that her hair, it is said, has turned perfectly white.

Mrs. Lot Ewing, a 25-year-old mother living at Buena Vista, gave birth to her thirteenth child one day recently.

Mrs. de Style—How do you manage to get your servants to wear caps? Mine won't. Mrs. de Fashion—I hire a policeman to admire them.

Fair Widow, beseechingly—Now, Mr. Slade, suppose your wife was to die—what would you do then? Mr. Slade—Call in the undertaker.

Grace—My dear, I would die before marrying that man. Clara, sweetly—Yes, I think you would. You haven't much chance in that direction.

A fashion paper remarks that "three bands of diamonds worn close about the throat with a large, false buckle of rubies, emeralds or sapphires, is an ornament now much in vogue for evening wear." This is a valuable hint to anyone looking about for a trifle for his best girl.

## MASCULINE MINDS.

At the age of 36 years lean men generally become fatter and stout men thinner.

Van Arndt—What do you generally take for a headache? De Swill—A champagne supper.

There are two places where it requires an effort to keep one's balance—on the ice and at the bank.

Allie, Elihu and Elidad Frank, three brothers, who live at Castle Hill, Maine, are said to average seven feet in height.

Jasper—Is intoxication always followed by a swelled head? Jumpuppe—Yes, even when a man has been intoxicated by success.

The man who found a five-dollar gold piece remaining in his pocket one morning was indebted to the fact that his wife thought it was a cent.

"I say, new boy," a youngster was asked on going to school, "have you got an older brother?" "Yes." "How old is he?" "I don't know, but he's just beginning to swear."

Hawkins—You were on the jury in the murder trial weren't you? What was the verdict? Lambson—Acquittal. "In spite of such convicting evidence? What excuse had you?" "Insane." "What! All of you?"

## A SIFTED SUMMARY.

Emperor William II, is now called "Billious Billy."

The Latin bible was valued at \$150 in the fifteenth century.

A waterpipe in Washington was recently stopped up by a young eel about a foot in length.

A cable ferry will soon be placed in operation across the Columbia river at Chelan Falls, Wash.

In Amherst, Mass., the public electric lights are furnished free for the privilege of occupying the streets.

Lace of all kinds is now made by machinery in such perfection that only experts can distinguish it from hand work.

In most Florida hotels there are large baskets full of oranges on the office counter, to which all can freely help themselves.

A school teacher at Waterville, N. Y., has offered a prize for the best collection of clippings from the current newspapers.

Two men at Wolfenbuettel, Germany, each claimed the ownership of a fruit tree. They quarreled and a fight ensued, in which both were killed.

Near the equator and toward the poles the ocean is less salt than in other parts. This is no doubt owing to the abundant rains at the equator, and to the melting of the ice in the polar regions.

Something new in house furnishings is a watch to boil eggs by. It has a series of dials—"hard," "soft" and "medium." There is only one hand, and the minutes and half minutes are marked to ten.

Miss Lena Wells, a young woman who lives at Carrollton, Ga., is an expert with the rifle. She is said to shoot boxes from the heads of her companions at ten paces, and ashes from a cigar held in the mouth of a man at the same distance.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coates, aged 86 years, of New Rochelle, N. Y., was struck and instantly killed by a train lately. She had been in the habit of walking the tracks and had been repeatedly warned of the danger of so doing, but always laughingly replied that the train had not been built that could kill her.

The interest awakened by the discovery of superficial deposits of phosphates in Florida a few years ago has been quickened by the annual report of the state chemist, who claims that there are, in addition to these vast and rich deposits, inexhaustible supplies of pebble phosphate underlying certain portions of the state at a depth which will demand different methods of mining from those now in vogue.

## WEDDED AND SINGLE.

A New Jersey Methodist conference has rejected a class of applicants for the ministry with the remark that they never met a class so defective in education and with such large families.

All the courting is done by the women in the Ukraine, Russia. When a woman discovers a man she would like to marry, she visits him at his house, and tries to charm him. If he does not like her he leaves her, and lives elsewhere until she deserts his home.

When a settler in the Northwest territory wants to go back to Ontario to be married, the Canadian Pacific sells him a matrimonial ticket at the usual rate, and, on presenting the return coupon and a marriage certificate he is entitled to free transport for his bride.

In France a woman may become a doctor, a lawyer, a member of the board of education, and may even be decorated with the cross of the Le-

gion of Honor; but she may not witness a legal document. She occupies an important place in art, business and commerce, but she cannot possess her own earnings if she is married.

A newly married couple were riding in a New York street car. A crusty old bachelor, the only other occupant of the car, sat opposite and listened in disgust to their words of endearment, when she said: "Oh, Harry, you remind me of a glorious sunset." The bachelor could stand it no longer, but asked in sarcastic tones: "What do I remind you of?" "You—why, you remind me of the man who stole my father's mackerel."

## JIBES AND JESTS.

James, piously—What is the gate to heaven? James' Father—Well, it's not the gate you've been going at recently.

"How are you getting on with your bicycle riding, Dick?" Dick—That's the only trouble. I spend most of my time getting on.

Tommy—Paw, did you go to Sunday school every day when you was a boy? Mr. Figg—Of course I did. Why? Tommy—I thought you maybe only went on Sundays.

"It beats all!" exclaimed Uncle Josiah, as he handled his first Columbian stamp: "it beats all how everything's growin' in this growin' country. Why only last month postage-stamps were only little insignificant things, and jest look at 'em now."

Little Paul, four years old, goes to the park, leading his baby brother by the hand, and, meeting there another four-year-old friend, says to him, "Good morning, Max. Allow me to introduce my brother, Eugene; but perhaps you two gentlemen have met before."

The prisoner at the bar was charged with being drunk and disturbing the neighbors for four blocks in his street. "What have you to say?" inquired the court. "Guilty, your honor, but there's mitigating circumstances." "I hadn't heard of them," said the judge in surprise. "There was a new baby at our house, your honor." "That's nothing. You already had six children, hadn't you?" "Yes, your honor, all girls. This one is a boy." The judge held up the fine.

## EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE.

The starfish has r. nose, but the whole of its underside is endowed with the sense of smell.

A Jersey City man devotes himself to the collection of doorknobs, old and new, and claims a museum numbering over 3,000 samples.

A chicken was hatched at Brunswick, Ga., the other day, with two heads, four wings and one body. The chick lived but a few minutes.

Gloves of chicken skin were in vogue in the early part of the seventeenth century. These were used at night to give the hand whiteness and delicacy.

Joe Stoddard, who lives near Durrah, S. C., is generally reputed to be the oldest living man in the United States. His exact age is not known, but it is supposed to be at least 128 or 130 years.

Philadelphia is the abiding place of a collector of cast-horseshoes, who will risk his neck to secure a prize in the street, and whose house is decorated with them in all sizes, shapes and degrees of dilapidation.

An orange grown in the grove of Dr. W. W. Townsend, at Orlando, Fla., is quite a curiosity. The fruit is about the usual size, but is creased with lines that look as if some one had rung it with a knife preparatory to quartering it. Half of the orange is covered with a smooth skin, the other half with a coarse rind.

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## The Science of Mineralogy.

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## The Characteristics of Minerals.

The Second of a Series of Articles by a Practical Mineralogist. The General Characteristics of Minerals discussed. How Stones and Minerals Grow. Formation of Stalactites in Limestone Caverns.

What is a mineral? This question is one which for a considerable period occupied the minds of learned and eminent Mineralogists, and is practically yet in an unsettled condition. Our definition of the term is, as stated in our last article, that branch of Nature embracing everything that is or was not endowed with life. Thus it will be seen that, strictly speaking, earth, clay and all stones are minerals. Even the most minute grains that serve to make up a bank of clay or earth are minerals, and when their character is accurately ascertained, can be classified to their respective species. Very many rocks are composed of two or more minerals in intimate union. To distinguish the composition of such rocks and point out the ingredients contained therein, we employ Mineralogy. Water is a mineral, as it has no qualities which could separate it from so being. All bodies have their temperature of fusion, and the fact that water melts at 32° F should not exclude it from the mineral kingdom any more than lead which melts at 612° F, or mercury at -39°. Thus it will be seen that ice is a mineral, the same as a rock. In fact, were the temperature of our globe but a trifle lower we would seldom meet with water except in the shape of solid crystal-like masses or layers. As several of the gasses have been solidified, and all have their degree of solidification, they also form a part of the science under question.

A MINERAL, then, is any substance in Nature *not organized by vitality and which has a homogeneous structure.* Thus all living structures are excluded, as are all mixtures or aggregates. (Homogeneous. The spars, gems, ores,

etc., are minerals, while granite, slate, earth, clay and the like are *mineral aggregates.*

It is still believed by some that stones grow. But the absence of any *proper* growth is the principal point distinguishing minerals from objects that have life. Minerals *do* "grow," but in a manner different than plants and animals. The smallest particle of mineral matter is as perfect as the mountain mass and an increase in size can only be brought about by additions to the surface from some external source. The deposit of salt formed by the evaporation of a mass of brine, has layer after layer of particles added to it, thus it "grows," but only by accumulation. On the other hand, the plants and animals are nourished by the circulation of a fluid through the interior; in plants we call the fluid sap, in animals, blood, and the growth takes place by means of materials secreted in this fluid. The living being begins at a mere germ and grows from youth to maturity, dying when the fluid ceases to circulate.

Beds of an ore of iron, called "bog iron," are said to grow. They do, in fact increase in extent, but this happens in this wise: Water running from the hills wash out the iron in the rocks: decomposing and changing the condition of the ore, and carry it to the low, marshy ground. The water, upon becoming stagnant, gradually deposits the iron and layer after layer is added to the bed. Beds of lime are formed in a like manner in places where the water passes over limestone and contains much carbonate of lime. In limestone caverns the water comes dripping through the roof, drop by drop, and each drop as it dries, deposits a little of the carbonate of lime, which grows from the size of a wart until it reaches the roof and forms a column several feet thick. Sometimes a pendant cylinder is formed, called a *stalactite*.

So it appears that minerals increase in size by additions to the surface only, or decrease as the surface is worn away by the action of running water or other agents. When they decay, the change takes place at the surface, and results in producing one or more other minerals. It will be seen that the line between minerals and living beings is strongly drawn.

In our next article we will leave the general Characteristics of minerals and take the Character of minerals under consideration. Do not miss these writings, as they will grow in interest as they advance. Back numbers, 10c.

## ATTENTION, C. C. C. MEMBERS.

The members of the Collector's Columbian Club will meet or be represented at the Fair from Aug. 20 to Sept. 25 inc., under the management of J. G. Lembke, of Griswold, Iowa, the Pres. All who are not members can become such by sending the fee, 10c, to the Pres. or this office. The place selected for the reunion is the South Park Temperance Encampment, a lovely grove beautifully located near the entrance of the Fair. Fine tents are in readiness for the accomodation of the Club and we will all have a good time. Lodging will cost \$2.50 per person per week, everything furnished. Meals can be had on the grounds at the lowest prices, and those of us who wish can unite and buy the necessary or wanted luxuries and eat "basket picnic" fashion—the way we prefer. Inform the Pres. at once as to when you will be there, so he will have time to perpare for your accomodation. Big day, Aug. 27. For further information address the President.

## Good.

A Kansas preacher in his opening prayer last Sunday, said: "O, Lord, bless the president of the United States; stand by him in his arduous duties. Bless, also, the governors of the different states; especially bless the governor of Illinois. Be light to him in his darkness, wisdom to him in his ignorance, but above all make his heart as soft as his head. Teach him that this is a government of the people, and by the people, and for the people, and that he can in no wise become the government nor the people."

A Chicago baby ate a piece of fly paper and died before medical assistance could be procured. Now that the deadliness of fly paper has been shown, we shall expect to hear of suicides by the fly paper route.

The business interests of the country demand an improvement of the public highways.

## FROM AN OLD WAR RELIC.

SCRAPS OF RARE READING,

## FROM "THE DAILY CITIZEN"

The *Daily Citizen* was a flourishing paper published by a Confederate editor at Vicksburg, Miss. about 30 years ago. We have before us a copy of this old paper which was printed on the Fourth of July, 1863. It is printed on the blank side of a sheet of wall paper, showing the scarcity of paper in the besieged city at that gloomy time. The paper is dated "July 2d, 1863" but the city was compelled to surrender before the paper could be printed, and the victorious Union soldiers found the type ready for the press, and as there was a printer among their number they added the "NOTE" to the matter in type and printed the edition. The paper was reproduced and copyrighted some-time ago by Bartram & Langston, of Manito, Ill., and meets with a ready sale among G. A. R. men and curio collectors. Of course we clip but a few paragraphs, but these will give the reader an idea of the nature of the paper. Clippings are given verbatim.

Porter is enjoying a season of rest, and his men are doubtless obliged to him for his kind consideration for their welfare. On Tuesday he fired a few shells from his parrots and kept his men tolerably busy sharpshooting across the river, with no other result than might be expected. The mortars have not been used for nearly forty-eight hours. Poor fool, he might as well give up the vain aspiration he entertains of capturing our city or extermination our people, and return to his master to receive the reward such a gasconading dolt will meet at the hands of the unappreciating Government at Washington.

DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. GRIFFIN.—General Smith's impetuous division seems singularly unfortunate. He has lost many gallant men whose valor and worth the siege has fully developed, and whose death is a great public calamity. Lieut.-Col. Griffin, commanding the 31st Louisiana regiment was killed on Saturday. He was a popular and efficient officer. Gifted by nature with undaunted courage, indomitable resolution and energy, he was also possessed of quick determination, keen glance and coolness in danger, which are the most essential qualities of an officer, while by his mingled firmness and clemency of his conduct, he won the confidence and good will of his men. May the soft south winds murmur sweet requiems o'er his manes, and the twilight dews fall gently like an angel's tear-drop and moisten his turfy bed.

If aught would appeal to the heart

of stone of the extortioner with success, the present necessities of our citizens would do so. It is needless to attempt to disguise from the enemy or our own people that our wants are great, but still we can conscientiously assert our belief that there is plenty within our lines, by an exercise of prudence to last until long after succor reaches us. We are satisfied there are numerous persons within our city who have breadstuffs secreted, and are doling it out, at the most exorbitant figures, to those who had not the foresight or means at their command to provide for the exigency now upon us. A rumor has reached us that parties in our city have been, and are now, selling flour at five dollars per pound! molasses at ten dollars per gallon! and corn at ten dollars per bushel! We have not as yet proved the fact upon the parties accused, but this allusion to the subject may induce some of our citizens to ascertain whether such prices have been paid, and to whom and if so, let a brand not only be placed upon their brow, but let it be seared into their very brain, that humanity may scorn and shun them as they would the portals of hell itself.

ON DIT.—That the great Ulysses—the Yankee Generalissimo, surnamed Grant—has expressed his intention of dining in Vicksburg on Saturday next, and celebrating the 4th of July by a grand dinner and so forth. When asked if he would invite Gen. Jo Johnston to join he said "No for fear there will be a row at the table." Ulysses must get into the city before he dines in it. The way to cook a rabbit is "first catch the rabbit."

GOOD NEWS.—In devoting a large portion of our space this morning to Federal intelligence copied from the Memphis Bulletin of the 25th, it should be remembered that the news, in the original truth is whitewashed by the Federal Provost Marshal, who desires to hood-wink the poor Northern white slaves. The former editors of the Bulletin being rather pro-southern men, were arrested for speaking the truth when truth was unwe come to Yankeeedom, and placed in the chain gang working at Warrenton, where they now are. This paper at present is in distress, and edited by a pink-nosed, slab-sided, tea-eating Yankee, who is a lineal descendant of Judas Iscariot and a brother germain of the greatest puritanical, sycophantic, howling scoundrel unhang—Parson Brownlow. Yet with such a character, this paper cannot cloak the fact that Gen. Rob't E. Lee has given Hooker, Milroy & Co. one of the best and soundest whippings on record, and that the "glorious Union" is now exceedingly weak in the knees.

Mid the din and clash of arms, the screech of shells and whistle of bullets, which are a continual feature in the status of our beleaguered city, incidents of happiness often arise to vary in a cheery way the phases of so stern a scene. On the evening of the 20th ult., with gaiety mirth and good feeling at a prominent hospital of this city, through the ministerial offices of a chaplain of a gallant regiment, Charles Royal Prince Imperial of Ethiopia, of the Barberigo family, espoused the lovely and accomplished Rosa Glass, Arch Duchess of Senegambia, one of the most celebrated princesses of the Lamdressina regime. The affair was conducted with great magnificence, though as is usual in troublesome times, the sabbler element was predominant.

The Fe may hurl their deathly bolts,  
And think we are affrightened,  
We'll may we scorn them, silly dolts,  
Our Blacks are now united

VICTIMIZED.—We learned of an instance where in a "knight of the quill" and a "disciple of the black art," with malice in their heart and vengeance in their eyes, ruthlessly put a period to a venerable feline that has for time, not within the recollection of the

"oldest inhabitant," faithfully discharged the duties to be expected of him, to the terror of sundry vermin in his neighborhood. Poor defunct Thomas was then prepared, not for the grave, but the pot, and several friends invited to partake of a nice rabbit. As a matter of course no one would wound the feelings of another, especially in these times, by refusing a cordial invitation to dinner, and the guests assisted in consuming the poor animal with a relish that did honor to their epicurian taste. The "sold" assure us that the meat was delicious, and that pussy must look out for her safety.

The Federal General McClelland until recently outside the rear of our city has been superseded. He and Grant could not run in the same harness. He was for splurging and Grant for gassing, both got the loggerheads. So poor Mac had to leave and Grant has all his own way.

The Yanks outside our city are considerably on the sick list. Fever, dysentery and disgust are their companions, and Grant is their master. The boys are deserting daily and are crossing the river in the region of Warrenton, cursing Grant and abolitionists generally. The boys are down upon the earth delving, the burrowing, the bad water and the hot weather.

GONE OUT.—The National Intelligencer of Washington has closed its long career in a suspension and a sale of its effects at auction. It has been highly respectable and very mischievous in its day and generation. An old union prop falls with it. If we had the writing of its epitaph we should say, "Old Grimes is dead."

## NOTE.

JULY 4th 1863.

Two days bring about great changes. The banner of the Union floats over Vicksburg. Gen. Grant has "caught the rabbit," he has dined in Vicksburg, and he did bring his dinner with him. The "Citizen" lives to see it. For the first time it appears on "wall paper." No more will it eulogize the luxury of mule meat and fricasseed kitten—urge Southern warriors to such diet never more. This is the last wall paper edition, and is, excepting this note, from the types as we found them. It will be valuable hereafter as a curiosity.

But we must close this long article for fear the Editor's waste-basket will get itself on the outside of our scribbling. We will describe some other relic in our next.

Yours, R. E. LIC.

It is the popular impression that the smaller affairs of the government are very loosely run, and that in any of the departments are opportunities for "fat pickings" by any man not over-scrupulous. As evidence of the incorrectness of this theory, one of the treasury department employes relates an incident of the first day of the administration of the present secretary, Mr. Carlisle. The out-going secretary, Mr. Foster, had occupied one chair at his desk for a long time, and, as men will, had become attached to it. He expressed a desire to take it with him. "Certainly," said his successor, "take it along." But that was more easily said than done. First, an order was necessary: then the chair was to be accounted for to the official who has such matters in charge; then it was to be paid for. It was a valueless piece of furniture. As a short way out of the difficulty, the appraiser was sent for. He eyed the wreck over, and said it might be worth \$2 to anybody who wanted it very much. "All right," said the new secretary. Then he put his hand into his pocket, pulled out a \$2 bill, paid the official, and presented the chair to his predecessor.

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## MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS.

It is said that the water level has risen one foot all around the Gulf of Mexico since 1850.

Forty-six county homes in Ohio have cared for 15,290 children; and twenty-four other charitable institutions have had 70,704 children in charge.

The production of rubber boots and shoes in this country is about equal to a pair a year for every man, woman and child in the United States.

A fair estimate places the number of bananas brought into the United States, from Central America and the West Indies, last year at 12,355,919 bunches.

The census bulletin on farms, homes and mortgages in Massachusetts shows that out of each 100 families on farms fifteen are renters, twenty-six own them, subject to mortgage, and fifty-nine own them unincumbered.

Thirteen thousand copies of the Bible are issued by the British and Foreign Bible society every day, and during last year nearly 4,000,000 bibles in all were issued. The scriptures have been published in 304 languages.

New York city was given a population of 1,515,301 by the census of 1890; Chicago 1,099,850. Recent census bulletins show that at the same time New York had a foreign-born population of 639,943 and Chicago 450,666. This gives to each city about the same proportion of foreign-born citizens or something over forty per cent.

The French government reserves to itself the right of using white paper for posters, but the powers that be on the other side of the Rhine have "gone one better." In future no advertisement, circular or poster must lead off with the word, "Bekanntmachung!" i. e., "Proclamation." Henceforth this word is sacred to the German government, and its use will cost the private individual heavily.

Rev. Mr. A., in Felin's Grove, Pa., had just commenced his sermon one Sunday morning when a boy, some eight or nine years of age, got up and walking straight up to the minister asked in a voice loud enough to be heard by the congregation: "May I go home. I forgot to feed the pigs!" Consent was given, but the effect upon the minister as well as upon the congregation was far from serious.

## STORIES THEY TELL.

Occasionally a preacher is found answering to the Chicago man's description of his favorite minister. He said: "I don't like any preaching, and that of Mr. — comes the nearest to nothing of any that I ever heard."

Rev. Dr. Charles S. Robinson, when he took the pastorate of the New York Presbyterian church at 128th street and Seventh avenue, did it with the understanding that he should have no salary. The church is in debt and even finds it difficult to pay the interest.

Two reverend and eloquent divines of the church of England at Gloucester were on a recent Sunday the victims of either shocking baseness at the hands of the sermon factory or of a deplorable slip-up in the distribution of the plate-matter discourses. The same sermon, word for word, was preached in the morning by the vicar at one of the city churches, and in the evening at the cathedral by one of the minor canons.

Ex-Postmaster General James once employed a young girl as a typewriter who was a novice at the business. He had dictated to her a political speech which he was about to deliver. He said of a certain individual: "He knows no more about politics than Nicodemus did of the second birth." The young woman's notes, when she came to write them out, proved to be incomplete. She was not familiar

## SIGHTS TRAVELERS SEE.

The rock of Gibraltar is an exact representation of a lion in a resting position.

Near Dermut, in Morocco, a natural aqueduct of rock carries a river over a wide and deep gorge.

On the summit of the Brocken there is a pulpit-shaped mass of granite which goes by the name of the Devil's Pulpit.

The Great Northern tunnel, to be built under the Cascade range of mountains in Oregon and Washington, will be, when completed, 13,163 feet long.

On the northwest coast of Australia the maps show an island some thirteen miles long by one wide named Expedition island. This has lately disappeared, and there is now an average depth of forty-eight feet of water over the area where the island once stood.

The old cemetery of Barcelona is in truth a "city of the dead." Streets upon streets of walls, with five or six stories of niches, into which the coffins are to be placed, give one indeed the idea of a deserted city. This fashion obtains all over Spain and in some parts of Italy.

From base to summit of an immense mountain of dark red sandstone, 800 feet high, in Weber canon, Utah territory, is a smooth white stone floor with all the appearance of a slide, reaching from the top of the mountain to the bed of the Weber river. This is not inappropriately named "The Devil's Slide."

A remarkable hollow in the midst of the hills near Koberbrun, in Sielsia, contains about 2,000 acres, and is filled with water and emptied in quite regular periods of somewhat less than thirty years. It is almost perfectly dry for a brief season. Water then oozes in through the ground, and gradually rises in the basin, which is now half full and still filling.

Tourists visiting the Indian and Banana rivers in Florida are astonished and amused at the antics of the mullets of those streams. These fish grow to be five or six pounds in weight and are famous jumpers. They leap from the water, shoot three or four feet through the air, come up again and leap twice as far, and keep on for a half dozen of leaps, each longer than the other. Now and then a mullet takes a leap of fifteen or twenty feet and disappears. It happens not infrequently that a leaping mullet falls into a passing boat.

## PLEASANT PARAGRAPHS.

Ethel—Who was the friend I saw with you a moment ago? Ellen—He's not a friend. I'm engaged to him.

Mr. Micawber—I wish I knew some nice easy way to make money. Mrs. Micawber—Well, you might get your life insured, and then die.

Young Gotnix, sadly—I saw a sign in a window down the street that exactly described my condition. Jinks—What was it? "Cash girl wanted."

Miss Pert—Who is that fine intelligent, elderly man over there, Mr. Softleigh? Cholly Softleigh—Aw, that's me father, Miss Pert. Miss Pert—Impossible.

Deacon Bogie—I noticed that you seemed deeply interested in the sermon this morning. "Yes; you see I had bet Jones \$2 that I could stay awake until church was out."

Employer—William, Mrs. Spriggans complains that she received only one of all the bundles she had put up here last night. William—That's funny, sir. I wrote "Mrs. Spriggans" on one bundle and put "Ditto" on the others.

"You have had many severe trials, I dare say," said the tender-hearted housewife. "Yes'm answered Rusty Rufus, spearing another cold pota-

## CHAFF.

Visitor—I can't see any thirty-two stories in that building. Guide—Twelve of them are underground.

Watts—I don't believe that politeness always pays. Potts—Whether it pays or not it is a great help towards getting credit.

He—And so you were named after your mother? She—Oh, yes; of course, mother doesn't like it referred to, but it was a little while afterward.

Caller—Your sister Rose, I see, has a nice new piano. Tommy—Yes, she's got the piano all right enough, but I don't believe she'll ever learn to work it.

"You say your daughter plays by ear?" said the minister. "Yes," replied the mother proudly. "Excuse me—but—er—is your daughter at all hard of hearing?"

Fogg—I suppose you will go to Mrs. Blank's funeral? Mrs. Fogg—Well, I don't know; yes, I suppose so; but I shall always think it was her place to make the first call.

Servant—Step in this way, Mr. Whizz. Caller—Mr. what? My name is Jones. Servant—Your pardon, sir. When I handed your card to Miss Mollie she said "G Whizz! Show him in."

Little Johnny—Singin' in the choir is easy, isn't it? Soprano—Do you think so? Why? Little Johnny—'Cause the tunes isn't a bit hard, and there isn't never any words to learn.

Visitor—And so you went to church to see the wedding? What did you think of it? Little Girl—I didn't think. Only just looked and talked, without thinking, same as everybody else.

Composer—I hope you will like my new opera. Critic—Oh, it's good enough in its way, and I dare say it will be performed after the works of Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Meyerbeer are forgotten. Composer—Really? Critic—Yes, but not till then.

Mr. Suburb—Well, how are you getting along with my artesian well? Contractor, despondently—We are down 500 feet and haven't struck rock yet. Mr. Suburb—Rock? Good lands! You've got things mixed. I told you to bore for water, man, water. I don't want a stone quarry.

The Australian tree ferns now on the world's fair grounds are the most unique that ever left that country. Some of the specimens are sixty feet high and weigh about two tons each. Larger ones could not be transported and these were picked from whole forests which grow on the swamps of Australia. These ferns are not parasites, but epiphyte, and, although they do not live on the blood of the tree, they ultimately destroy its growth.

Mrs. Mann—It is strange that you cannot hold the baby a few moments, when you used to be able to hold me on your lap for hours at a time. Mr. Mann—The young one is restless. He squirms and kicks all the time. You didn't kick the least bit.

American Magistrate—Hov'n't Oi seen you befar? Prisoner—Yis, y'r honor. It wor tin years ago whin Oi sat in thot seat, y'r honor, and you was brought befar me, y'r honor, an' Oi discha-arged ye. Magistrate—Be jabers, thot's so. Discha-arged!

Mistress—I'd just like to know what was the meaning of that loud and angry talking down stairs last night? Domestic—That was just me and me husband, mum. "Your husband? You told me when you came that you were not married." "I wasn't then, mum, but you complained about having so much love-makin' in the kitchen, so I married one of 'em.

## SCRAPPY INFORMATION.

California boasts of having shipped no less than 2,336 carloads of fruit outside the state during the past year.

Blocks sixty feet long without a break are found quite frequently in the onyx quarries in Lower California.

A New York orang outang broke loose from its cage, grabbed little Maggie Daley, carried her up a ladder through a trap door, wrapped her tenderly in a blanket up in the loft, and left her there to enjoy herself.

Calvin Garvin, a young man 26 years old, living near Darlington, Beaver county, Pa., has become insane. One peculiarity of his dementia is the remarkable talent he displays for music, although previously he was not a musician. Now he performs intricate and difficult renditions of high-class compositions for piano or organ.

The vicissitudes of life have been painfully illustrated in the case of Alfred Lister, son of the late President Lister, of the Lister Chemical works, Newark, N. J., who has applied for admission to the almshouse. Father and son both possessed large wealth, but the latter spent his money recklessly, and at the age of thirty-five finds himself a pauper.

During an action of nuisance and trespass brought by one neighbor against another in an English court a witness was put into the box who made a great sensation. "Miss Iles," he said, "was thrown over the wall not once but half a dozen times." "Stop, stop," said the judge, "why, we know nothing of this. Who was Miss Iles, and why did they throw her over the wall so repeatedly?" And after all, it was only the witness' peculiar method of pronouncing "miss Iles."

must give me a good dinner.

Mrs. B.—How do you feel to-day, captain? Quite well, I hope. Captain—Oh, yes. I am troubled somewhat with asthma, and now and then I really fear that I am growing old. Mrs. B.—How old are you? Captain—Only eighty-two!

Old Mrs. Boffins—Oh doctor, do you think there is anything seriously the matter with my lungs? Dr. Pulmen, after careful examination—I find, madame, that your lungs are in a normal condition. Mrs. B., with a sigh of pious resignation—And for how long can I expect to live with them like that.

Pat. Sheedy tells a very pathetic story of how he lost \$60,000 when an extremely small boy. "I had a rich aunt," said Pat., "and one day I went to her with a long piece of grass in my hand and said to her: 'Please bite this.' 'Why should I do that?' said the old lady, surprised. 'Because,' I said, 'I heard pa say that when you bite the grass I'll get \$60,000.'"

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### EDITOR'S CORNER.

Send for our samples of printed stationery, 6c to pay postage.

D. MEISEL is still in Chicago and reports having a good time.

WE WERE unable to enlarge our paper this number, so our price remains the same, 50c per year.

WE had a very pleasant chat with Frank Maple, a bicycle rider of note from Canton, Ill., a few nights ago.

TOM B. SMITH, Pekin's well-known League racer, has promised to take charge of the COLLECTOR'S bicycle department.

WE wonder if the *Forest and Field* has struck the "rut" it spoke of in the last number we have seen? Hope not.

BRO. STEARNS, of the *American Magazine of Natural Science*, has greatly improved the looks of his paper. Success, Fred.

THE COLLECTOR will devote 1 page to bicycle and hard roads matters as we know most collectors ride wheels. We invite all riders to send articles or notes pertaining to the above subjects.

THE marvelous growth of the circulation of the COLLECTOR substantiates the assertion that its merits are appreciated by the collectors of America.

We will be pleased to receive many new applications for membership in the L. A. S. C., this month. At the last meeting it was decided to make the dues 5c per month for outsiders, 10c per month for persons in this city. The initiation fee is 5c. All members receive the official organ free. If you wish to join send your fee to the Sec. who will forward blanks, etc. This society has a constitution similar to that of the "S. of P." with all the objectionable features eliminated. Free exchange. Free library. Fine Silk Badge, 10c.

THE season for the oologist is over. Egging in these parts was not as good as last year, and goodness knows last year was poor enough. We made a few valuable additions to our cabinet, however.

TO CLOSE them out, we will send to everyone who sends 50c for this paper one year 2 eggs of the arctic tern and 2 of the roseate tern. These are fine, first-class specimens.

A letter informs us that C. F. Carr, formerly of Madison, Wis., has removed to New London, Wis., where he is engaged in the printing business. Mr. Carr is going out of the Natural History business and has over \$900 worth of specimens which he is going to close out at prices never before duplicated. This is the chance to obtain a valuable collection for almost nothing.

WE have been appointed the official organ of "Germania," a philatelic society of 570 members in this country and abroad, and we will publish the reports, etc., monthly. The price of this paper to members of this society is 30c per year, foreign countries 15c extra, and those of the members who do not remit the subscription price after receiving three copies of this paper will be reported. All remitting at once will receive honorable mention in these columns.

SOME "sharks" are working various schemes to obtain free advertising, circulars, subscription to paper, etc., from inexperienced editors, who think they will be paid indirectly by business secured through these fellows. A man who will try to cheat a publisher out of the subscription price of his paper would not steal a red-hot stove when Bridget is "froin' brid," but he would try mighty hard.

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The meeting opened at 8 p. m.  
with 26 members present. Pres.  
Fred Heinsberger in the chair.  
Letters were received and read  
from corresponding members in  
Germany, Capetown, Morocco and  
Japan. 6 applications for mem-  
bership (from Europe) were read  
and referred to the executive com-  
mittee. Mr. F. E. Lux, of Pekin,  
Ill., and Wm. Becker, of N. Y.,  
were elected active members. The  
Collector, of Pekin, Ill., and the  
*Deutsche Briefmarken Post*, were  
appointed the Official organs of  
"Germania." The librarian re-  
ported the receipt of philatelic  
journals of June and July from 11  
foreign countries and the U. S. A.  
Member R. Volmer gave an inter-  
esting lecture in regard to the  
mail service of China. Carrier H.  
Herman reported the payment of  
bill for tickets for the water excu-  
sion to West Point on July 4. The  
Chair announced the receipt of  
money orders for "Columbian  
stamps and envelopes" from the  
following: Germany, Mark 100;  
Spain, Pesetas 500; Austria, Guil-  
ders 150 and Argentine, Pesos 80  
and the Treasurer acknowledged  
receipt of check for the amount,  
\$231.68, in settlement. Ad-  
journed at 9:30.

On another page will be found  
our large and valuable premium  
list. The immense demand last  
month for some of the specimens  
listed compelled us to give  
*but one premium of a kind of*  
some listed. Lack of space  
forbids us to mention the names  
of the persons who received the  
more valuable premiums, it being  
sufficient to mention that for some  
as many as a dozen requests were  
received. Many failed to receive  
their premiums on account of  
failure to comply with conditions  
of list, viz; sending 5c to pay  
postage on specimens. We shall  
make the same offer as in last  
issue, sending only *one specimen*  
a month of the following; letters  
A, B, C and N.

According to the official list of the  
members of the present house of rep-  
resentatives, as prepared by Clerk  
Kerr, the division is as follows: dem-  
ocrats, 220; republicans, 126; popu-  
lists, 9. There is one vacancy, the  
10th Ohio district, caused by the  
death of representative Enoch, mak-  
ing the whole number 356. The list  
as above stated contains the name  
of Richardson (democrat) as the  
member from the fifth Michigan dis-  
trict, but the seat is contested and  
claimed by one Belknap, Republican.

The editor of an exchange says he  
knows some people so exceeding mod-  
est that in speaking of a person's leg  
they persist in calling it a limb; but  
the Stephenson county young lady  
who in speaking of a certain breed of  
chickens called them Brown Limb-  
horns is, he thinks entitled to the  
cake and the whole bakery.

**A Revenue Ruction.**

One day last week there was considerable excitement among the whiskey makers in Pekin over the payment of collections. The Springfield banks it seems have a cinch on the deposits of revenue collections of this district probably from the fact that they have furnished the bonds for the collector, and for some time they have held the favors with a high hand receiving as such deposits only such funds and exchange as they are disposed to dictate. They have been refusing New York exchange and it has been particularly difficult for distillers to secure the suitable funds to pay the taxes for the liquors sold. But on Thursday word was received here that New York and Chicago exchange would be received for that days collections. The distillers took advantage of the privilege and unloaded their New York exchange to the amount of \$76,000. When the funds got to Springfield however, the Capitol banker refused to accept them and it turned out that the message was in error as it should have read Chicago and St Louis exchange instead of New York. As the difference in the discount on the sum amounted to about \$1200 the collector was in a peck of trouble for a while. The Lord however, who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb tempered this financial blow, and after keeping the poor fellow in a whiskey sweat for a day or two the Springfield bankers relented and accepted the exchange.

**Hifalutin.**

Pekin horses like Pekin women are generally most consummately well behaved, sedate and steady. But even the horses as well as the women occasionally get on a tantrum and when this happens the excitement comes from the most dignified and prosy of the lot. Such was the case last Saturday morning when the old blind Bucephalus belonging to Oscar Foglemark determined to disturb the prevailing dullness and quiet on Court street. While standing in front of Ehrlicher's store he managed to break the shaft of his buggy and kicking the whole vehicle into smithereens he started down the sidewalk (disdaining to take the middle of the road) at a break neck speed till he was stopped and thrown in the door of Blenkinsons book store. The horse was considerably the worst off for his lark, though he managed to hurt several persons on his way by running into them. The other old palfreys along the street endeavored to join in the stampede and for a time the whole adjoining population were engaged in quieting a lot of steeds that never were before suspected of having life and ambition enough in them to break a walk, for instance those ancient Rozenantes of Kuhl and Frank Lowrey' "Tu quoque Brute."

**INSTRUCTIVE**—that paper called *The Collector* and edited by F. E. Lux of this city. Send for copy.

**The World's Fair.**

There seems to be quite an exodus just now from this section to the Fair. One of the railroad agents in town reported having sold \$200 worth of tickets last week. It is quite likely that from now on until the end of October there will be very many of the Pekin people who will avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the wonders of the greatest show the world has ever seen congregated on one spot.

**Gold Medal Contest.**

A Demorest Gold Medal Contest will be held in this city at the Turner Opera House on Thursday evening Aug. 17th. Holders of Silver Medals are expected from Galesburg, Peoria, Eureka and other points, this will be a rare literary treat. Music will be interspersed through the program some of our best home talent will render vocal and instrumental selections. Do not fail to attend this entertainment.

**The Delavan Fair.**

Everybody should bear in mind that Tuesday, August 22, is Old Settler's day at the Delavan Fair. Good speakers will be in attendance. All persons who have resided in Tazewell county forty years, or whose wives have resided there that length of time can join the society. All who hold Old Settler's tickets will be admitted to the fair free on Tuesday.

**Tazewell County Fair.**

The Tazewell county fair will be held at Delavan August 22d to 26th inclusive. For this occasion the P. D. & E. will sell tickets limited to Aug. 27th for returning at the low rate of 50c for the round trip.

ROBT ANDERSON, Agent.

**Keep Off.**

The United States Express company has issued orders prohibiting any one not an employe of the company from riding on their delivery wagons. Drivers will not be permitted to take up their friends and carry them about the city or to and from the trains.

It is a burning shame, a rank outrage that Pekin's claims for a government building do not receive recognition. More revenue is received in one day from Pekin than is received in months from many of the cities that boast of handsome edifices erected by the government. Every paper in Pekin and for that matter, every paper in the county that loves fair play, should agitate the matter until justice is done.

**National Encampment G. A. R.**

The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., Sept., 4th 5th and 6th. For this occasion the P. D. & E. will sell round trip tickets at the low rate of \$4.05, limited to continuous passage in each direction with a final limit of Sept. 16. Tickets will be on sale Sept. 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th. Arrange to go via P. D. & E.

R. ANDERSON, Agent.

**HE DIDN'T KNOW.**

Over 150 trains a day come into the Grand Central depot and the other afternoon, just when business was heaviest and one of the long-suffering station attaches was calling out the 5:15 express from Albany a woman came up to him, her whole figure a life-size interrogation point.

"Do trains from Connecticut come in here?" she asked.

"Yes, madam," replied the station man.

"Express trains?"

"Yes, madam."

"All trains?"

"Yes, madam."

She cogitated a moment and then asked:

"What time does the evening train from—oh, dear, I've forgotten the name of the town, but its in Connecticut and seventeen trains a day stop there—you know the town I mean. Now tell me when the evening train from there comes in."

"But madam," mildly expostulated the train caller, "you haven't told me—"

"Yes, I have," interrupted the woman.

"But, madam, I don't know—"

"Oh, that's it," she snapped; "you don't know. What are you here for but to know when trains come in?"

"I'd be happy to tell you if—"

"No such thing," snarled the now thoroughly aroused woman; "you know, but you won't tell me. You're an impertinent rascal and I shall report you at once," which she proceeded to do.—[New York Advertiser.

It is far more honorable to become a Keeley graduate, than to remain a boozing bum.

Five of our clergymen have formed a "combine" to limit the production of sermons during the dog days. What they propose is to have two sermons in the evening instead of five, a reduction of 60 per cent. on the evening output. However, as the average church goer can attend only one service of an evening and as he can find a seat at one of the two open churches, no harm is likely to result.—Lincoln Herald.

The worst instance on record of "man's inhumanity to man" comes to light in the Pike County Democrat, when Editor J. M. Bush gives vent to the following touching lament: "Some two or three weeks since we went to the trouble and expense of sending out a large number of statements and requested an early response. Had these bills been paid we would to-day be living on easy street, and might at this moment, for all we know, be gazing on the beautiful statue of Diana as she poses majestically over the White City at Chicago. As it is, we sit in our office and work like the devil to get out a paper to please a lot of delinquent subscribers, and in our leisure moments gaze on an old tumble-down court house and a lot of bloated bondholders playing dom-

inoes in the park. Our list of which we complain contains a member of the supreme bench, one or two members of the circuit bench, lawyers, doctors, preachers and other professional men, to say nothing of the every day fellow who hasn't got a handle to his name, but often is found to be the best pay of the lot, but in this particular case about all prove failures alike."

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## NEWS ITEMS.

Texas is on record with her usual drouth cutting off the crops.

The national bank note circulation has increased more than five millions of dollars since August 1st.

Patrick Egan ex-minister to Chili with his family arrived in New York last week.

A \$1,000,000 fire raged in Minneapolis on Sunday last. The ice companies and lumber dealers were the principal losers.

Congress is at work debating the financial question. There is great conflict of opinion and it is very doubtful about any positive legislation being secured for a long time.

The chief news in the papers now-a-days pertain to the shutting down of mills, factories and mines, and the turning of thousands out of employment.

The Annual American Bankers-convention which was set for meeting in Chicago on September 7th has been postponed. Bankers are afraid to meet each other now.

Other countries are suffering for silver as well as the United States. In Italy silver coins are so scarce the government is obliged to coin brass and issue fractional notes.

Grover after having dictated to congress what he insists upon being done right away packed up his duds and went back to Buzzard's Bay to enjoy a fishing spree.

Eighteen banks in New Orleans have agreed together to suspend payment until further notice, because to withdraw their loans or sell their collaterals now would mean general disaster.

The Behring Sea arbitrators who have been a long time in session in Paris have rendered their decision, that the United States has no exclusive right to the fisheries because no such right passed from Russia to the United States.

A suit for seduction and breach of promise has been commenced in Washington against congressman Breckenridge of Kentucky, by Madeline Pollard, and it has caused great excitement. Breckenridge has been lately married. It is believed by his friends to be a black mailing scheme.

The papers the past week all of them recount the difficulty of getting currency or money in New York City. The papers one day last week reported that brokers were getting 4½ per cent for currency and gold on immediate delivery and in the same column a bank president of that city is reported to have said that New York was loaded with cash, that there was in the banks of that city \$85,000,000 of cash and within a week would be \$100,000,000 in the banks.

## Job Printing.

The Collector does the very best and neatest of job printing. A trial will convince you.

## PROPER NAMES.

Among other houses destroyed by the recent landslide at Sandgate, Eng., was one in which John B. Gough was born.

J. G. Brown, the artist, who makes newsboy and bootblack studies for pictures, is the father of nineteen children.

When the empress of Austria travels about incognito she usually calls herself either "Madam Nicholson" or plain "Miss Simpson."

Miss Mary L. Hammond of Nashua, N. H., has completed the thirtieth year of her continuous service as a teacher in one building and room.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has written to a Philadelphia man a letter in a chirography so neat and legible that it might have been the work of a young bank clerk rather than an octogenarian poet.

Professor Elisha Gray was once a blacksmith's apprentice and has a rusty wrought-iron fire-shovel kept in the corner of his library to prove it. He pounded the shovel into shape on an Ohio anvil early in the fifties.

"Personally, I congratulate you on your promotion," said Mr. Lincoln to an Austrian minister who had called to notify him that he had been raised to the rank of ambassador, "but it makes no difference to us; we are glad to see you, whatever they call you."

Darius and Cyrus Cobb, twin brothers of Boston, who are 59 years old, look so much alike that their own children often mistake them. They married sisters. Darius is a sculptor and Cyrus is a painter. William Hunt, the artist, once styled them "Serious" and "Delirious."

Justice Lamar and Susan B. Anthony were warm friends. The justice was in the habit of introducing her to his friends in this fashion: "Now you must meet Miss Susan B. Anthony. You will find her one of the most perfect gentlemen in the world." Miss Anthony regarded this as a compliment.

Rosa Bonheur, of whom Henry Bacon remarked that she began by painting rabbits and ascended in the scale until she painted the horse, which Leonardo da Vinci considered the noblest model that an artist can copy, after man, has celebrated her seventy-first birthday. She still wields the brush.

What is regarded as "absolutely the last" letter penned by George Washington was sold in Philadelphia lately for \$850. The purchaser was the Historical society of Pennsylvania. George W. Childs has what was long supposed to be the last letter written by the father of his country, as it was composed six days before his death, but the letter sold the other day was written only twenty-four hours before General Washington's decease. It is dated "Mount Vernon, 13th Dec'r, 1799," and gives very unromantic directions about matters connected with the management of his farm.

## WIT AND HUMOR.

Brown—I'm glad I met your wife. She seemed to take a fancy to me. Jones—I almost wish you had met her sooner.

She—You used to say before we were married that you would give up your life for me! He—Well, didn't I? I haven't had any life since we were married.

Jack Rounder—Isn't Miss Belle a beauty? Miss Rinkel—Yes, but you know beauty is only skin deep. Jack Rounder—Well I'm no cannibal. That's deep enough for me.

Mr. Absentmind—It is pretty cold in here. Barber—Yes sir; it is chilly this morning. Mr. Absentmind—If you have no objection I'll keep on my hat while you are cutting my hair.

"Yes, I was awfully fond of that girl, and I believed her to be perfect, but I saw something about her last night that made me sick." "What was it?" "Another fellow's arm."

At the close of a long prayer by a father who had prayed for a poor family, his son said: "Father, if I had as much wheat in the barn as you have, I would answer that prayer myself."

She—And shall we have a carriage after we are married George? He—Certainly, Maud, dear, if your father is willing—She, interrupting—Why, of course he will be. He, continuing—To pay for it.

Returned Traveler—French people always seem so pleasant. I noticed that every one that I spoke to while I was in France smiled at me. Friend—Indeed! In what language did you speak to them? Traveler—French. Friend—Perhaps that accounts for it.

## DON'T HAPPEN EVERY DAY.

The girls in Savannah take their hats off in the theater.

While workmen were blasting at Northport, Wash., recently, they claim to have discovered a petrified tree three feet in diameter six feet below the surface.

A lady who left Marietta, Ga., for lower Georgia over a year ago had consumption. Under advice she smoked pine sawdust, and it cured her of lung trouble, and she recently married and is doing well.

As Mrs. Margaret McCready, a nurse at the hospital for the insane at Weston, W. Va., was placing a strait-jacket on Ellen Middleton, a patient from Taylor county, the latter suddenly raised both feet and planted them in the nurse's stomach, killing her almost instantly.

A woman without arms has been married at Christ church, New Zealand. The ring was placed upon the fourth toe of her left foot. A similar marriage to this was performed at St. James' church, Dury St. Edmund's in 1832. The ring was placed on one of the bride's toes, between which she grasped a pen and signed the marriage register.

## MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

A type of firearm has been invented in England by which compressed gas is utilized instead of powder as a propelling force.

The combined weight of twin babies borne by the wife of Aubrey B. Chase at Lynn, Mass., is but five and a quarter pounds.

Mrs. Jane L. Fowle of Dedham, Mass., has been awarded \$450 by a Boston jury against a dentist who extracted a sound tooth instead of a decayed one.

Forty-four guns are fired for a national salute, one for each state. The national flag is saluted, with twenty-one guns, the president with twenty-one and the vice president with nineteen.

The temple of Ypsambul, in Nubia, is cut from a solid rock and its entrance is guarded by four statues, each sixty-five feet high, twenty-five feet across the shoulders, the face seven feet long, the ears over three feet.

The famous pine tree which has long been a landmark in Greene township, Pike county, Pennsylvania, has been felled. It towered 372 feet above the soil, and nature's record showed its age to be 462 years. It was sound from butt to tip, and will cut \$2,000 worth of lumber.

There lives a man in Webster county, West Virginia, by the name of Whorton, aged 80 years, whose hair and beard are turning from white to black. He is said also to be cutting a new set of teeth, "while his whole appearance is said to indicate a man of

about forty years instead of nearly ninety."

A horse in Baltimore grew so hungry that he climbed up a flight of stairs, in a house to obtain a bag of oats that had been stored there. After his lunch the animal thrust his head through a window, carrying away the sash, and was discovered coolly surveying the situation. With difficulty he was gotten down to the street.

An Indianapolis man is the owner of a parrot that is noted for its talking power. Early the other morning the man was awakened by an unusual outburst of profanity, intermixed with screams and ejaculations, the purport of which explained itself when a burglar was discovered making his escape through an open window. The man fired several shots at the robber, without taking effect, but it encouraged the bird to continue to scream in a way which would have shocked a less susceptible person.

## IDEAS AND INCIDENTS.

The South American giant who was over nine feet in his native country had shrunk to seven feet two inches when measured on his arrival in New York city.

Some clever folk as horsemen have come to this country to join a circus. They are a Cossack princess and twelve tall countrymen. They are wonderful riders and very picturesque.

C. L. Krissing of Pittsburg, who gave a tramp a meal and some change a year ago, has received notice that the tramp has died and left him \$12,000 that he had come into possession of shortly before his death.

An iron meteorite weighing nearly a ton and measuring four feet two inches in length, two feet three inches in width and twenty-nine inches thick was recently found at Younegin, Western Australia, and has been forwarded to London.

A family residing in Connecticut were visited by some relatives residing some distance off. One of the visitors remarked that there had been a great quantity of bean porridge made in his mother's family; "enough," said he, "to float a seventy-four gun ship. Don't you think so, Uncle John?" appealing to one of his relatives. "Yes, yes," replied that uncle; "and the ship could float twenty-four hours and not hit a bean."

A Maine man has had the uncommon experience of losing five excellent wives. He was desirous of erecting a headstone for each, setting forth their virtues, but was deterred by the expense. A happy thought struck him. The wives were buried side by side. He accordingly had the Christian name of each engraved on a small stone—"Emma," "Jane," "Mary," "Margaret," "Elizabeth"—a hand cut on each stone pointing to a large stone in the center of the lot, and under each hand were the words: "For epitaph, see large stone."

Two Americans in the employment of the government of British Columbia, last winter accomplished a feat hitherto deemed impossible by crossing the Selkirk mountains in the depth of winter. The object of the trip was to ascertain if it were possible to lay out a pack and cattle trail over the range from Golden to Kalso. The men traveled 150 miles on snow shoes, fifty miles over the wildest mountain country, where glaciers abounded. They found a pass at an altitude of 6,500 feet that is practicable for cattle and pack trains in summer.

The C. C. C. & St. L. will sell round trip tickets to Chicago for \$6.25. Good 30 days returning. W. Bland, Agt.



## GOOD BYE.

Soft, cool and sweet, the evening zephyrs straying  
Through leafy seas, sang out their low refrain,  
And, 'mong those countless green-clad branches,  
Playing  
Faded memory's harp-strings into time again.  
The sun was dipping in the western sky  
When last we said good bye.

The health of spring, its growing impulse lending  
To mother earth who stood in grand array,  
The song of rills with songs of spring birds  
Blending,  
In memory lives again that April day.  
"That day when fair eyes looked a bit of fret  
The day we met."

Now summer's sun had glowed in rays most golden,  
Until the spring buds blown, had passed away  
And in their stead the golden rod so golden,  
Were bordering every dusty broad highway  
The daisies gone, no violets were nigh  
When last we said good-bye.

A winding gale clad in autumnal glory,  
Lay far beneath bathed in the rosy light  
Of new born eve, in forests vast and hoary  
Began the silent reign of starry night,  
And night birds 'gan to raise their dismal cry,  
When last we said good-bye.

The strains of song, the voice of prayer arising,  
From out yon copse upon our hearing fell,  
A reverential awe the fact apprising  
That Heaven's decree is always wise and well  
E'en tho' the voice dies to a half heard sigh,  
We say the last good-bye

Soon dawn of day, that day that knows no dying  
Shall round us throw the halo of the bloom,  
Where bliss untold with holy peace is vying  
Where ne'er is known, temptation, toil or gloom,  
There greeting sweet beneath those fadeless skies  
But nevermore good-byes.

GEO. STRICKEADEN.

## THE ANTIQUARIAN

The field of study and research for the antiquarian is boundless. Like the Naturalist, he wonders how old mankind is, and in many cases acquaints himself with Earth Growth, and seeks the earliest land or lands inhabited and by the close study of the spreading of yearly sediment by rivers, obtains a crude idea of the "age of mankind."

Egypt especially has been the seat of this tedious entertainment. The Nile, by its yearly overflow, deposits upon the land a rich, black covering of sand, the doing of a century by no means, but the habitual process since earth-dawn. A deep excavation is made along the bed of the river and as each stratum is removed the history of a year is told and the removal of 20,000 such strata means a like number of years.

In the diggings, instruments of various sizes and shapes are discovered, and the mortar and pestle from a rude to a more perfected shape have always been found among them. The advancement of life and civilization tells its own tale in these discoveries.

The destruction of the cities Pompeii and Herculaneum, near Naples, by the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius, in the year 79, A. D., has furnished the antiquarian with no few facts.

For instance; he knows that fruits may be so canned and preserved that they will remain for ages unspoiled.

If the antiquarian or naturalist is not a careful one in selecting his specimens, he is frequently the victim to whom bogus articles are sold by a class of clever workmen who, perceiving the vast profit in making little "antiquities," do so, and thus cause a hindrance to a pleasant pastime as well as study. The manufacture of petrified human beings has been the source of great disgust to one and all. These human remains (?) have until lately been productive in our most glorious state, where the climate is so genial that Mother Nature, in enjoying it, forgets her duty. A case in the State Mining Bureau at San Francisco, containing a man, woman and two children, which has been an object of deep meditation and study by thousands, will soon, no doubt, be attributed to the art of some ingenious scoundrel.

Owen, the pride of all primeval researchers, has furnished that which will ever be appreciated and descend to posterity; namely, the re-construction of antediluvian animals which existed on this sphere many centuries ago from portions of their remains. Just think of it, to be able to re-construct an animal with no other trace or base than a foot, leg, or other small part of the body! At this rate, what will man accomplish by the end of another decade!

H. B. PACKSCHER,

P. S. S. C., 3; C. P. P. C., 7; S. of P., 899. San Francisco.

Mayflower landed on Friday.  
Bastille was burned on Friday.  
Moseow was burned on Friday.  
Shakespeare was born on Friday.  
Washington was born on Friday.  
America was discovered on Friday.  
Lincoln was tssassinated on Friday.  
Queen Victoria was married on Friday.  
Battle of Marengo was fought on Friday.  
King Charles I was beheaded on Friday.  
Battle of Waterloo was fought on Friday.  
Julius Caesar was assassinated on Friday.  
Battle of New Orleans was fought on Friday.  
Joan of Arc was burned at the stake on Friday.  
Declaration of Independence was signed on Friday.

## Hamburg Philatelia.

PH. HEINSBERGER.

The Free City of Hamburg is situated in Northern Germany, ruled by a senate, has 500,000 inhabitants and an area of 148 square miles. It was founded by "Charles, the Great," Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nations, (first german empire) in the year 808 A. D. The first charter to the city was granted on May 7, 1189 by the German emperor "Frederick the Redherd." At that time the small settlement of Hamburg was dependant of Adolphus II, Count of Schaumburg.

The benevolent nobleman plead of Emperor Frederick to grant this flourishing settlement some important privileges, among which were the following: Unlimited commercial liberty on the Elbe river, free trade on land, free custom in a limited sense, exemption from military duty, and several minor privileges.

Before the year 1866 there was established in Hamburg "Post-offices of Foreign Powers," viz: Postoffices of Austria, Denmark, Hanover, Mecklenburg, Prussia, Taxis and Sweden. Each foreign postoffice delivered mail matter only to certain countries, to-wit:

1. All mail from Hamburg to Lombardy, (Austria-Italy) Southern Austria and Tyrol must be forwarded by the postoffice of Thurn and Taxis. 2. Mail for Northern Austria must be delivered at the Postoffice of Prussia. 3. Mail for the Netherlands and Denmark was forwarded by the postoffice of Denmark. 4. Mail matter for Anhalt, Woldeck, Luxemburg and Saxony was forwarded by the postoffice of Prussia. 5. Mail from Hamburg to the Duchy of Brunswick (Germany) was forwarded by the postoffice of Hanover.

A postal curiosity was the delivery of mail to the "Principality of Schwarzburg," as 9 cities in this "pocket territory" received their mail from Hamburg by the post-office of Prussia at Hamburg. As a matter of course and increase the postal curiosity each foreign post-office at Hamburg used the postage stamps of their nationality and this is the reason

there are old issue postage stamps of Austria, Denmark, Hanover, Mecklenburg, Sweden, Thurn and Taxis, Prussia, with the cancellation "Hamburg."

(Continued next month.)

## ALL SORTS

The paid admissions to the World's Fair up to Sept. 1st reach about \$10,000,000.

Everybody knows that women are better than men and that they do more to keep the world sweet and good.

The Canton girls appear on the streets of that cultured city with white shoes and red stockings.

If you want good bargains at any store always deal with the fat men. They are always good natured and give better trades.

The Chicago Tribune compares Peffer and Ingalls thusly: "It is much less painful to contemplate a statesman out of a job than a job without a statesman."

Since the populists have run the Kansas state government the majority of charters issued by the secretary of state have been for cemetery incorporations.

A southern Illinois paper says: "What Illinois needs besides life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, is the privilege of putting a second mortgage on their farms"

Watermelons of all sizes in this market are now only legal tender for five cents. They are terribly depreciated currency even on that basis. Good bye, melons until 1894.

Camp meetings do the most good in warming up the cold and derelict saints who grow luke warm through the busy season and need a revivifying of their zeal before the dreary winter sets in.

Everybody appears anxious and willing now to brag about the dawning of better times, but it will be hard to make many persons believe any such thing until the price of wheat advances and that of sugar declines.

With the experience the express companies are having now-a-days with train robbers, it seems useless for their messengers to carry safes. A safe is no protection to valuables as against dynamite.

The TRIBUNE desires all the young bloods who are matrimonially inclined to know that it is equal to any emergency that may arise in the way of getting out nice wedding stationery on short notice.

**Trust.**  
I shall see,  
When I am dead,  
And all my life, a finished scroll, is read,  
That all the poor, rude fragments written now,  
With faltering hand,  
Gather together in that scroll, and make  
An epic grand.

I shall hear  
The noise and strife,  
The clash and discord filling all of life,  
Gather in one deep burst of harmony,  
Whose sound shall rise  
Grand, wonderful, with a triumphant swell,  
And fill the skies.

So, though the days may seem  
Useless, and pitiful, and incomplete,  
I still can trust my dream:  
I know at last will come a triumph sweet,  
When Death and I shall meet.  
—Floy Campbell, in Lippincott's Magazine.

**Holding the Reins.**  
The night was clear, the sleighing good,  
The cutter seat not wide;  
She snuggled close beneath the robe  
To her fond lover's side:  
The horse was spirited and jumped,  
With frequent tugs and strains,  
Until she innocently said:  
"Do let me hold the reins!"

They're married now, perhaps because  
She was so helpful then;  
She loves him well, and he loves her—  
Well, in the way of men:  
And yet in all their sweet delight  
One sad thought makes him wince:  
She held the reins that winter's night—  
She's held them ever since.  
—Somerville Journal.

**Hearth Song.**  
Before the hearth I dream of many things,  
The red-eyed embers glow, dull down, expire;  
An evanescent life in each, that brings  
Sad omens for the life that men desire.  
Will it not end in ashes, like the fire?

Not death is here, but change! Each spark  
That gleams  
Is pent-up sunlight, and the back-log's tune  
Repeats the music of the woods and streams.  
Bend low and listen: it is nature's rune,  
Singing of summer, chanting soft of June.  
—Richard Burton, in N. Y. Independent.

**Answered.**  
When do I miss you most, dear heart?  
At evening, when shadows fall,  
I miss your cooing, sunny ways,  
Your cheery laugh, your ringing call.

I miss you in the morning hours,  
I need your strength to help me bear  
My daily burdens—and my joys  
Lose half their worth unless you share.

From night until the morning hours,  
At noon and till the shadows climb  
The hills, my heart calls for its own:  
I miss you most, dear, all the time!  
—Florence A. Jones, in Waverly Magazine.

#### PECULIARITIES OF THE HORSE.

##### Why the Equine Is Never Sick at the Stomach.

There are many odd things about the anatomical and physiological make-up of the horse that are seldom noticed or mentioned, even by the so-called written "authorities" on such subjects, or by veterinary surgeons themselves, says the St. Louis Republic. Emetics have no more effect upon a living sick representative of the genus equus than they would on a marble representation of Alexander's famous old Bucephalus. Do you know why this is? It is because a horse is unprovided with a gall bladder. When one of the human family gets badly injured the gall bladder acts in sympathy, and the result is a "deathly sickness," or a fainting away entirely. With the horse it is different, not because he is not sensitive to pain, but for the reasons given. Some authorities consider that the most highly organized of the domestic creatures. One even says: "There is no living creature, not even a hysterical woman, so nervously sensitive as a horse; and, as for the contention that a horse does not feel pain, I think that he ever suffers more from an injury than a man would from a hurt of the same magnitude." And yet this "nervously sensitive" creature has been known to eat a hearty meal when his entrails were trailing on the ground as a result of an encounter with a trained bull in the arena, or from gunshot wounds received in battle with human foes. This for the reason that he could not possibly get "sick at his stomach" because there is no overflow of gall to cause such sensations.

#### SEEING YOURSELF TALK.

##### Details of the Phonoscope, the Latest Invention.

An announcement was made some weeks ago that a Frenchman had succeeded in taking instantaneous photographs of the lips of a speaker and in recombining them in a kind of zoetrope so as to produce the original movement and enable a deaf-mute to understand what was said, says the Philadelphia Record.

It is now stated that the inventor has improved on the process, and brought out a new apparatus for combining the images, the device being termed the phonoscope. The changes of the lips in speaking are so rapid that fifteen photographs a second are required to give a good result. The whole head and bust of the speaker are reproduced in the photograph so as to get the benefit of the expression.

In the phonoscopes the positives are arranged around the periphery of a disk, which is rapidly turned by a handle. A second disk having a single window in it opposite the plates is also rotated by the same handle, but at a much higher rate of speed than the other!

A beam of sunlight illuminates the plates from behind, and the observer, looking into the apparatus, sees them pass his eye, one after the other, in such rapid succession as to produce the effect of a single image endowed with animation. To produce this result it is necessary that at least ten or twelve must pass the retina in a second.

#### SLEIGHING IN THE SOUTH.

##### An Unwonted Snowfall Resulted in Some Queer Attempts at Cutter-Making.

Sleighing is a rare thing in Atlanta, Ga., and so vehicles with runners are not numerous. But the inhabitants managed to enjoy the snowfall of last winter just the same. The Journal of that city says a few genuine cutters were to be seen, but the improvised sleigh did just as well. Gaspipes, pieces of flat iron and planks were used for runners, and were fastened to the axles of the vehicles. Atlanta was going to make the most of the snowstorm, and she took a sleigh ride. One gentleman sawed out a huge hogshead and nailed it to a pair of skids. He looked like King Gambrinus as a double team towed him over the frozen beautiful. A lady, who evidently had some fancy for the style of the Esquimaux sat on a cushion on a flat wooden sleigh to which was hitched a small black pony. There were no shafts, but long traces, just as the Laplanders use. The lady was wrapped and hooded, and in her arms she held a rosy-cheeked, bright little baby, muffled like a papoose of Iceland. Two men, who liked to kill two birds with one stone, constructed a sleigh on the design of a river skiff. A man of family and of originality built a double sleigh with a children's addition. On the front and larger sleigh he and his wife sat in two wicker chairs, and in the smaller, which was towed by the larger, his two children tilted back in little rocking chairs. Six young gentlemen, one of whom runs a furniture store, fastened six huge red rocking chairs on a wooden frame with runners. Two stately and dignified mules made the rockaway slip like a greased toboggan.

**JOSH BILLINGS** says: "The best medicine I know for the rheumatism, is to thank the Lord it ain't the gout."

THE office seeks the man, then the man reciprocates by seeking offices for his relatives.—Kate Field's Washington.

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WE HAVE decided to start an "adlet" column in which advertisers can place small trial ads at a small cost. This should be well patronized, as we are confident it will pay big.

WE received many responses to our advertisement headed "Je-rusa-lem," most of which requested us to send them "Je-rusa-lem." For the benefit of those who fail to understand the adv. we will say that the word is simply a catch line and we do not send Jerusalem to those who request it.

WE hereby extend our thanks to Mr. J. Warren Jacobs; Waynesburg, Pa., for his kindness in sending us a copy of his excellent work, birds of Greene County, Pa. This is truly a very valuable work, and should be in the hands of every Ornithologist.

Horses, Cattle, Dogs, Etc.

The Humphreys' Medicine Co. of New York, will mail on application a Complimentary Copy of Dr. Humphreys' Veterinary Manual (500 pages) on the treatment and care of horses, cattle, Dogs, hogs, Sheep and poultry.

SPECIAL OFFER: To all who send 50c for a year's sub. to this paper within 10 days we will send FIFTY DOLLARS, (\$50.) in fine Confederate bills.

Owing to the financial panic we run short of "Coin of the Realm" and were obliged to give our typesetter a short rest, which accounts for the non-appearance of many valuable articles this issue

MR. GEORGE STRICKFADEN contributes, an excellent poetic selection to our columns this month. He promises to continue with a like series and we feel confident that his many friends will favor us with their subscriptions. Remember our price for back numbers is 10c per copy.

WE have been appointed the official organ of "Germania," a philatelic society of 570 members in this country and abroad, and we will publish the reports, etc., monthly. The price of this paper to members of this society is 30c per year, foreign countries 15c extra, and those of the members who do not remit the subscription price after receiving three copies of this paper will be reported. All remitting at once will receive honorable mention in these columns.

THE South Park Temperance Encampment is fully up to the claims of its advertisement in this paper last month. We visited it during our stay in the Windy city, remaining a few nights, and found everything up to a high standard of excellence. Mr. J. A. Van Fleet, the manager, is a perfect gentleman, and the encampment under his supervision is certain of success. His office is in the M. E. Church building. The Encampment is a little northwest of the Midway entrance, just across Washington Park, being but a few minutes' walk.

THIS paper is beyond doubt the best advertising medium in the U. S. for the money. How we know it? Because we have tested its merits by placing an ad. in its columns, signing the name of a friend, and placing the same ad. in 6 different papers with similar rates and seeing results. Our friend got double the answers from his ad. in this paper that he received from the paper bringing second best returns, and almost one-half of the total returns were from people who "saw the ad. in Collector." We could easily fill an entire page with testimonials from advertisers were we so disposed, but we are not anxious to give free advertising by publishing them. Have you tried us?

ON another page will be found our large and valuable premium list. The immense demand last month for some of the specimens listed compelled us to give but one premium of a kind of

some listed. Lack of space forbids us to mention the names of the persons who received the more valuable premiums, it being sufficient to mention that for some as many as a dozen requests were received. Many failed to receive their premiums on account of failure to comply with conditions of list, viz; sending 5c to pay postage on specimens. We shall make the same offer as in last issue, sending only one specimen a month of the following; letters A, B, C and N.

WE WERE unable to enlarge our paper this number, so our price remains the same, 50c per year.

We will be pleased to receive many new applications for membership in the L. A. S. C., this month. At the last meeting it was decided to make the dues 5c per month for outsiders, 10c per month for persons in this city. The initiation fee is 5c. All members receive the official organ free. If you wish to join send your fee to the Sec. who will forward blanks, etc. This society has a constitution similar to that of the "S. of P." with all the objectionable features eliminated. Free exchange. Free library. Fine Silk Badge, 10c.

WELL, we are at home at last from the "Greatest show on Earth," and will from henceforth devote ourselves to the improvement of our paper. We are late this month as were at the Fair publication week. Our many readers will be obliged to excuse a discontinuance of our Mineralogical articles this month, as we had no time to take it up. All we can say of the Columbian Exposition is that it is simply indescribable. Sights for the Naturalist can be seen in most every building. One could well spend a month among the Anthropological exhibits with profit. All we can say is that every reader of this paper ought to sacrifice all other pleasures before missing the fair.

McLean County is determined to have the State Fair. The Board of Supervisors last week appropriated \$81,000 and the city of Bloomington \$25,000 more towards the grounds and improvements if the fair is awarded to Bloomington.

The death of Hon. Milton Hay of Springfield, removes one of the prominent men of the state, who had much to do with establishing its prosperity. He had been a member of the convention which framed the present constitution, and a law partner at different times of Lincoln, Cullom and Palmer. He was a wise and a pure man.

Mr. Edward Meyer had the misfortune to have three of his fingers badly cut by being caught in a planing mill at the Smiths wagon shops on Friday of last week.

**WHALES, SNAKES AND CURIOSITIES** of Land and Sea, Adventures, Natural History, Exploring, Stories of the West, Science, Collecting, Philately, Facts about Birds, Rocks, Insects, etc. Copies 1 Cent. One year, one dime, silver. No trash. Fresh and Original. Lively agents get fifty per cent. CAL. TRAVELLER and NATURALIST Co, San Jose, Cal.

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SHOULD SUBSCRIBE for the OHIO STAMP, a monthly journal devoted entirely to the interest of Stamp Collectors. Subscription price for the present is only 10c per year. Advertising rates, 25c per inch. Circulation, 1000 each issue. Cancelled Columbian stamps wanted. For every 100 sent me will give 1 year's subscription to above paper.

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Wishing to close out my extensive stock of Natural History specimens and supplies, I have decided to make a sacrifice sale of my entire stock. Fine specimens at your own prices. Over \$900 worth of stock to be sold as soon as possible. If you wish to embark in the Natural History business this is THE chance. Write for prices at once, mentioning THE COLLECTOR.

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WANTED:—A good telescope, field or opera glass. Will make good offer. Address, F. E. LUX, Pekin, Ill.

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Florida Bird's Eggs of all kinds to exchange or for sale; also Curios such as Coquina Rock from St. Augustine. Address, Aubrey G. Sawyer, Beauclerc, Fla.

\$5 worth of MOUNTED BIRDS for a second hand copy of "Hornaday's Taxidermy and Zoological Collecting." All kinds of type in large or small quantities wanted. Will give valuable exchange in fine stuffed birds, mammals and other curiosities. D. MEISELL, Pekin, Ill.

BENJ. T. SMITH of Palm Key has sea-shells, curios, grasses, plants and Sea bird's eggs, for sale or exchange. Wanted, telescope and double barrel shot-gun, muzzle loader. P. O. Address, Perico, Manatee Co. Florida.

WANTED:—To exchange eggs of this community for those of carnivorous and wading birds. First class specimens desired. Satisfaction guaranteed. CHAS. D. WARNER, Mackinaw, Ill.

IF YOU WANT an exchange notice inserted in these columns, send a Natural History specimen whose catalogue value is not less than 50 cents to the editor and have in inserted.

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PETRIFIED wood, Oregon bird points, fine obsidian arrow-heads, rare birds' eggs, minerals, curios, etc., for sale or exchange by Mrs. G. G. Garrett, Lake City, Modoc Co., Cal. Write at once for bargains. Will exchange the arrowheads for rare old china only, and they are for sale for from 10c up. Letters requiring answer must enclose stamp. [Lady is reliable—Ed.]

I HAVE the following to ex. for eggs, stamps or natural history specimens not in my collection: Mounted Tarentulas, 50c; Trapdoor spiders, 25c; Trapdoor spiders' nests, 25c. 20 per cent off above prices for cash. C. E. HUTCHINSON, 2631 Mich. Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

I HAVE a fine lot of minerals and curios to ex. for minerals, stone relics and fossils not in my collection. Send lists and receive mine in return: All answered. A. B. GROTZ, 452nd St. Bloomsburg, Pa.

WANTED: All dealers in Shells and curios to send me their price lists. Everybody answer this. If I did mean business I would not pay for this ad. Wm. Hawk, Walla Walla, Wash.

WANTED:—Books on Natural History or Taxidermy, also good B. L. Shot gun, Rifle, Field or Opera Glass, Photo. outfit, Printing Press or Type. Write, stating condition and price. All answered. DELBERT MEISELL, Pekin, Illinois.

Ex-Gov. Fifer has been quite sick, and has been confined to his bed from an attack of rheumatism. He contracted a severe cold while attending the funeral of Hon. Milton Hay in Springfield.

Peoria was pretty thoroughly shaken up by a wind storm on Monday afternoon last, and considerable damage was done to buildings, trees and other property. There was but little wind at other points in this vicinity.

S. B. Roach of the Mason City Independent, has assumed charge of the opera house in that city, and will try the double act of teaching the people through his editorial labors, and amusing them through his management of their theatre.

Ike Edwards, the Peoria lawyer, is going to build a \$30,000 home for his family on the side of the bluff and live in style the balance of his days. The house will be constructed of split boulders, and will be of a peculiar design. The site is a magnificent one, overlooking the resident portion of the city under the hill, and the lake and bluffs beyond.

"How came these holes in your elbows?" said a second ward widow to her only son. "Ah, mother," said the boy, "I hid behind the sofa last night when Mr. Jackson was saying to sister Mary that he'd take her even if you had to be thrown in, and I had to keep still and laugh in my sleeves till I busted 'em."

More boomers after town lots made the rush in the Strip last Saturday than those for quarter sections. Why men should be so crazy for government land in the territory at a big price, when there are still thousand of acres of better land to be entered in Missouri and Arkansas, is a mystery.

Chicago maidens may be awful pretty and coquettish, but they are very indignant if they are kissed clandestinely. One pretty Chicago Miss recovered \$25 from a gallant who kissed her against her will one day last week. One hardly knows which to admire most, the girl for bringing suit or the justice who demanded the fine.

The democrats in Iowa are already circulating campaign lies, which indicate clearly which side of the fence their sympathies are, on the prohibition question. One bourbon farmer in that state says he saw a snake last week in the act of swallowing one of his 200 pound hogs. It is time the republicans won the control of the state government.

The great congress of all religions at the World's Fair missed a most important factor, when it omitted to invite, or have present, the Rev. Dr. Schweinforth, of Rockford. Perhaps the new Messiah was better exemplifying his religion by peddling milk on the streets of Rockford than he would have been disputing with the mixed multitude of creedists who aired their doctrines.

## PREMIUMS.

Below will be found our large and valuable premium list. Anyone who sends 50c for subscription to the COLLECTOR may select free of charge any of the following premiums. There will be found some very valuable eggs under the list which are alone worth more than the sub. price. *Be sure and select one or more duplicates when sending, as the supply of some is limited.* Eggs are No. 1 A 2d class, unless stated otherwise.

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- D Black-backed Gull.
- E American Osprey.
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- G Mew Gull.
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- I Murre.
- J Laughing Gull.
- K Noddy Tern
- L American Crow.
- M Lark Sparrow, set 4, data complete.
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- O 3 perfect Arrowheads.
- P 4 polished Florida Shells, worth \$1.
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- R 100 stamps.
- S A fine spray of Conch Eggs.
- T A fine Star-fish.

Of some Premiums listed but one a month will be given. So you will act wisely by sending at once. Subscription price will advance soon and you will want to kick yourself. Choice of premiums will be sent alone on receipt of 45c.

All subscriptions must be accompanied by 5c for postage on specimens. *First come, first served.* This is a chance of a lifetime.

### A GREAT RESEMBLANCE.

Photographer your son ordered this likeness from me. "It is certainly very much like him. Has he paid for it?" "Not yet." "That is still more like him."—Yankee Blade.

### ONE OF THE REGULATIONS.

Mrs. Quizzer—What kind of underwear does Mr. Bluffer wear? Mrs. Bluffer—Natural wool, except lodge nights. Then he wears silk.—Exchange.

### THE RESULT OF EXPERIENCE.

Landlady—Do have some veal, Mr. Fleecy. You wouldn't know it from spring chicken. Boarder—No, I thank you. I never care for veal unless it is tender.—Judge.

### AGREAT CROP.

Vokes—There will be lots of society weddings this season. Carson—How do you know? Vokes—Widows and divorces are unusually plentiful.—Truth.

### NOT NATURAL.

Theater-goer—The love scene in your play isn't half so natural as it used to be last season. The same people do it, too. Manager—Yes, but the lovers were married a few months ago. Tit-Bits.

### A LONG FELT WANT.

Daly—I see that they are advertising a remedy for "that full feeling after eating." Galy—But nobody seems to have discovered one for "that full feeling after drinking."—New York Herald.

There are some persons who have visited the World's Fair who are prouder of what they didn't see than of what they saw.

## A MOUNTAIN OF BARK.

An Immense Pile of Waste That Cannot Be Utilized.

A few miles from Mannheim, New York, there is a village supported entirely by its vast manufactory for changing the cinchona bark into the quinine of commerce. Several other medicinal extracts besides quinine are got from the bark, but after it is put to every possible use there remains a substance, in bulk almost equal to the original bark, for which no possible use has been discovered. Usually manufactories are able to turn their waste products to some sort of use—to fertilizers, to the making of embankments, to the filling of uneven ground. And if they cannot use them in some positive way, they may at least burn them, and so get rid of the burden. Not so with this refuse from cinchona bark.

Years ago, according to the New York Sun, the manufactory dumped this stuff into the river. But the government was called in to investigate, and found that the worthless stuff not only killed the fishes, but so embittered the waters that they were not fit to drink. So it was forbidden to the manufactory to use the river for carrying off its waste products. Then ground was bought, and they started to dumping. And now the village is under the shadow of a great hill, that is rapidly growing, and will soon be little short of a mountain. This huge artificial mound is an unsightly, barren thing, covering many acres of soil that might be put to some use. Some day an order may come to remove the mountain into the midst of the sea. The manufacturers hope, however, that science, which has touched so many unsightly and useless things with a magic wand, may enchant even the bitter and worthless refuse of cinchona bark and make their mountain a gold mine.

## PALMETTO PAPER.

A New and Valuable Addition to Paper Stock.

At the present time when paper stock is scarce and the prices advancing, a special interest is taken by paper manufacturers in palmetto fiber. It is not generally known that factories have been established in the south for the manufacture of paper from that article. It is only within the last few years that American manufacturers have paid any attention to this fiber as a paper stock. In England and France, however, it has been for more than thirty years in practical use. In fact, one firm in London have used over one thousand pounds yearly for the last twenty years. The material which they use and which is converted into notes and bonds is produced in Africa. The great expense of procuring it has deterred manufacturers in this country from using it, but since the establishment of factories here this difficulty to a great extent has been overcome. It is said that the great solidity of palmetto wood pulp makes it more valuable than any other wood pulp, and it is therefore recommended to manufacturers for the making of pails, tubs, casks and other utensils. Because of its solidity, it is also very valuable for use in rough casts for models and moldings. The supply of this wood is practically unlimited; it is now found in endless quantities all over Florida. The leaf and stem are almost entirely composed of valuable fibers, which in the raw state have a rough appearance. These are not very pliant when dry, but are exceedingly flexible when wet, and if skillfully handled can be divided into extremely small threads. In many instances the finer grades of fiber resemble wool more than cotton, linen or silk.

## "UNCIVIL KINDNESS."

Tenderness of Heart But Partially Concealed by Roughness of Manner.

Robert Louis Stevenson, in his book of essays entitled "Across the Plains,"

gives an example of what he calls the "uncivil kindness" of Americans—that rough friendliness which, in its contradictory character, is so bewildering to the foreigner newly landed. He says:

"It was immediately after I had left the emigrant train, and I am told that I looked like a man at death's door, so much had the long journey shaken me. I sat at the end of the car, and the catch being broken and myself sick and feverish, I had to hold the door open with my foot for the sake of air.

"In this attitude my leg barred the newsboy from his box of merchandise. I made haste to let him pass when I observed that he was coming; but I was busy with a book, and so, once or twice, he came upon me unawares.

"On these occasions he most rudely struck my foot aside, and though I myself apologized, as if to show him the way, he answered me never a word. I chafed furiously, and I fear the next time it would have come to words; but suddenly I felt a touch upon my shoulder, and a large, juicy pear was put into my hand.

"It was the newsboy, who had observed that I was looking ill, and so made me this present out of a tender heart.

"For the rest of the journey I was petted like a sick child; he lent me newspapers, thus depriving himself of his legitimate profit on their sale, and came repeatedly to sit by me and cheer me up."

### What the Indians Think.

There is something for the "native American" stock to reflect upon, says the Worcester Spy, in the remarks of one of the Indian girls from the Carlisle Indian school, which was represented by three hundred and twenty-two pupils in the great parade of school children in New York this week. This girl had been taking in the sights of the metropolis with others in charge of a white teacher. They had been down to Ellis island to witness the landing of some emigrants, and after witnessing for awhile this great horde of foreigners who were crowding ashore, this Carlisle girl remarked to her white teacher: "Your people drove us out centuries ago. Now these people are coming to drive you out. If you don't stop them you will be in a few centuries what my people are now."

A HISTORIC collection of railway tickets from all parts of the world will be one of the exhibits at the Chicago world's fair.

### A Mystery Explained.

Why does not a man weigh a pound more immediately after eating a pound weight of food? A little reflection will readily explain this apparent mystery. During the process of mastication, deglutition, etc., certain muscles are brought into active play, and the exercise of any muscle necessitates a temporary waste of its tissues, and a certain amount of carbon is eliminated and passes off during the course of the meal. This loss, however, is trifling as compared with that due to respiration and perspiration, both of which are increased during the various operations of making a meal. The length of time one may take to consume a pound of food makes but little difference to these losses, for if it is eaten leisurely there is but slight increase of respiration, whereas if it is hurried through both are abnormally accelerated. Hence, by the time the pound is eaten, the consumer has lost appreciably in moisture and carbonic acid.

### Not Yet in the Soup.

When Mauritius was ceded to Great Britain in 1810 there was a gigantic turtle in a court of the artillery barracks at Port Louis which is still there, although almost blind. It weighs three hundred and thirty pounds and stands two feet high when walking. Its shell is eight and one-half feet long and it can carry two men on its back with ease. It is believed to be at least two hundred years old.

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### LIZARDS THAT CAN FLY.

The Graceful Little Saurians Found in Borneo and Nowhere Else.

Borneo, so far as is known, says the St. Louis Republic, is the only island or country on the globe that produces a species of flying lizard. These little flying saurians have all the grace of a bird and as great a variety of colors as a tropical butterfly. One representative of the curious tribe of reptiles, Draco volans leekii, is from twelve to sixteen inches in length, the primary colors being blue and yellow bands connected by a series of red dots situated so closely together as to give them the appearance of being continuous carmine lines. The tail of Draco volans is long and slender, flattened laterally, very flexible and in several other ways calculated to serve as a rudder. The wings are not wholly unlike the "sails" of the American flying squirrel, only that in the case of the lizard they come much nearer to being two wings, Draco having full control of them, which cannot be said of the squirrel mentioned, the last named creature only using his winglike appendages as a sort of a parachute. With the lizard it is different; he leaps into the air from his vantage ground on some high limb and soars off in any direction as easily and as gracefully as some gaudy insect, rapid movements of the legs and the rudderlike tail serving to steer the ethereal creature in any direction desired. Draco volans was unknown to naturalists prior to 1880, and may even now be said to possess many characteristics not thoroughly understood.

### STARVING AMID PLENTY.

The Agent Became Surfeited on a Diet of 'Possum and Corn Bread.

"I once came near starving to death in a land of plenty," said a traveler, addressing the experience meeting assembled in the corridors of the Lindell, relates the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "I was traveling through Arkansas by wagon selling patent rights. I got into a section where hotels were unknown and had to put up at the cabins of the squatters. For an entire week the bill of fare was baked 'possum, buttermilk and corn bread for breakfast, corn bread, buttermilk and baked 'possum for dinner, and buttermilk, baked 'possum and corn bread for supper. I abhor baked 'possum, corn bread is my abomination and I would starve to death in an ocean of buttermilk. At last I expostulated. My host was thunderstruck. He got up, motioned me to follow him outside and said impressively: 'Look a-hyar, stranger; yer too scrupulous fer Arkansas. Here this hull neighborhood has been totin corn t' mill an' skylarkin' around night arter night fer 'possums t' pervide y' with luxuries, an' now y' turn up yer nose an' say y' can't eat sich stuff. W'at d'ye want? W'at d'ye call high livin' anyhow? W'at kind o' fodder be y' a-hankerin' fer? Now I tell y' w'at y' do. You pint that mule's nose t'ward the Massassip, an' don't y' never stop till y' git across it. A man who can't go 'possum an' corn pone hain't got no kinder business a foolin' round in Arkansas!'"

### SOMETHING TO EAT.

**YEAST.**—Boil six large potatoes, mash fine, when cool add one tablespoonful each of sugar and salt and one yeast cake. Use a pint of this for four loaves. Set bread in the morning and bake before supper. Add more potatoes, sugar and salt as you use out.—Home.

**POPOVERS.**—Two eggs, one cup of milk, one cup of flour, one teaspoonful of salt. Beat the eggs very little—just sufficient to mix them, then add milk and salt, then the flour; mix until smooth and put into the hot greased pans. Bake in a quick oven twenty minutes.—Detroit Free Press.

**INDIAN PUDDING.**—Scald one quart of milk, thicken with one cup of meal, one cup of flour, one cup

two eggs, one spoon of molasses, salt and ginger to taste. When cool add one pint of cold milk; do not stir it. Bake slowly for two or three hours.—Boston Budget.

**CREAM SOUP.**—Stir till smooth, in a saucepan over the fire, two tablespoonfuls of butter and three of flour; add half a teacup at a time of cream and milk, half and half, till three pints have been used; season with salt and pepper and serve with croutons.—Ohio Farmer.

**POTATO PIE.**—Take two cupfuls mashed potatoes, one and a half teacupfuls sugar, one-half teacupful each of butter and sweet milk and four well beaten eggs. Mix the ingredients well together and flavor with vanilla. Should be baked with only a rich under crust.—Orange Judd Farmer.

### FACTS FROM HISTORY.

A WATCH carried by Emperor Charles V. in 1530 weighed twenty-seven pounds.

CARPETS were used in Nineveh and Babylon, as shown in paintings, B. C. 1500.

A CHAIN made for the United States government at Troy, N. Y., in 1883, was six miles and a fraction in length.

THE Egyptians and the Phoenicians are joint claimants for the honor of the invention of water craft.

NINEVEH, the ancient city, was 14 miles long and 8 miles wide, surrounded by a wall 100 feet high and 20 feet wide.

THE greatest number of deaths from earthquake shock was at Yeddo, Japan, in 1703, when 190,000 people, it is estimated, lost their lives in the terrible seismic upheaval.

KING HENRY I. had an arm thirty-six inches long. That is why the English and American yard is its present length, a little fact which many students have learned and forgotten.

DURING the reign of Henry IV. of England no person of a lower estate than a knight or baronet was allowed to wear cloth of gold or large sleeves or to use either ermine or marten fur on his gown.

### POINTS ABOUT ART.

A COLLECTION of twenty-seven paintings by Walter McEwen is shown at Denver, Col., in the rooms of the Art league; it contains various salon pictures and works done in Holland.

AN etching of the Milton cottage at Chalfont St. Giles, England, has been published by Messrs. Graves, of London. It is by S. Walker, R. H. A., after his own painting of the poet's dwelling.

THE Richmond Dispatch considers that it is quite unpardonable and rather inexplicable that Virginians should have forgotten Pocahontas and failed to have raised a monument to her memory.

A STATUE is to be erected at Bar-le-Duc, in France, to Ernest Michaux, who is supposed to have invented the velocipede, and thereby paved the way for the bicycle. Michaux was a blacksmith, and constructed his first "wheel" in 1842, just a half century ago.

H. H. KITSON, the sculptor, has finished the Farragut statue ordered for Boston, but the site has not been selected and may not be for some time. It was cast at the Gorham works in Providence, and is nine feet six inches high, with cap, belt and marine glasses, but no sword.

### SOCIETY NOTES.

THE banquet in Vienna which the Kaiser of Austria gave to the Kaiser of Germany began at five o'clock.

PAUL B. DU CHAILLU says that while he was in Africa he had 22,000 opportunities to marry and declined them all.

A RECENT Newport luncheon was served by three maids in white caps and aprons and broad white collars and cuffs.

A "RIVIERA" tea is the form lately given to a charitable entertainment by some ladies of a neighboring city. A paper on the Riviera was read by a

woman who had spent several winters there and the tea followed.

A NEW fashion in England is to send domestic animals as wedding presents, since Queen Victoria sent Miss Loftus,

### TWO NESTS FULL OF EAGLES.

The Eagles Are Golden Ones and Their Value Is \$1,900.

Milton sings of how "the eagle and the stork on cliffs and cedar tops their eyries build," but no poet ever dreamed of locating an eagle's nest in a low pepper tree in the center of a thickly populated town, says the Pomona (Ill.) Progress. Yet "Old Man Jones," as he is called by his neighbors, found two nests containing one hundred and ninety golden eagles while trimming some street trees in San Bernardino; in other words, he found two tin cans hid in the trees containing \$1,900 in gold coin. Jones had trimmed the trees over a week before and returned Saturday to give them some finishing touches. In the first tree that he climbed, hid away from sight behind the stump of a large limb that he had lopped off the week before, he discovered the first can, containing nearly \$1,000 in gold. He could not believe his eyes, and was not long in getting to the ground to handle and count the money. He continued his search and found in the crotch of another tree nearly \$1,000 more of gold coin, hid away the same as the first lot.

As soon as the overwhelming surprise of the discovery had passed away the old man was at a loss to know what to do with his mine of gold. He was sorely tempted to hide it away, say nothing of it, and live without work and in comfort for a few years. But this Jones is an honest man—he would have naught that did not belong to him—so he made public the discovery and deposited the money in bank to await the appearance of the rightful owner. It will be strange if there do not arise out of the mountains and sage brush about San Bernardino as many claimants of the treasure as there are golden eagles.

### FAST ENOUGH.

A Russian's Plan for Crossing the Atlantic in Twenty-Eight Hours.

It is said that a new maritime invention, intended to revolutionize the present system of marine locomotion, is being perfected by Lieut. Apostolow, of the Russian navy. The other day a private exposition was given of the ingenious models before Admiral Van der Fleet, Baron Bistrom, Capt. Peresleschin and other naval officers, in the directors' room of the Russian company's establishment at Odessa. Sufficient information has been collected by the London Transcript to show that Lieut. Apostolow's new ship has neither screw nor paddle. There is, instead, a kind of running electrical gear right round the vessel's hull, under the water line, and a revolving mechanism, which will propel the ship from Liverpool to New York in twenty-eight hours. This, however, is but one part of the Russian's scheme. Some unreasonably timid persons, Lieut. Apostolow imagines, might object to the discomfort of being swished through the Atlantic billows at the rate of one hundred and thirty knots an hour. To these he offers the alternative of a submarine passage "without rock, roll or vibration, and with a good supply of oxygen and hydrogen during the short voyage." What the czar's officers think of the Apostolow plans is not recorded. All that is known is that the lieutenant has quitted Odessa for Moscow and St. Petersburg, where he intends to exhibit his models before he embarks with them for that valhalla of invention—the world's fair.

MR. IRVING is said to have found "Henry VIII." one of the most profitable of his productions.

AUGUSTIN DALY, the world-renowned theatrical manager, is a southerner by birth, but of Irish descent.

What Our Exchanges Say.

One of the accepted jurors in the case of the people against Brock said last Wednesday morning that he would at once subscribe for a county paper and get the news of what was going on about home. He had to confess his ignorance of the Brock-Halsey case because he did not take a county paper, and therefore the attorneys considered him a fit man for a juror. Ignorance was not bliss in his case.—[Clinton Public.

The canning factory, owing to the drouth, runs only about half the time, but employs about sixty hands and pays about \$250 a week in wages. The machinery is capable of doing a large business, but it is impossible to get corn and tomatoes in sufficient quantities. The tomatoes are rather small and not very good, but the evergreen sugar corn is large and of good quality. Farmers haul away the cobs in order to get the husks for feed, the fodder from sweet corn being better than that from field corn. It is to be hoped that next year will give good crops of corn and tomatoes so that the factory may be run on full time. As it is, it is a great help in a dull time.—[Lincoln Herald.

Mr. Jacob Judy, of Champaign county, was at Atlanta fair last week going thence to join his wife who was visiting at Delavan. Mr. Judy lived at Atlanta in the 50's and, as a carpenter, help build many of the houses put up in the first four years of phenomenal growth enjoyed by that town. Afterwards he returned to his farm at Hittle's Grove, Tazewell county. About twelve years ago he sold the farm and bought another in Champaign county. Of his three sons, two live at Champaign and the other on the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Judy have recently been severely afflicted in the death of their daughter who had only been married a short time. Mr. Judy's many friends in Tazewell and Logan counties will be pleased to learn that he is in good health and although claiming to be seventy-two years of age does not look to be over sixty.—[Lincoln Herald.

In one respect the present drought is the worst ever known in this section since the country was settled by the white man. It is 90 days since there has been any rain to speak of. There was a little shower on the 7th of July which, with one or two sprinkles, is all the rain that has fallen since the first week in June. If the ground had been as dry last spring as it was at the same time for nine years previous, not enough would have been raised in this county to have fed the grasshoppers. When the drought set in the ground was level full of water, and that is what saved the country.—[Princeton Tribune.

Our city is without funds and four or five hundred dollar's worth of orders are unpaid. Unlike Wenona, Washington supports five saloons which pay \$2500 to the city annu-

ally. Improvements are going on here and there, such as are needed and demanded, and we fear that unless money can be borrowed, some of the more important and most expensive work will have to be abandoned for the time being. In the meantime the city should get a hustle on itself and pay off the orders of those who are needing their money most.—[Washington News.

Young man brace up and be a real man. Its worth your while. Cut the acquaintance of bummers and pluguglies, and ignore their taunts and sneers. They're not worth your consideration. The world is full of good, pure, noble men and women who are ever ready to hold up your hands and lift you to a higher plane, morally and intellectually, if you will permit it. These are the friendship of the world's good people which are worth striving for. Association with the other class brings you nothing but shame, loss of health, loss of friends, degradation and final death of dishonor. Open your eyes and choose wisely.—[Hopedale Review.

AROUND HOME.

Charles Albright of Armington has sold his residence to Robert Judy.

Fulton county is laboring over a half dozen well defined bastardy cases.

The peoples party of Menard county will hold a convention the 23rd of this month.

Twenty-two people were taken into full membership with the M. E. church in Lincoln last Sabbath.

The receiver of the Tremont Creamery has advertised for bids for the purchase of the entire property.

A horse and cart belonging to James Watkins was stolen from Hollis last week.

Governor Altgeld up to the 1st of September had pardoned 116 convicts out of the penitentiaries.

Eugene Orendorff and Wm J. Calbertson have purchased the grain business of A. W. Ray, at Delavan.

A theatrical company which was booked for a week's performance at Havana got into a free fight and the mayor revoked their license.

Livingston county has been obliged to borrow \$7,000 issuing bonds for the amount, to pay running expenses for the balance of the year.

The Logan county circuit court is in session at Lincoln, having convened on Monday with Judge Epler presiding.

The students are arriving fast at Eureka college, and the prospects for a large attendance are exceedingly good.

A house belonging to Ed Haas of this city, at Spring Lake, and occupied by a farmer was burned on Sunday and was a total loss.

The farmers of Logan county are making bitter complaints of losses through the depredations of chicken thieves.

The insurance companies have settled the losses from the big fire in Tremont last week, and re-building will commence immediately.

The supervisors of Wrrren county decided last week to commence work at once on a new court house at Monmouth to cost \$80,000.

A. G. Kingman has resigned the managership of the Tremont creamery and David Johnson appointed to fill the place.

An effort is being made to secure the services of Elder O. W. Stewart as pastor of the Christian church at Mackinaw for the coming year.

Marshall county is to have a new \$10,000 jail. Thus is the precedent established by Tazewell county being followed.

The grand jury at Havana last week found an indictment against an eleven year old boy, for stealing some pocket knives from a store in Mason City.

The dry weather is interfering with the plowing so much in central Illinois that the prospects for a large acreage of wheat being sown is not very flattering.

A recruiting office has been opened in Peoria, and there is a chance now

for such young men as are out of employment to enter the service of Uncle Sam.

The Bloomington Baptist Association is meeting this week at Normal. Several of the prominent Baptists of this city and county are in attendance.

The Mayor of Canton has got himself into a bitter quarrel with the preachers of the city, who have been denouncing him from their pulpits. The Mayor is evidently getting the worst of it for he threatens prosecution for libel.

Wilbur Hall, of Washington pleaded guilty to larceny and was fined \$5.00 and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

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