

The Foreclosure of the Mortgage.

Walk right in the settin'-room, Deacon; it's all in a middle, you see, but I hadn't no heart to right it, so I've jess left it everyting be. Besides, I'm going to-morrow—I calkate to start with the dawn—

The lad's bright, handsome face grew dark and sullen. He was half reclining under a tree, gazing over a vast expanse of rippling waves; for Fairview, where his mother lived, was a seaboard village. It was not a fashionable resort, by any means, but a kind of fishing hamlet, where persons of small means and quiet tastes came for their summer holiday.

As in a dream, he hastened down to his own little skiff, looking around with terror to see if he was pursued. He loosened the rope, jumped in, and in a few minutes was on board the Minnie, and soon out of sight of Fairview.

Edison and the Unseen Universe. Hitherto man's knowledge of the extent of the universe has been bounded by the limits of vision. During the day, when the range of sight is narrowed by the sun's excessive brightness, we see but a minute fraction of the little world we inhabit.

TIMELY TOPICS.

A Western hail insurance company recently paid \$19,000 for damages to crops in one Minnesota county.

Rena Willis, a colored girl, died a few minutes after being baptized in Wilkes county, Georgia. She was overhauled when she went into the water.

An Illinois lawyer, who charged a widow \$25 for making out a bill of sale, reduced his bill to \$3 after the widow's brother had taken off his coat.

The longest daily mail and stage line in the United States, 1,500 miles from Fort Worth, in Texas, to Fort Yuma, on the Colorado river, has been formally inaugurated with a procession of Concord stages drawn by 200 horses.

A woman of Steele County, Minn., had her husband and son killed by lightning. She married again, and her second lord was killed by lightning last week.

Figures furnished on the nominations made indicate that there will be 800 regular candidates in the field for the 293 seats in the Forty-sixth United States Congress, although in many Southern districts there is no opposition to the Democratic candidates.

It is a very remarkable circumstance in the native country of wheat that oats, rye and rice should be entirely unknown. This has led to the opinion by some naturalists that all our cereal plants are artificial productions, obtained accidentally, but retaining their habits, which have become fixed in the course of ages.

Foreign Bodies in the Nose and Ear. Dr. Mason, in a lecture on the Surgery of the Face, published in the Lancet, says that foreign bodies, such as cherry stones, locust beans, brass rings, slate pencils, screws, buttons, pieces of wood, peas, etc., are not unfrequently met with in the nasal and nasal cavities.

Superstition About Precious Stones.

The moonstone, was, as its name implies, venerated from its supposed lunar attraction. It is one of the prettiest, though most common of precious stones in Ceylon. Pliny describes it as containing an image of the moon, "which, if the story be true, is the origin of the name."

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What He Was After. A strong, healthy-looking young man entered the County Clerk's office and gazed respectfully at Deputy Harry Thompson.

The Dead-Point in Mind Tenison. It is a common subject of marvel that criminals in the presence of immediate execution are usually self-possessed, and often exhibit singular composure.

A Girl who Could-Throw Stones. A Nevada man writes to the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise as follows: "The writer once knew a family in which there were six bouncing girls without a break. Being very poor, the father had taken the eldest to assist him in out of door work."

After Many Years. "It's always the same thing,—cutting wood, fetching water, and running errands for mother's boarders. It's 'Here Tom!' There Tom!" "Look sharp, boy!" from morning till night, till I'm fairly discouraged.

Items of Interest.

Every base ballist should have a striking face. What a dressmaker may boast of—I am engaged to sew and sew.

Wide seas wait for our ships. In the grey dawn we'll sail away, This wealth of soul and lips I leave with hopes that die to-day.

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The answer will be obvious on reflection. The mind has reached what may be designated a "dead-point" in its tension. The excitement is over, and all anticipation, the trembling doubt between hope and fear of escape has exhausted the irritability of the mind, and there is, as it were, a pause, an interval of passive endurance between the end of the struggle for life and the bitterness of remorse and agony of disappointment.

"Well, the deuce!" remarked Mr. R. Townsend, of Newport, Ky., when, having asked for supper at a Cincinnati hotel he received no change back out of a one dollar bill.

On by George—excuse me," stammered the man, as he hastily withdrew the brush, spluttering the ink all over the clerk's shirt bosom, and as if it had been molasses dripping from his fingers, thrust the brush into his mouth, dabbing himself with ink and mullage, and then bolted from the office.

"That's about the worst case I have ever seen," remarked Mr. Thompson, as he wiped a big ink spot from the star-board side of his Roman nose. "Crazy as a loon," said Alderman Orndorf, who had been an interested spectator of the whole scene. "You ought to send a policeman after that man."