

THE SUBSTITUTE.

The tramp cooked a red and sullen eye at Wingfield's.

"You appear to be well fed," returned Wingfield, seating himself on the smooth pastureward beside the hobo.

"Which you gimme," said the tramp, not ungratefully.

"I did," admitted the tramp. Then he added, gloomily: "But there's allers somethin' wrong in every situation."

"But," he continued, "he's the easiest pussen in the world—so long as you do exactly what he says."

"You were telling me that he—"

By the time Professor Broughton had experimented on the substitute for a week, he began to congratulate himself heartily on the exchange.

stitute needed a keeper all to himself, and she watched him so carefully that she left the other four completely on the professor's hands.

The professor obliged all five of the men to keep perfectly clean-shaven. He took great delight in observing the hollows in their faces filling out, were it ever so faintly, under the influence of milk and potatoes, and an equal pleasure in proving a marked decline in twenty-four hours when he put them on rare beef and lemon-juice.

As soon as the men varied one way or the other, were it never so slightly, the professor put them on something else, considering that the variation had proved his point.

The substitute never minded these violent, and seemingly capricious, changes. The most blissful content appeared in his face at meal-times—an ecstatic state of being which distinctly irritated his confederates, whose discontent daily grew deeper.

Absorbed in caring for the substitute, Miss Julia failed to notice the malevolent glances cast on her father by his four original hirelings.

This quartet sat like four hungry and sulky children. Their jaws moved with the repressed fury wolves constrained to detested deliberation.

That this constraint alone compelled them into a temporary art in "masty-katin," that their ominous scowls meant something, Miss Broughton was doomed to discover very suddenly.

She might have had forewarning long previously, had she only reflected on the isolated site of the house, and on the highly unscientific attitude of the reluctant "experiments," so far as the four were concerned.

THE WHOLE STORE.

A little fun, A little play, A little laughter Day by day, A little school

THE ARTIST.

The moon was calmly shining In the clear, cold winter sky, And thousands of stars were twinkling

Rules for Lent.

The Lenten season, the period of each-look and ashes, will begin early this year, Ash Wednesday falling on February 22.

All the faithful who have completed their 21st years, unless legitimately dispensed, are bound to observe the fast of Lent.

By virtue of an indulgence by the Holy See, the following concessions in Lent were granted temporarily:

Persons dispensed from the obligations of fasting are not bound by the restriction of using meat only on one meal on days on which its use is granted by dispensation.

By dispensation, the use of flesh meat will be allowed at all meals on Sundays, and one day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of the Saturday in Ember week and the last Saturday of Lent.

"A college professor says that 20 years from now women will be ruling the world."

Friday Not so Bad.

Moscow was burned on Friday. Washington was born on Friday. Shakespeare was born on Friday.

THE SUDAN NATIVES.

There is a passage in one of the ancient Arab histories to the effect that "the white people come from the other side of the sea."

The Arabs, in order to retain their influence over the natives, spread broadcast the report that the white men were cannibals.

When the principal meal cannot be taken about noon, it is lawful to invert the order, by taking the collation in the morning and dinner in the evening.

QUEER MARRIAGE CUSTOM.

The Malay Bride Has to Have Her Teeth Piled Away.

Some of the national marriage customs of other countries are distinctly quaint and interesting and to us appear curious enough.

IN THE NITRATE COUNTRY.

Industry of the Barren, Dusty Deserts of South America.

pure nitrate of soda soon begins crystallizing and settling to the bottom. After this has gone on for some time the remaining liquid is drawn off and the crust of nitrate is scraped from the sides and bottom of the vat and thoroughly dried in the sun.

A HEARTY LAUGH.

It is a Blessing, This Reflex of a Sunshine Soul.

The cold, chilling atmosphere which sometimes pervades a reception or other social gathering is often entirely dissipated by the hearty, ringing laughter of some simple, genuine soul who is bubbling over with fun.

UNIQUE FEATS.

Odd Physical Tricks That People Here and There Can Do.

A group of traveling men were discussing unique feats and physical tricks that people here and there can do.

THE GOLD OF ALASKA.

It Was First Discovered in Alaska on the Anauk river, a tributary of the Kuskokowim river, which joins the latter stream about twenty-five miles below the trading post of Kalamakobsky.

It was while on one of these trips in 1832 that the Russians discovered gold on the Anauk, and it is known today as the Yellow River of the Russians.

first time on record of gold being found in this country.

Luken was born of Russian and Spanish-American creole parents in the Ross colony in California. He was well educated at the Sitka school and proved to be an active, energetic and intelligent officer.

THE COFFEE PLANT.

A Native of Abyssinia That Was Transported to Arabia.

The origin of coffee is lost in the mists of antiquity, but the plant is believed to be a native of Abyssinia and to have been carried thence into Arabia early in the fifteenth century.

ANTIQUE SEVRES.

You Can Always Distinguish the Genuine by Its Gilding.

False Sevres in the bric-a-brac shops is offered as genuine by "reputable dealers" in London and Paris as well as in New York.

Earrings.

Girls who are fond of earrings may perhaps be interested in hearing a few facts about them.

Doomed.

"Emily, if William today asks you to marry him you must tell him to speak to me."