

Precautions Against Drought.

On account of the plentiful rains thus far it is not too much to expect that before the season is over we shall experience weeks of dry weather.

ODD ITEMS.

In another month some indication of fall and winter fashions will be given by local modistes who will have returned from Europe.

When the marriage ceremony was over the parson was approached by the groom with the question: "What's the damage."

Several spurious blind men were recently arrested for begging on the streets. This may be set down as a game of blind man's bluff.

Some risk with the lark: others get up when the steam whistle blows. Real comfort is found lying in bed until one feels like getting up.

An Iowa paper thinks there is strong probability that a "muckety party" will soon be in the State. It refers to the anticipated hanging of a murderer.

The late Sam Ward said any green thing could be made into a salad. The youthful medical graduate may, therefore, be said to be in his salad season.

The paper market has brightened with the announcement that Gail Hamilton is going to fill scrap books with all that is said in the newspapers against Blaine.

"How did you like the doctor's sermon?" said one to his companion as they were walking home from church. "First rate; I always liked that sermon."

"Pa," asked Ward, "what is a Buddhist?" A Buddhist, my son, replied Pa, "is a well-to-do sort of horticultural chap—you've heard of budding fruit, you know."

The late residence of Tom Thumb was sold lately for \$4500. Its original cost was, it is said, \$60,000, but the erection of a new jail in its vicinity depreciated its value.

With poison lurking in ice cream freezers and the fumes of soda fountains, the young man of the period is given no chance to become another fellow-sinner these warm evenings.

Mr. Evans, upon being remonstrated with on account of his long sentences, replied: "Say what you will, there is only one class of the people really opposed to long sentences, and that is the criminal class."

The national debt is over one billion five hundred million dollars. No wonder a man feels almost as bad as if he had lost his dearest friend on earth when he finds that some one stuck him with a counterfeiter dime.

It is too soon to get in a flurry about politics. Both parties are now collecting the cash and paying stump orators \$500 for speeches which under any other circumstances would entitle them to be killed at once as dangerous to the peace and mortality of the country.

The old bach who said he would get married and settle down and spend the remainder of his life in calm repose, got married; but he didn't repose worth a cent, and he is now applying for a divorce so he can settle up again.

A Chicago girl acknowledges having been engaged to five men within six months and now sues the latter for breach of promise. The reason why she wasn't engaged often is because the other men with whom she came in contact weren't too lame to run when she popped the question.

In Russia the sphere of usefulness open to women physicians scarcely exceeds that of blind nurses. They are permitted only to treat the diseases of women and children. Apothecaries, moreover, are forbidden to put up prescriptions coming from a woman.

The attributes of a good policeman are defined by a New York police inspector to be courage, health, a strong physique, horse sense, a general knowledge of the city and its laws (so far as they pertain to his duties), ability to read, to write plainly and to calculate up to the rule of three, courtesy, truth and politeness—a branch of accomplishments that is seldom found in the knight of the club.

The old custom of bottling tears is still continued in Persia. It must be very old, as it is alluded to in the Psalms of David. As the mourners are sitting around and weeping, the master of ceremonies presents each one with a piece of cotton-wool, with which he wipes off his tears. This cotton is afterwards squeezed into a bottle, and the tears are preserved as a powerful and efficacious remedy for reviving a dying man after every means have failed. It is also employed as a charm against evil influences.

The practice was once universal, as is evidenced by the tear bottles which are found in almost every ancient tomb. A poor English lady, whose house on the outskirts of London was overrun by black beetles, which dwelt not only on the walls, but in the beds, applied the other day to a magistrate to know whether she could be compelled, under such circumstances, to pay her rent. The magistrate explained to her that the courts were divided upon the question. A house overrun with bugs had been pronounced uninhabitable, but not with beetles. She would have to carry the matter to the House of Lords.

Polygamous Bonomies.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE DOMESTIC LIFE OF MORMONS WITH MANY WIVES.

The private home routine of a polygamous family is a matter upon which so much curiosity is constantly expressed by our acquaintances that I venture to say here what little I know; but the reader must remember that less than ten per cent. of the voting Mormon population of Utah are polygamists.

The polygamist, as a rule, has accumulated some property and owns a house before he takes a second and successive wives, though sometimes he begins by marrying two or three at once. All of these marriages, however, except the first, are made secretly by the Church, and no record of them is accessible.

In the city, at least, it is seldom that the different wives share the same quarters. In the country this is not so common, but the natural unpleasantness follows in most cases. The general method is to have a large house, the main part of which, perhaps, is occupied by the first wife and wings or additions by the successive candidates for marital honors. "Wife" is common in Salt Lake City and mark a difference between it and a town of small houses like Cheyenne and most other Western villages. In many cases, however, the husband sets up his wives in separate homes, either side by side in different parts of the city. In any case each has her own kitchen-garden, etc. I have in mind a wealthy dignitary of the Church whom you might easily have mistaken for the late Peter Cooper and who is possessed of seven wives.

Each of these women has some farming and garden ground of her own and all are greatly devoted to rearing bees. With the help of their grown children they each raise a large amount of produce and honey annually. The husband acts as their agent. He lives their swarms of bees and charges them for it. He renders some other service called upon and is paid for it; he sells their crops and honey when it is ready and credits each wife with her due share. Most of them live in suites of apartments under the roof of his great house in town, but the first wife has a beautiful farm of her own in the country, to which she and her children have retired to end their days in peaceful independence.

The way in which this old gentleman has always arranged his domestic life is reported to be thus: He had certain rooms in his house where he kept his bed, his wardrobe, his books and saw any visitors who called upon him. Here he was a bachelor and here he staid every other day and night. On alternate days and nights he was the guest of one or another of his wives in regular rotations, devoting the one day to this and the other to that, and devoting diligently to her society. Of course this routine was not invariable, but for the most part it was regularly followed.

A Glass of Water. There are some very pleasing tricks that may be performed with a glass of water. Not only do they amuse, but lessons in natural science may be learned at the same time. One requires only a sheet of paper in addition to the goblet of water.

Fill the goblet brimming full of water, and cover it with a sheet of paper; then turn the glass quickly over; the pressure of the atmosphere upon the paper will sustain the water, which will not run out.

This experiment should be first practiced over a bowl or pan until accuracy is reached. Another experiment consists of filling a dry tumbler even full of water, and dropping coins into the center of the goblet the coins edge downward. The water will rise up a little as each additional coin is dropped, until you may say you have a tumbler heaping full of water. The top edge of the goblet should be made dry before dropping the coins.

The third experiment will illustrate the philosophy of the diving bell. Take a goblet, and when inverted, sink it into a vessel of water. You will find that the air in the glass will not all escape, and will occupy the upper half of the goblet and hold the water back. By putting a fly or two in the glass before sinking it, the insects will represent the divers as they go down in the bells.

The fourth experiment consists of drawing water from a saucer up into a goblet. To do this pour some water into a tea saucer, then light a little wad of dry paper, and after placing it on the water surface, in the center of the dish, turn an empty goblet over it. The heat will force out a greater portion of the air, and in an effort to fill the vacuum, force the water from the saucer up into the goblet.

The annual renovation of the White House has begun, it being the intention of Gen. Arthur to depart in a few days. During his absence not only will many of the adornments of last year be treated by artists, but new ones will be added. New furniture will be bought, and carpets which a year ago have rendered unsuitable will be replaced by new. Gen. Arthur's rosette portrait will be removed, and another by a different artist will take its place. The President has never been pleased with the former, but permitted it to remain rather than seem to endorse the criticisms which were made on it. The intention is that the White House, when the next season opens, shall be in a condition to realize the purpose of Gen. Arthur of having the character of its entertainments and brilliancy of its company. It is already decided that the President's sister, Mrs. McKelroy, will be the mistress of the White House with such aids and accessories as will realize the purpose of making the concluding days of Gen. Arthur's occupancy fully equal to any in the history of the White House.

Gen. Arthur's successor, should he be Blaine, Cleveland, or Butler, will find the White House a place fit for a gentleman's residence.

These warm evenings are just the right time to pop the question, for the girl is usually ready to wit before the young man has time to say, "With love do mine."

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