

ODD ITEMS.

The ate-hour law—The noon whistle.

The Spanish baby has begun to take notice.

Louisa M. Alcott has large dark blue eyes.

Mile. Bimbee considers English a mix-take as a language.

Mrs. Lamont's taste in dress is much admired in Oakland.

Some parts of Arkansaw are so dry that the water is dusty.

Contentment is better than money, and just about as scarce.

Queen Victoria's recent visit to Liverpool cost that city \$60,000.

Men who break bicycle records never seek to have them repaired.

This is a Boston Summer—Cold with glasses.—N. Y. Journal.

A little splinter will sometimes divert the greatest mind.—Puck.

Favors, like fevers, are slightly retarded when the crisis is passed.

Judgment, lumber and boiled eggs need to be seasoned before using.

Country board is that much sought after in the Summer.—The guide-book.

When a woman gets to be a little sulky her wagon tongue becomes silent.

This is just the season of the year to go fishing and catch the chills and fever.

All things come to him who waits—if only he can wait until all things come to him.

Sarah Bernhardt has gained one ounce within a year. She is getting positive fat.

The Countess Ignanoff is said to be the most ambitious and energetic woman in Europe.

How those lovely Packer Institute girls heads can carry so much Latin worries the dudes.

A Watertown, N. Y., editor has been bitten by a dog. The latter will be sent to Pasteur.

Mme. Patti-Nicolini has favored a few of her American friends with dainty wedding cards.

Natural gas is so plentiful at Litchfield, Ind., that it is used for fuel more than 100 houses.

Considerable success has already been attained in introducing the American brook trout in Norway.

In the sweet-by-and-by Canada will get something bigger than an American fishing smack in the jaw.

Don't expect to make much out of the pawbawker. Everything that goes there generally gets "left."

Detroit is going to have a museum of art. Its citizens have already subscribed \$150,000 for the purpose.

The prominent hotels and restaurants of Paris sell their broken meat to contractors, who are called "jewelers."

Mr. Blaine's cottage at Bar Harbor is nearly completed. He will remove there for the Summer in a few weeks.

Sarah Bernhardt, in her new play, is said to have utilized many incidents in her own life to give her work interest.

"We more than hold our own," says a boastful exchange. Why don't you let go of that part that does not belong to you?

A man never appreciates how very badly things can go wrong until the pill he is taking rolls into a hollow tooth.

A bachelor editor who had a pretty unmarried sister, lately wrote to a similarly circumstanced, "Please excuse."

When an Icelander marries he is not allowed to see his mother-in-law. It might make things warmer up there if he did.

The house once occupied by Luther at Mansfield has been restored and is to become the home of a charitable sisterhood.

Somebody calls the present style of arranging the hair Grecian. This is rather hard on the good ladies of the city of Athens.

High, standard lamps, with shade almost the size of an umbrella, are finding their way to many a fashionable household.

The widow of William H. Vanderbilt will spend the Summer at Bar Harbor in the cottage belonging to her youngest son, George.

The aquarium at Scarborough, an English seaside resort, which cost over \$500,000 only a few years ago, has just been sold for \$22,000.

Coming home at 2 a.m., he found his wife dressed in deep black, and inquired the reason. "Mourning for my late husband," she replied.

The most serious lookout is when a man gets home at 2 o'clock in the morning and finds that his wife has bolted the door against him.

Public baths are so numerous in Tokyo, Japan, that there is one to every 300 inhabitants. The Japanese evidently believe in cleanliness.

The farmers of America equal the entire territory of the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary and Portugal.

It is said that there are 22,000,000 widows in India. We can scarcely believe it, seeing that so many men have courage to remarry in the country.

There is no love lost between the Canadian girls and the Maine fishermen, notwithstanding the presence of so many smacks.—N. Y. Journal.

Mrs. Hicks Lord sent Miss Folsom (that was) a solid gold card case that, in the language of a friend of Miss Folsom, "weighed nearly a pound."

The Queen Regent of Spain will maintain and educate at her private expense the children of those who perished in the recent tornado at Madrid.

The people of Kansas City are going to put up a Chamber of Commerce building that will cost \$400,000. It will take a year and a half to complete it.

There are so many American musicians, painters and singers in Paris that the impression is taking root abroad that Americans are after all an artistic people.

The Turkish women eat much sweet food, candies and preserves, and drink inordinate quantities of Serteks and milk for their complexion, and eat rice in every imaginable form.

A German inventor is building a balloon which is 500 feet in length and will be operated by steam. It will cost \$125,000 and he has already been offered \$150,000 for his patent.

WHAT MADE HIM FEEL SO BAD.

"John, do you remember coming home last night and asking me to throw you an assorted lot of key holes out of the window, so that you might find one large and steady enough to get your latchkey in?"

"Yes, dear."

"And you remember the night before how you asked me to come down and hide the stone steps still enough for you to step on?"

"Yes, dear."

"And the night before that how you tried to jump into the bed as it passed you through the room?"

"Yes, dear."

"And still another night when you carefully explained to me that no man was interested as long as he could lie down without holding on, and then attempted to go to bed on a permanent wall?"

"Yes, dear."

"John, do you realize that you have come home sober but two nights in the past week?"

"Have I, dear?"

"That's all; and you ought to be ashamed of yourself, too. The idea of a man of your age—but, John, why, you're crying. There, there, dear, I didn't mean to be too severe. After all, you did come home sober two nights."

"Yes, that's what makes me feel so bad."

And then the meeting adjourned.

WIT SAVED HIM.

A brigade was encamped near Charlottesville, Va., says Allen E. Hall, in the Grand Army Sentinel, and a guard had been detailed to protect the property of the citizens in the neighborhood and strict orders given against foraging or taking anything without paying for it. The colonel of one of the regiments was out one day with his staff and all of a sudden he came upon a private of the guard with a sheep on his back, evidently just killed. He rode up to the soldier and asked him: "Where did you get that sheep?"

He answered: "Up here in the field."

"Did you buy it?"

"No, sir; I just killed it, so."

"Why, don't you know that strict orders have been issued against doing anything like that?"

"Yes, sir, I know it, and will tell you what it was. I was going along the road whistling the 'Star Spangled Banner,' and this sheep held up his head and looked straight at me, and said, 'baa, baa,' and, sir, I up and killed him, as I won't allow anything to say 'baa' at me when I'm singing or whistling the 'Star Spangled Banner.'"

It is needless to say the colonel told him to go ahead. The fellow's wit saved him that time.

THE SECRET OUT.

"Oh, I've just made the funniest discovery," said Mrs. Minns. "You know my husband never would tell me what they do at the secret society he is a member of."

"Yes; mine won't either," returned Mrs. Minns, sorrowfully.

"Well, yesterday a big can of alcohol came addressed to him for the ledger. He is a past grand something or other, and takes care of things well. I noticed him going upstairs with some of the alcohol, and when I got to his room, I peeked through the keyhole, and what do you think I saw?—He had the alcohol lamp, and was putting salt on the wick and it made the wick glisten, the gladdest kind of a light. I was positively scared out of my wits, he looked so much like a goblin. I suppose they do that at their initiations. I always thought they had some horribly grisly performance."

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JUVENILIA.

Speaking of school stories, I went to school myself once, and one day when visitors were present, the teacher thought he would show off the spelling and defining class. Things went on well until the word 'singular' was given out. There seemed to be a diversity of opinion as to the meaning of the word, one saying it meant one thing, and another another, until the teacher by the way of throwing light upon the matter, asked:

"Now, if I should say a man was a singular man, what should I mean?"

whereupon a bright boy shouted: "A man that didn't have any wife!"

A teacher asked one of her pupils the other day to give her the sum of five and six.

"Laven," was the reply.

"You shouldn't say 'leven,'" said she. "Say 'seven' always. Next boy, how many are five and seven?"

"Eleven" was the prompt reply.

This incident might prove that General Walker is right when he says that our public school children learn logic rather than numbers in their study of arithmetic.

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OF governments that of the mob is most sanguinary, that of soldiers most expensive and that of civilians the most vexatious.

It is reported that Gail Hamilton's

engaged to be married to a physician.

Queen Victoria is the oldest reigning sovereign of Europe, with two exceptions, Emperor William, who is in his 99th year, and King Christian, of Denmark, who has entered his 69th.

The owner of a company of trained Russian fleas, now performing in Paris, has lost the leading member of his troupe and offers a reward of \$125 for the recovery of the missing comedian.

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A strong-lunged girl, a loaded piano,