

REGISTER YOUR MAIL.

TRIAL OF A SLOT MACHINE WHICH MAKES THIS POSSIBLE.

Three of Them Now Ready for Business—A Mechanism Which Rejects Light Coins—Letters Transferred to the Postman's Bag Without His Touching Them.

The latest development of the slot machine is an invention designed to make every person his own registered letter clerk and to facilitate the forwarding of registered mail.

While the machines are being put to their special test an agent of the Post Office is to be in constant attendance at each. He will explain the working of the machine to the public and see that no one tampers with the mail.

The charge for registering a letter is 3 cents in addition to the regular letter postage. The machine makes the same charge, assuming that a single 2-cent stamp is sufficient for the regular postage.

To work the machine you drop a silver United States dime into a spout at the upper right hand side. A square iron cover flies up automatically and reveals a roll of white paper. Opposite certain lines you write the name and address of the person to whom your letter is to be sent and your own name and address.

The next thing is to get the letter to the Post Office without giving the letter carrier a chance to tamper with either the letters or the originals of the receipts.

The dimes fall into a brass cylinder in the order in which they are dropped into the machine, and the postman, if he finds a bad one, can tell at once, by running the mover in order, which letter it belongs to.

Aside from this, the machine is constructed to throw out bad coins, if they are under weight. When the coin first drops into the slot it goes into a delicate balance where it is weighed.

The inventor says he has spent three years in perfecting the machine.—New York Sun.

FOODS PRESERVED IN TIN.

Exorbitant Prices Demanded When First Introduced in France.

The process of preserving foods in tin is of older origin than may be supposed. It was in 1841 that John Collin of Nancy, France, began the business which is now of magnitude.

NEWS FROM KLONDIKE.



Editor to Reporter—Well, I haven't seen anything of those thirty-two carrier pigeons you took with you. No, I eat 'em.

LINCOLN'S TOMB.

ITS PRESENT CONDITION A DISGRACE TO ILLINOIS.

The Money to Build the Monument Contributed by the People, and the Trust Given in Charge of the City of Springfield—A Sorry Spectacle.

Lincoln's tomb is a monument of disgrace to Illinois. A spirit of tasteful pride is fast making Springfield one of the most beautiful of State capitals. The magnificent building which houses the government was in the days of approaching completion described as a palace in a cornfield.

On the other side of the burial crypt the memorial room is in scarcely better condition. With every rain the water comes through the vaulted roof. It has blackened and stained ceiling and walls.

The tomb cost \$270,000. This money the most of it, was raised by voluntary contributions. Large sums came from the troops in the field, single companies contributing several hundred dollars.

One might suppose that with such a number of visitors to the tomb there would be no difficulty in reaching it. Yet the car line by which the mile and more of distance from the business center is made does not run to the place, but stops in a park where refreshment stands, a dancing pavilion and the usual inducements to local patronage are conspicuous.

Never tell all you know; for he who tells everything he knows often tells more than he knows. Never attempt all you can do; for he who attempts everything he can do often attempts more than he can do.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FIELD.

His Family a Notable One in the History of the Country.

Justice Stephen J. Field, came of New England Revolutionary stock on both sides, and was the son of David Dudley Field, a Congregational clergyman. His brothers included Cyrus W. Field, the promoter of the submarine cable; David Dudley Field, the distinguished constitutional lawyer; Henry M. Field, a well-known divine and author; Matthew W. Field, an authority in engineering; Jonathan Field, who was President of the Massachusetts Senate, and Timothy Field, a lieutenant in the United States Navy.

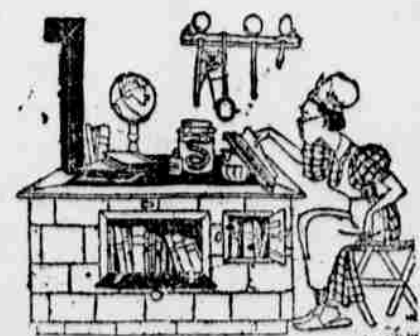


JUSTICE FIELD.

After another trip to Europe Stephen caught the gold fever in 1849 and went to San Francisco by way of Panama, arriving at the Golden Gate with \$10 in his pocket. In three months he had made \$25,000 by a deal in real estate options, and in 1850 he was elected to his first office, that of Alcalde, or Mayor, of Marysville.

Debarred by his position from entering actively in politics, Justice Field was, nevertheless, an attentive spectator. In 1876 he was one of the Democratic representatives on the Electoral Commission. In the Democratic National Convention of 1880 he received 65 1/2 votes for the Presidential nomination.

ASHOT AT BOSTON CULTURE.



Mrs. Backbay—Tell me, dear, how did it happen that your new cook left you so soon? Mrs. Beaconhill—Oh, I sent the creature away; she was forever using the kitchen utensils to rest her books on.

CURIOS FACTS.

The revenue derived from renting the docks of Liverpool pays for lighting that city and most of the public improvements.

Salmon have been seen to ascend the falls of the Mingan River, Quebec, by leaping as high as fifteen feet from break to break in the falls.

Authorities of the Kansas University dismissed all the natural history classes on circus day recently to enable the students to study the animals.

At the marriage of G. L. Brightwell and Mrs. S. J. Hedges, both residents of Platte county, Mo., a son of the groom acted as best man and a son of the bride stood up with her.

An alien is not permitted to acquire a title to land in Bermuda, either by purchase or inheritance if a woman who owns land there marries a foreigner, she forfeits her real estate.

The eastern slope of Nicaragua is a wild and unexplored country, covered with a dense and almost impassable virgin forest and inhabited only by a few scattered bands of wild Indians.

A sunflower plant in Boonville, eighteen feet in height, and with more than one hundred blossoms, is that on which Missourians are basing their claims that it is the biggest thing of the kind ever grown anywhere.

Henry Russell, the composer, was once singing in public his song, "There's a Good Time Coming," when he was staggered by a gentleman arising in the audience and gravely asking, "Won't you oblige us with the date?"

Some of the milk wagons in Antwerp are drawn by dogs. There are, as a rule, three dogs to each vehicle, one between the shafts and one on each side. The driver is usually a woman in wooden shoes, who walks beside the wagon.

Charity is to profit from profanity in Owingsville, Ky., where a society has been formed whose members, with the intention of checking their profane tendencies, covenant to pay into the treasury five cents for every oath uttered by them.

Some ingenious person has invented a blotting paper towel for the bath. It consists of a full sheet of blotting paper, and the bather, stepping out of his morning tub, has only to array himself in one of these suits and in a second he is dry.

An Alabama farmer discovered recently that one of his cows was not giving as much milk as formerly, and he set out to watch her. After she had laid down in her stall he discovered four pigs out of a litter of six sitting under her enjoying an evening meal.

Pillory and Lash in School.

Teachers Held for Court for Whipping a Pupil.

A case of alleged brutality in the public schools was heard before Alderman Batzle Friday evening. Eleven-year-old Lehman Gray, a pupil at the Franklin Building, testified that because he failed in his arithmetic Friday, Principal W. T. Furst directed Miss Kate E. Walker, his teacher, to whip him. He further alleges that while Teachers Ida Boush and Jennie Page held his arms around an iron post, Miss Walker inflicted punishment that resulted in bruises on his body.

The four teachers were the defendants before Alderman Batzle and each was held for trial at Court.

Beware of the Piano Swindler.

Piano swindlers are on the road. A man representing himself as a piano agent approaches the farmer and asks to place a piano in the house, agreeing to give the daughter of the farmer lessons for the privilege of being allowed to take other pupils there. As he gets better acquainted with the farmer he agrees that if the farmer sells three pianos he may keep the one in his house as his own.

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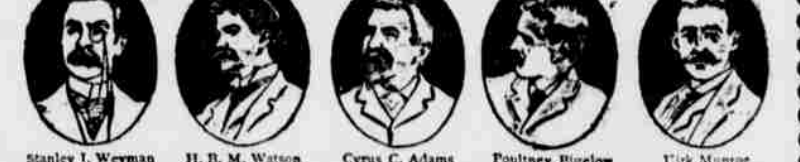
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