

MISSOURI STORM STORIES.

Houses Carried Over a Fence and Hail Drifts Four Feet Deep.

The house of James Bryant near Harrisonville, was picked up a few days ago by a tornado carried over a barbed wire fence and set down in a pasture about 75 yards distant.

That tornado was followed by a terrific hailstorm. A man who was driving along the road saw it coming and got out of his buggy and crawled under a hedge fence, where he wrapped his arms around a post.

He was found some time later and carried to a nearby house, where it was found that the hailstones had made him a mass of bruises from head to foot.

In some places the hail was found banked up to the depth of four feet along the roadside.—Cass County Democrat.

Tattooing in London.

In London and many of the continental cities tattooing is at present very popular and in the city named two or three men who have acquired considerable skill in this novel art are rapidly making a fortune.

ABOUT KINGS AND QUEENS.

Members of the court of King Charles II. of England, were innocent in some of their amusements, if not in others. Among their favorite games were "blind man's buff" and "hunt the slipper."

Queen Anne of England and her husband George, Prince of Denmark, had great similarity of taste. The two subjects that interested them most were horses and dinner.

Five Hundred Children Apiece. One of the Federal Judges has estimated that, if the stories told in the courts by the Chinese, about being born in the United States were all true, every Chinese woman who was living in the United States twenty-five years ago must have had at least five hundred children.

Bathers' Safety Appliance. A big impetus has been given to trade in life preservers and kindred devices by the General Slocum disaster. In some lines of goods business has acquired such stimulus that advanced prices are being asked.

A Scotch Oddity. The natives of the northeast coast of Scotland observe a curious custom at funerals. After the burial services the coffin is carried outside the house and placed upon the two chairs on which it rested within doors.

Coining Foreign Money. Our mints are now coining money for nations that have no mints of their own. For example, the Philadelphia mint coined money for Colombia and Venezuela.

SNAKE FOUGHT A BEAR.

Tattoo Man and Yankee Whistler Went to the Rescue.

One of the side tents of a show on the common, in Athol, was the scene of an exciting encounter between George, the rocky mountain bear, and the monster bear constrictor, Admiral.

Miss May Cole, the snake charmer, was feeding her pets, when the bear attempted to interfere, whereupon the snake resented it by winding itself about the bear.

Miss Cole, in attempting to separate the combatants, was bitten on the arm by the snake. Her arm was dressed by a physician and it is thought no serious results will follow.

Sig. Royal, the keeper of the bear, Capt. Kuhn, the tattoo man, and Walker Derby, the Yankee whistler, all took a hand in separating the bear and snake and rescuing Miss Cole.

DEW DROPS

Doesn't need a collar—a neck of land.

The gardener knows when it is bedtime.

The singing teacher expects others to have a voice in his affairs.

Flowers may have their face value when they are not whiskey blossoms.

An upright citizen is all the better if he is downright nice.

It holds cold cash, but we don't call the bank a cold storage.

By their hats, you might judge that the women have most of the big heads.

Other cities may take pains, but Philadelphia is perhaps the only one that has Cramps.

The railroad conductor can't tell his wife anything about her train.

Time is money—the only kind that two misers will spend on each other.

In one way the doctor may treat a deformed man and straighten him out.

When the beer man calls at a lawyer's house he may be willing to take the case.

The circus tent, something like character, covers a multitude of sinners.

The competent "whip," in the racing season, is pretty sure to be snapped up.

If you're out when some people call to borrow you are that much in.

When a man has money in the bank, his signature on a check is a good sign.

Putting on Style in Arizona. Every symptom points to a tendency to spread on style in Tombstone.

Etiquette of Cuban Smoker. In many countries, especially in Spain and Cuba, where the etiquette of the smoker is most jealously guarded, a man who is smoking must be sure, when asked by another man for a light, to present his cigar or cigarette for the purpose.

Death on Eggs. Ackley, In., has the champion egg eater of the United States.

Miniature Railway. Germany possesses a miniature but most useful railway to which no parallel is found in this country.

Bells to Prevent Storms. An instance of the absurdity of some of the notions held by our ancestors was the notion that the ringing of church bells had a counteracting effect in a thunderstorm.

No National Holiday. A national holiday is a holiday of which the observance is by law enjoined upon the nation.

There are no holidays in the United States, for the reason that the fixing of legal holidays is not a federal matter, but one that comes under the jurisdiction of the various states.

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MADE-TO-ORDER SHOES.

Few Required Nowadays and but Little Profit in Them.

"We don't have many orders for handmade shoes in these days," remarked a Georgetown cobbler and it's just as well, because there is no money in it.

"No, there aren't any people who care to pay that price for shoes when they can buy the machine made ones for \$5. Such customers as I do have are people who have feet that are hard to fit and who are willing to wear the same style right along, regardless of what others wear, so long as they are comfortable.

"I'll tell you, though, shoes are much more expensive in this country than they are in the old. Why, on the other side of the water you can easily have a pair of shoes made for \$3 or \$4. But not here—no, sir! I have one customer, however, for whom I have made shoes for over ten years. He is willing to pay the price for his comfort and he is able to, also."—Washington Post.

No Clock a Perfect Timepiece.

Astronomers expect a great deal of clocks, and no instrument yet devised to measure time has reached their ideal of exactitude. Their efforts are constantly directed toward the perfection of their timepieces and the improvement of the conditions under which to run them.

REFLECTIONS

In a snail-eating contest in Paris a few days ago the victor ate 243 snails.

A coast-defense rifle weighing seventeen tons has been mounted at Havre.

A Paris jewelry clerk says he was hypnotized for fifteen minutes while the hypnotist stole a lot of diamond rings.

A society has been founded in Paris for the prehistoric study of France.

A sportsman has been fined \$30 for shooting a carrier pigeon in flight.

All electric wires in Paris are underground.

Fifty years' imprisonment was the sentence recently given a seventeen-year-old Lyons footpad.

In the last year France has imported over 2,000,000 watches from the United States, mostly of the dollar kind.

Fight with a Snake on a Scaffold. Fred Morehead had an encounter with a big blacksnake which he will remember for some time.

He was painting the under side of the structure from a swinging scaffold, and pushing his brush filled with paint into a crevice where the under beams rest on the abutments he received an introduction to the ophidian which was not to his liking.

Having no weapon but a large putty knife, the painter gave battle, and in a short time the reptile's head was severed from its body.

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It was supposed that the vibration of the bells resulted in the dissipation of the electric fluid in the air. The belief was so common at one time that the priests had the bells rung as soon as signs of an approaching thunderstorm were seen.

Germany possesses a miniature but most useful railway to which no parallel is found in this country. Its peculiarity is that its trains have no drivers. It is used for carrying salt from the salt mines at Stassfurt.

In order to join the great silent majority a man must either die or get married.

ABSENT-MINDEDNESS.

A Suggestion for Cure—Concentration is the Secret for Presence of Mind.

The little bride who started to the altar wearing her "gumshoes" over her satin slippers was an awful example of the absent-minded woman who is with us today in a most exaggerated form.

Now, there is some excuse for a man who is absent-minded. Men are supposed to be so busy thinking about the big things of life that they have no time to bother with the little ones.

Absent-mindedness is a habit. We have gotten in the way of living ahead of ourselves. We try to think ahead of what we are doing, and thereby become jumbled.

Concentration is the secret of presence of mind. The woman who has presence of mind is, of all her sex, most to be envied, for she gains thereby poise, force and reserve power, which the absent-minded woman never can attain.

Culinary Conveniences.

Culinary conveniences are constantly increasing and the inventors keep faculties and wits steadily at work devising contrivances that will lessen labor for the cook and add to the comfort of the household in general.

A sturgeon, weighing 375 pounds, was captured by a gillnet fisherman near Astoria a few days ago, and sold for \$20. It has been less than twenty years since sturgeon of that size were almost unobtainable.

Manchurian Freebooters.

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Fakirs are Prosperous.

A word, however, touching the fakir's commercial importance. The gentle reader is not aware, perhaps, that his kind is numerous enough to maintain a weekly "organ," a thirty-two page periodical that looks distinctly prosperous.

These are facts; and it is equally true that the fakir, as I have found him, is a man who pays his bills and takes life blithely, and is willing to contribute to the joys of it.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought. Castoria is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments of the bowels and stomach.



There is no disputing the fact that man's heart is often reached through the stomach.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which helps the digestion of food in the stomach, assists the blood in taking up the proper elements from the food.

I believe that it is generally conceded that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best medicine for a man to take suffering from indigestion, kidney trouble, or any of the ailments resulting from overwork or neglecting a cold.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE CAT.

Like the Monkey He has His Own Peculiar Calls.

Caleb Johnson, of Unity, Mo., has emulated Prof. Garner, of monkey language fame, by staying at home and studying the speech of cats.

It is his contention that cats have a medium of communication based on the mew, purr and more stringent notes of their vocal organs.

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Some men are so narrow-minded that it seems as though they might almost pass through the eye of a needle.

For Fifteen Years.—Mrs. John A. James, Winton, Ont., was a great sufferer from Heart Disease. For days at a time she was confined to bed. Her physicians said that she might "drop off" any minute.

The Cynical Bachelor observes the women who are afraid their husbands will marry a second time always live to a ripe old age.

Weak Hearts, Weak Blood, Weak Nerves.—Get relief in 30 minutes. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the heart never fails to cure the heart and nerves and to enrich the blood. It relieves in 30 minutes. W. H. Musselman of G. A. R., Weissport, Pa., says: "Two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure entirely cured me of heart palpitation and extreme nervousness.—1 Sold by C. A. Kleim.

Even the scissors sharper must occasionally feel as though he would like to get away from the daily grind.

Birth-marks which mark and mar the outside of the body are a grief to every mother whose children may bear them. But for every child who bears a birth-mark on the skin there are many who bear an indelible birth-mark on the mind.

A fellow always admires his best girl's hands and feet until he has to pay for her gloves and shoes.

ALL WHO USE ATOMIZERS in treating nasal catarrh will get the best result from Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price, including spraying tube, 75cts. Sold by druggists or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren St., N. Y. New Orleans, Sept. 1, 1900.

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There's a station they call Wingo-hocking, Where resides a young girl who's quite shocking. It seems very strange, When she wants to make change, To see her dive down in her pocketbook.

No, Maude, dear; it doesn't take 20 men to make a score in baseball.

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