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Recent suits for divorce give evidence of the growing independence of the Queer Grounds American woman.

Blacked Pieces. Six Men Killed and Dozens Injured.

Parkersburg, W. Va., July 5.—The most horrid calamity that this city ever witnessed occurred Wednesday morning in which five men were blown to atoms, one other so badly injured that he soon died, two more probably fatally injured, and more than 50 persons more or less seriously hurt.

Plunged into a Gulch. A Trolley Car Drops 100 Feet and 36 Persons are Killed and Dozens Injured.

Finances and Trade. A Small Crop of Business Failures During the First Half of This Year.

Four Lives Blotted Out. Explosion of Fireworks Brings Death to Philadelphia Children.

Many Deaths in Storms. Berlin, July 5.—Hurricanes, cloudbursts and thunder storms are reported from a number of places.

England's Losses in the Boer War. London, July 4.—The war office has issued a return of the British casualties in South Africa since the beginning of the war.

Wages to be Reduced 20 Per Cent. Pittsburgh, July 7.—Notices were posted Friday in the plate mill of Moorehead Bros. at Sharpsburg announcing that beginning on Monday next reduction of wages throughout the plate mill.

SILVER REPUBLICANS.

They Nominate Bryan for President and A. E. Stevenson for Vice President.

Kansas City, July 7.—After a long and exciting debate, during which it looked several times as if Charles A. Towne would be non-acted for vice president in spite of his protest against such action, the national convention of the silver republican party yesterday adjourned sine die without making a nomination, the whole matter being referred to the national committee with power to act.

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THEIR LAST FIGHT

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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

Joke Gained His Point.

A Michigan Statesman's Clever Ruse Worked on a Committee on Pensions.

Not long ago Congressman "Hank" Smith, of the Second Michigan district, worked a joke off on the house committee on pensions. It should be explained, says the Chicago Chronicle, that this committee is not the one which has charge of the pensions which grew out of the civil war, says a correspondent. Its functions appertain to the granting of pensions to the widows and veterans of the Mexican and Black Hawk wars and other ancient unpleasantnesses. It should also be pointed out that one of their rules is that no widow's pension shall be larger than \$8 a month.

The new member from Michigan appeared before the committee at its last meeting and in an incidental and smiling way alluded to the rule. "That is a fine rule," said he in a guileless sort of way. "I sympathize with its purpose and believe it should stand. But just to show good faith, I am going to propose an amendment. I move that it be amended so as to read 'except in the case of widows over 100 years of age.'"

The members of the committee are always in favor of a joke and the proposition was adopted with a unanimous laugh. And thereupon "Hank" produced from his pocket a bill to grant a pension of \$12 a month to Mrs. Hixon, of Clinton, Mich. She had just passed her one hundredth year. It was not necessary to explain that her husband had served to within one day of the time requisite to get a pension in the regular manner. The committee reported the bill favorably.

In spite of the fact that the varieties of stamps now current in the world number 13,811, every now and then another small boy starts in to make a complete collection. Somerville Journal.

ONE MISTAKE HE MADE. The Always Correct Man Told the Policeman That He Didn't Own the Shoes.

He is a revered husband and a respected father and he merits all the respect and admiration which is lavished upon him, for he never makes a mistake. If he does approach such a thing occasionally it is only near enough to make his family realize how much more worthy he is than other men, and the pedestal upon which he is installed becomes only more solid than before. But the other day the revered husband and respected father made a slight blunder. It was a warm evening and he was sitting on the front steps.

This happened in Brooklyn, says the Chicago Chronicle, where people sit out on the front stoop in the evening and talk across to their neighbors on the next stoop. The man on this particular evening was tired, the evening air was refreshing and he sat out long after the family had retired. It was so comfortable there in the dark that he thought he might be even more comfortable, and he slipped off his shoes. He had worn them all day and he had been too tired to change them.

But all pleasant things must come to an end, and finally, feeling refreshed, he, too, retired and in a moment was sound asleep. It seemed to him that he had hardly touched the bed, when he was aroused by a long ring at the door bell. He was angry and, going to the window, put out his head and called, in a surly tone: "Who's there?"

"An officer," said a voice below. "Are these your shoes I have found on the steps?" The early dawn was beginning to show and he saw a policeman below holding a pair of shoes in his hand. The idea of waking a man from a sound sleep for a ridiculous thing like that!

"No," he called back. "I don't keep my shoes on the front steps," and in a minute he was in bed and asleep again.

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DRINK BIGNESS. Dreams of bigness are not visions of greatness.—Ram's Horn.