

AN AGE OF KISSING.

The Present is Preeminently a Period That Teems with Tales of Osculation.

One thousand two hundred and thirty-five kisses in bulk figured rather prominently in a breach of promise suit the other day.

This student has devoted a good deal of attention and investigation to kissing, and has discovered that up to less than 60 years ago the osculatory privilege was not so highly esteemed or so freely granted as in these latter days.

In pre-revolutionary days parents rarely kissed their children, and the Puritan Pilgrims and their posterity to the fourth generation, regarded the kiss as an invention of the devil.

In Virginia and Maryland laxer views of kissing as a crime prevailed, but nobody took any stock in the proceeding.

How lovers progressed in their courtships without osculatory assistance of any sort is little short of a mystery.

It is not until the rise of the romantic school of fervent young fictionists who contributed to that ancient and defunct household comfort known as "Godey's Lady Book" that we get any evidence as to the rapidity with which the kiss became popularized in this country.

By and by the "Duchess" novels arrived, and then the kiss was established as a social custom in good and highly popular standing.

Nowadays no novelist would presume to conduct a proposal without a preliminary skirmish line of kisses, leading up to the final troth, which is usually pledged in hearty fashion upon the heroine's ripe red lips.

"Your love scenes are too cold," said a publisher recently to the author of a promising manuscript novel.

"I should drop in a kiss or two; they will warm the situation up wonderfully," advised the head reader.

The author, being wise in her day and generation, accepted the suggestion, and heard no subsequent complaints from the critics of the reading public.

Said the head reader of the publishing firm when telling this story: "The public, the big and sentimental mass of readers, dearly loves kisses well and appropriately bestowed.

HE MIMICKED THE BIRDS.

Whistling Boy Charms a Passing Lady with His Excellent Imitations.

As the lady came down the street on a fine May morning, she heard a Baltimore oriole whistle.

"Was that you imitating the oriole?" said the pleased lady. "Do it again. I love to hear the oriole."

But the boy was shy, and got behind a telephone pole. "Can you whistle like a bob white?" the lady asked.

"Well, I must go," the lady said. "But I'll leave this dime on the curbstone, and I know that before I get very far away, you'll whistle like a bob white, won't you?"

The boy made no answer from behind the pole, and the lady walked on. Half-way down the block she heard another bird. It said: "Bob white—bob white," high and clear.

THRIFTY NEW YORKERS.

Workers of Gotham Are Seen in Large Numbers at the Savings Banks.

New Yorkers are thrifty. That is readily seen during a visit to any of the big savings banks.

There is a constant stream of young and old, wealthy and poor, coming to deposit their savings.

It is not difficult to see who come to deposit and who to draw money. The latter usually have a sad expression of countenance, while the former seem joyful and jubilant.

Another interesting bank wherein

CALIFORNIA SCENERY.

There is a Glory in It That Inspires the Poets of the Western Seaboard.

As long as there remains the love of beauty in the human soul, so long will the glory of California scenery, and that of the whole Pacific coast, prove a source of inspiration to the poetic mind.

STARTING IT RIGHT.

This Woman Was Superstitious About Having Thirteen Stamps on Her Package.

"How much postage will this package require?" asked a woman at the window of the Ravenswood postal station.

ESTIMATING EACH OTHER.

Showing Opinions as They May Be Formed from Different Points of View.

"My word, Fitznoodle," said a war office clerk, according to the London Express, to a colleague who sat at the next desk.

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ULYSSES S. GRANT.



U. S. Grant, who is announced as a candidate for the vice presidency on the republican ticket, is a son of the famous general, and a son-in-law of ex-United States Senator Chaffee, of Colorado.

to study human nature is a German bank, lower down town. Here the great East side deposits its savings.

They are all typical hausfrauen, some with children in their arms, and others with market baskets, and all show on their faces that they know how to work, and know how to save.

An American Tropical Laboratory.

One of the characteristics of modern scientific progress is the establishment of laboratories and observatories of various kinds at points where phenomena of great interest can best be studied.

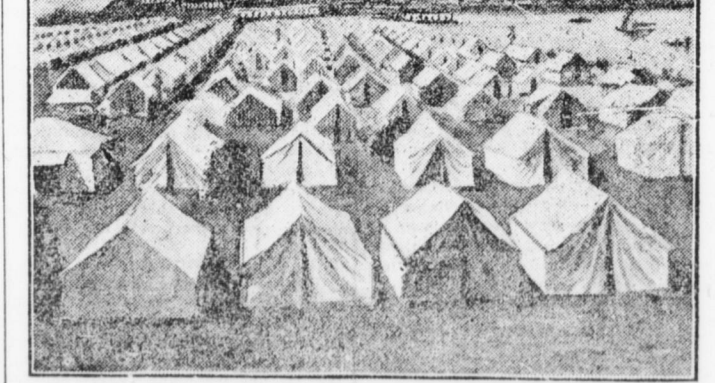
No Joke Being a King.

The new king of Servia became greatly excited when he was informed of his election. We can't blame him, says the Chicago Record-Herald.

New York's Public Baths.

New York, with 3,437,202 inhabitants, has only one public bath, but has three others under way.

A SUMMER CITY BUILT OF TENTS.



One of the most charming summer resorts to be found in the United States is Coronado Tent City, Coronado beach, San Diego county, southern California.

THE CHANGE.

"He used to kiss me every time we passed through a tunnel before our marriage," said the little woman, with sad reflections.

"And does he do so now?" asked the bosom friend.

"No, he takes a drink."—Chicago Daily News.

For Aged People.

Bellflower, Mo., July 6th.—Mr. G. V. Bohrer, of this place, has written an open letter to the old men and women of the country, advising them to use Doud's Kidney Pills as a remedy for those forms of kidney trouble so common among the aged.

Unintentional.

Toast Master (to chairman of public dinner)—Would you like to propose your toast now, my lord, or should we let 'em enjoy themselves a bit longer?—Punch.

New Wheat Fields in Southwest.

What would you think if told that the irrigated sections of Western Kansas, Eastern Colorado and Pan-handle of Texas can be counted on to produce 50,000,000 bushels of wheat annually?

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One fare for the round trip, plus 25c, to 27, via Queen & Crescent Route.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Pitfalls in Vanity Fair.—Edgar—"Arthur won't accept an invitation unless he knows who is to be there."

Obstinance and vengefulness in opinion are the surest proof of stupidity.—Barton.

Some fellows marry poor girls to settle down, and others marry rich ones to settle up.—Philadelphia Record.

It's the people who doubt and become cured while they doubt who praise Doan's Pills the highest.

aching backs are eased. Hip, back, and joint pains overcome. Swelling of the limbs and dropsy signs vanish.

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"If time was money," said Uncle Eben, "some folks dat stomp busy men to tell funny stories ought to be arrested for embezzlement."—Washington Star.

The Chicago & North-Western is the only double track railway between Chicago and the Missouri River.

The earth produces nothing more detestable than an ungrateful man.—Aesopus.

The Four Track News for July, best yet. Sold by newsdealers. Five cents a copy.

Wise benevolence is always good business.—Ran's Horn.

An honest man nearly always thinks justly.—Rousseau.

THE MARKETS.

New York, July 11, 1903. Flour—Unchanged, but firm and fairly active. Wheat—No. 2 red 87½c. Corn—No. 2 yellow 59c. Oats—No. 2 white 45½c. Hay—Quiet at \$22.00@23.00. Beef—Steers \$4.25@5.32½, bulls \$3.10@4.00. Veals \$4.00@6.50. Sheep—Slow at \$2.50@3.75. Hogs—Medium hogs \$9.20. Cleveland, July 11.—Flour—Minnesota patent \$3.90@4.40. Wheat—No. 2 red 79c. Corn—No. 3 yellow 53c. Oats—No. 3 white 43c. Cheese—York state 11½@12½c. Butter—Best creamery 20c. Eggs—Strictly fresh 17c. Potatoes—Best grades 95c@1.00. Cattle—Choice steers \$4.75@5.10, calves \$6.50@7.00. Sheep—Choice wethers \$5.75@6.00, lambs \$5.50@6.00. Hogs—Yorkers \$5.85@5.95. Toledo, July 11.—Wheat—Cash 79½c. Corn—July 53½c. Oats—No. 3 white 41c. Cloverseed—October \$5.67½. East Buffalo, July 11.—Cattle—Choice steers \$4.90@5.00, veals \$3.25@6.50. Hogs—Yorkers \$6.00@6.10, pigs \$6.25. Sheep—Choice wethers \$4.25@4.50, lambs \$6.25@6.50. East Liberty, July 11.—Cattle—Choice \$5.00@5.15, prime \$4.70@4.90. Hogs—Prime heavy \$5.55@5.65, pigs \$5.20@6.25. Sheep—Best wethers \$4.25@4.40, spring lambs \$4.50@6.50.

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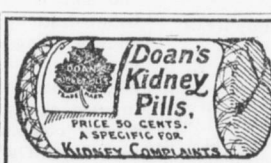
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