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Unmarried.

The innovation in visting cards introduced by a young St. Louis man of having printed the word "unmarried" on the lower left-hand corner may prove popular, says the Globe-Democrat. It not only supplies information that may be useful, but seems also an unobtrusive invitation. To call attention to the fact of his state of single blessedness in so pointed a manner suggests that he is open to proposals. This is leap year. Young men with the word "unmarried" on their cards should be prepared to be leaped at. It is possible the reason why there is a constantly growing number of bachelors is because no one has sufficiently impressed upon them the advantages of a matrimonial existence. Busy young men occasionally ruminate on the blessings of married life. but their minds need to be jogged oftener. As is old-fashioned religion, there ought to be "revivals" in connubial matters, and leap years are a good time to hold them. The youth of 1850 and thereabout put off getting religion in those days as the youth of this period put off getting married. It took a great many protracted meetings to get them all to the mercy seat. What we need now is matrimonial evangelist who will hold protracted meetings and get the young folks all married off. These things shouldn't be left to the hit or miss no-method of the times. If marriage can't be made compulsory by law for everybody at the age of 18, then protracted meetings are the next best thing. The value of parlor protracted meetings in this particular are recognized by everybody. The printing of the word "unmarried" on every eligible man's visiting card is a step in the right direction. It sort of opens up the subject, like a topic written on a slip of paper at a conversation party. Much good ought to come from a general adoption of the practice.

Oak and Ivy.

Women occasionally do things for which they are unfit. In oratory they frequently recall Doctor Johnson's illustration of the dog who could walk like a man. Men also occasionally do under the leadership of Senator Gorthings for which they are unfit. Moreover, says Collier's Weekly, it is silly to expect every individual to imitate any increase of the navy. the average or the type. That women as a sex are not made especially for physicians or attorneys is poor reason for objecting to the occasional woman who gains happiness, occupation and support from medicine or law. The ivy metaphor is flattering to the oak. fable of the lion. What truth it contains, which is much, despite its exaggeration, is as secure in our democ- the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine, and weakness. racy of sex as in the most approved harem Often the woman who has most free mind and purpose best knows and illuminates the relation in which greater physical delicacy makes her assume the role of the ivy more often than that of oak; although still more frequently, and happily, a role which is neither ivy nor oak, but something world in sea power. And of the four

Pianos, thinks Collier's Weekly, should be licensed like any other indulgence which affects the welfare of others. A man may drink what he likes in his own home, but for the serving of drinks in public houses a license is required. Boarding houses day and hotels should not only be compelied to obtain license for pianos used its representatives in congress, upon their premises, and high licenses attacks the sea power of the nation and at that, but the performer should be forced to prove that he is competent to perform upon the instrument. There is no reason why a piano player, any more than a barber or a physician, should operate in public without certificate or license.

The greatest advance in any commercial product recently has been in radium. If anybody happened to have a few pounds on hand the rise in the market would be worth something. The advance amounted to \$4,200,000 per pound, which makes the article worth close to \$12,000,000 per pound. If there is danger of any further advance investors had better get in as soon as possible. It has been predicted that radium would soon be as cheap as sawdust, but as yet one could buy enough sawdust with a pound of radium to make a pile about as high as Pike's peak.

Every Progressive Movement Placed to the Credit of Republican Legislation

When the record of things done by the republican party comes to be made up the Panama canal will be placed among its greatest achievements. It will be many years yet before the canal will be completed, and by some unfortunate concurrence of events a democratic administration may possibly come on before the work is finished, but the most important part of the work has been done. The decision to build a canal, the adoption of a route, the negotiations with the French company, the obtaining of its concessions and franchises, the treaty with Panama, the financing of the enterprise, the pledging of the United States government to the construction and control of the canal-all this has been done. The mere construction of the canal, though a great work, is unimportant compared with the preliminary work, and follows as a matter of course says the Indianapolis Journal.

History will show that every progressive step in the enterprise has been taken under a republican administration. The treaty with Great Britain removing the obstacles of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and the later treaties, negotiations, dis patches and correspondence were all signed by a republican secretary state or a republican president. The necessary legislation was passed by a republican congress over the determined opposition of some democratic members. Every act of the president and secretary of state in furtherance of the enterprise has been denounced or criticized by democrats. The canal commission, which will begin the work will be appointed by a republican president, and would not be surprising if the work should be prosecuted to completion by successive republican administrations. The greatest contribution of modern times to the world's commerce and progress will be distinctly an achievement of the republican party.

It has been so from the beginning. From the successful prosecution of the war for the preservation of the union, from the creation of the new south, the establishment of the national bank sysmaintain a high tariff wall against the rest of the world? Is there not in this a half-aced homage on the part of the champions of protection to the genius of free trade?

The truth is that free trade England is the only great nation that can with Consistency insign upon the open door to be war with Spain, the building up of a deen navy, the advancement of the tem, the resumption of specie payment, the establishment of the single gold standard, the development of American industries by protection, the liberation of Cuba, the successful prosecution of modern navy, the advancement of the United States to a first place among the Philippines, the winning of diplomatic the construction of the Panama canalthe record of the republican party is one

of things done. Can anybody tell what the democratic party has done? It has a record, but what good thing has it accomplished, what great achievement of the republican party has it not opposed? In this practical age a progressive people should stand with the party that does

DEMOCRATS ALWAYS WRONG

They Are Bound to Kick Up a Fuss No Matter Which Way Things Go.

The democratic party in congress, man, has engaged in systematic opposition to the increase of the navy-to The democrats admit that their policy futile. It is astonishing that they

do not see that it is also suicidally foolsays the Chicago Inter Ocean. The United States has a greater ex-

tent of seacoast than any other nation except the British empire Furthermore, the United States is

the firmest convictions of its people, to privileges in recognition of its youth

that none will dare attack it, the at- government of any standing levies dutack will be made by sea power. To ties on imports—and even so-called free ward off such attack the United States must have sea power. Yet the United States to-day ranks

too full of variety and interaction for nations whose fleets surpass that of any vegetable comparison. greatly by breaking down the Monroe These are the fundamental facts of the situation. These facts were never

> ican people, nor were the consequences of a failure in sea power ever clearly understood, than they are to-Yet the national democracy, through

more widely appreciated by the Amer-

seeks to prevent its growth. Under pretense of working for peace democratic congressmen advocate a policy that would make war certain. The question that forces itself upon every thinking American is:

Can the democratic party ever prove itself worthy to rule this nation? Can the democratic party ever get

fines himself on what the next democratic platform should be: "Let that message be expressed in larguage sould be that the control of the whole party and the control of the control understood, unconfused by evasion and untouched by the taint of jugglery. Obsolete issues and questions no longer challenging popular interest should be manfully abandoned." Does Mr. Cleve land really expect all that from the demo cratic party, after his extended experience with it? Probably the platform will be the joint production of Gorman, Tiliman and Stone, with a Bryan walk out .-- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

WORK OF REPUBLICAN PARTY. A FETICH OF FREE TRADE.

Absurd Chorus That Is Being Set Up by Democrats About Protection and War.

The strange obliquity of vision that affects free traders whenever they touch upon their hobby is observable in the discussion of the various questions growing out of the Russo-Japanese war. Some of them go so far, says the Troy (N. Y.) Times, as to trace a connection between protection and that unfortunate and lamentable conflict. The Kansas City Journal, for instance, discovers that the war had its inception in the efforts of Russia to shut out Manchuria, which it controls, from the trade of other nations, and it reasons itself to the conclusion that there would be no disputes to go to war about were the principle of free trade universally recognized.

Other worshipers of the free-trade fetich of course find this doctrine much to their taste, and we may now expect the changes to be rung on the danger of protection as a menace to the peace of the world. Some newspapers that certainly should and which perhaps in reality do know better are joining in the absurd chorus. Here is what the Philadelphia Record, which sees everything through free trade spectacles, has to say

"What is most remarkable in connection with this subject is the fact that the government of this country, or rather the party exercising its control, jealously maintains a narrow and hostile protective system while making ostentatious parade of tall means (save the effective one of free trade) to extend the country's foreign commerce. The administration insists that there shall be an "open door" in China to the trade of all nations, and throws every diplomatic obstacle, including threats, in the way of Russia's policy

throws every diplomatic obstacle, including threats, in the way of Russia's policy of exclusion in Manchuria.

"While pledged to the strictest neutrality by the principles and traditions of the government, the doctrine is openly preached in all circles of the party of protection from the administration outward, that should Russia prove victorious in this war with Japan we would not consent to the application of a protective system to Manchuria and Korca by the government at St. Petersburg. Although the administration is not likely to go to war in behalf of the "open door"—for the American people would not permit it—is there not something saliently fudicrous in this attitude while we maintain a high tariff wall against the rest maintain a high tariff wall against the re

It is difficult to regard such arguments world powers, the pacification of the as these with patience. To even intimate that protection is the cause of victories for collective civilization and wars such as that now raging in the far east and that if free trade were universal there would be no strife among nations is to show a mental perversity that is more pitiable than reprehensible. As to the hostilities between Russia and Japan, the statement by Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister at Washington, in a magazine article by him which has just appeared, makes the situation very clear, at least as far as Mr. Takahira's fighting to resist encroachments which involve the gravest danger to that country, for the absorption of Manchuria by Russia means inevitably the absorption of Korea, and that in turn would inevitably threaten the integrity and safety of Japan. There is not a word in all this about trade or tariffs or open ports. However, Japan has to a large extent forestalled criticism by promising that Korea shall remain independent and that its trade shall be open to the world.

But this does not mean free trade or anything like it. When the United States favors the "open door" policy it in no way stultifies itself, as critics would make it appear it does. It simply stands for the policy of all nations being treated alike, just as it treats all alike who deal with this nd was invented by a man; like the pledged, by its unvarying policy for three-quarters of a century, and by as that of Cuba, which is allowed tariff When the Monroe doctrine is attacked, as it will be unless the United States makes itself so strong and ready trade England gets a considerable share of its revenue from that source. The United States could not be guilty of the the impropriety of asking the nations to abandon their tariffs. It would be quickly and properly rebuked if it did. But there is no impropriety in asking that Americans be allowed to trade in Manchuria or anywhere else on the same terms as those accorded to others.

And as to free trade being such a panacea for war, once more let "free trade England" be cited as an exam-Has her relinquishment of protection prevented her from serious embroilment with other powers or led to her disarmament in the assured faith that fighting shall be no more?

Mr. Bryan has gotton to a point where he believes that a declaration of beliefs in free silver suffices, without fur-ther explanations.—Washington Star.

""Opportunity," writes Mr. Cleveland, "may be only distantly related to actual accomplishment." crats who voted the republican ticket in 1896 and 1900 brought the two together in great shape.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Bryan would bolt is now succeeded by a republican anxiety lest he do not .- St. Louis Republic (Dem.).

Mr. Cleveland's allusion to Mr. Bryan in connection with an idle wind is unfortunate. Mr. Bryan's wind is anything but idle, but since 1896 has been industriously turning the wheels for a very comfortable grist of follars; and they are gold dollars, or their equivalents, at that .-- Indianapolis Journal.

BLUE FOY FARMING.

n an Alaskan Island a Wisconsin Business Man Has 1,500 Animals Whose Fur Is Worth from Ten to Eighty Dollars Each.

George T. Scove, after an absence of nearly six years on an isolated island off the Alaskan coast, is in Manitowoc, Wis., spending the winter with relatives. He is the son of H. M. Scove, a former well known ship-builder, and was born and educated in Manitowoc. In 1898 he went to Alas-ka and acquired some mining proper-ty, on which he prospected for a year, and then associated with him Charles L. Mann, of Milwaukee, the latter taking a half interest in the mines, with the stipulation that Scove should engage in the blue fox farming business with parties having equal ownership in the mines and

the new industry.
Scove preempted Patterson island, located off the southeast coast of Alaska, 60 miles north of the international boundary line. Scove then went to Prince William sound and pur-chased 66 pair of the best breed of blue foxes and took them to Patterson Island by water, a distance of several hundred miles. Here he had shacks and fish shanties erected. The foxes, though used to a more northerly climate, thrived, but High island, ad-joining Patterson island, separated by a channel only 100 yards wide, was an attractive spot for the foxes, and they swam across and inhabited High purchase this island, too, to save his stock.

The foxes care for themselves, with the exception of their feed. They subsist entirely on fish and berries. During the salmon run large quantities are caught at the mouths of inlets and are smoked and preserved for the season. Other varieties, such as halibut, cob, dog fish, shark and flounder, are caught during the summer months.

The foxes have regular feeding places on the islands, and retheir "rations" every afternoon.

During the five years the 66 pair have increased to over 1,500 foxes. The fur is one of the most expensive in the market today, and brings a price of from \$10 to \$50, according to the quality, size and color of the fur. color ranges from a maltese to a dark navy blue. eral market for blue fox furs, which are used extensively in dress trim-

NEW CURE FOR LOCKJAW.

Midway Men Invent Electronometer Which They Hope Will be of Great Use in Nervous Diseases.

Capillary electronometer is the ame of a new instrument delicate enough to register the minute dis charges of electricity in nerves and muscles. The invention will greatly aid the cure of lockjaw, they hope, and be of great use in nervous dis-eases. It is a device conceived by the research workers in the physiological laboratory at the University of Chicago, its inventors being C. C. rie, E. P. Lyon and F. H. Rieske.

A fine glass tube with a hole in it no larger than a capillary gland on the back of a human hand is the mechanism of the instrument. The tube at one end contains mercury, which penetrates the small extremity of the tube. The tube rests in a cup of the tube. The tube rests in a cup of acid, and the two are joined by

All life action is chemical and electrical, the inventors believing, and by the action of the electrical discharge from a moving muscle on the curv in the tube the amount of ener expended may be gauged.

This Is Miraculous

Manhattan, Kans., March 14.—One of the strangest cases that has ever been heard of in Riley Co. is that of the three-year-old daughter of Mr. Jonas Brubaker of this place.

ome time ago the little girl took whoop cough, which was followed by pneu-Some time ago the little girl took whooping cough, which was followed by pneumonia. When the pneumonia left her, she was taken down with malaria fever with at times symptoms of Spinal Meningitis.

The family doctor brought her safely through these troubles, but after the fever Bright's Disease set in and the doctors gave her up. Her father tells the rest of the story:

gave her up. Her father tells the rest of the story:
"We began to give her Dodd's Kidney Pills and after she had taken about three Pills and after she had taken about three and a half boxes, she was entirely cured. Now she is well as any child, running and playing as if nothing had ever been the matter with her. The doctors said she was beyond the reach of medicine. Dodd's Kidney Pills certainly saved our little girl's life, when she was so far into the chronic stage of Bright's Disease that we thought nothing could save her."

One Fig Braid.

Towne—Her hair is positively golden.
Browne—So they say, but it seems very strange to me. I knew her when she was a little girl.
"Well."
"Well, it was marely at the seems was the seems was a little girl."

"Well, it was merely plaffed then."-

10,000 Plants for 16c.

This is a remarkable offer the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., makes. They will send you their big plant and seed catalog, together with enough seed to

2,000 fine, solid Cabbages,
2,000 delicious Carrots,
2,000 blanching, nutty Celery,
2,000 rich, buttery Lettuce,
1,000 splendid Onions,
1,000 rare, luscious Radishes,
1,000 gloriously brilliant Flowers.
This great offer is made in order to induce you to try their warranted seeds—for when you once plant them you will grow no others, and
ALL FOR BUT 16C POSTAGE,

ALL FOR BUT 16c POSTAGE. providing you will return this notice, and if you will send them 20c in postage, they will add to the above a package of the fameus Berliner Cauliflower. [K. L.]

"Pa, how much is Mr. Rockefeller worth?" "Oh, about a billion dollars, my son." "How much is that in doughnuts, pa?"—Town Topics. **\$**

Fastidious.

"The front porch is dreadfully dirty. Maria."
Tes, 7 know. But the new girl says
The won't wash it off until her trunk "And what has her trunk to do with "She says she always wears her best stockings when she washes porches."— Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ECZEMA ON HANDS.

Red, Rough Hands, Itching, Burning Palms and Painful Finger Ends -One Night Treatment.

Soak the hands on retiring in a strong, hot, creamy lather of Cuticura Soap. Dry, and anoint freely with Cuticura, the great skin cure and purest of emollients. Wear, during the night, old, loose kid gloves with the finger ends cut off and air holes cut in the palms. For red, rough, chapped hands, dry, fissured, itching, feverish palms, with shapless nails and painful finger ends, this treatment is simply wonderful. Complete external and internal treatment for every humor from pimples to scrofula, from infancy to age, consisting of Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills, may now be had of all chemists for \$1.00. Soak the hands on retiring in a strong

Not Bigoted.

Brown—I thought you were a vegetarian, but I hear you eat mutton.

Robinson—I am not a bigoted vegetarian. I only eat the meat of such animals as live on vegetable food.—Stray,

Salzer's Home Builder Corn.

So named because 50 acres produced so heavily, that its proceeds built a lovely home. See Salzer's catalog. Yielded in 1903 in Ind. 157 bu., Ohio 160 bu., Tenn. 98 bu., and in Mich. 220 bu. per acre. You can beat this record in 1904. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE YIELDS PER ACRE?

PER ACKE?

120 bu. Beardless Barley per acre.

310 bu. Salzer's New National Oats per A.

80 bu. Salzer Speltz and Macaroni Wheat.

1,000 bu. Pedigree Potatoes per acre.

14 tons of rich Billion Dollar Grass Hay.

60,000 lbs. Victoria Rape for sheep—per A.

180,000 lbs. Teosinte, the fodder wonder.

54,000 lbs. Salzer's Superior Fodder Corn
—rich, juicy fodder, per A.

Now such yields you can have, Mr.

Farmer, in 1904, if you will plant Salzer's seeds.

seeds.

JUST SEND THIS NOTICE AND 10c in stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive their great catalog and lots of farm seed samples. [K. L.]
"Smithers has an auto with the biggest record in the state." "Speed, accidents, or record in the state." "Speed, accidents, or mangled pedestrians?"—Cincinnati Times-Star.

\$30.00 St. Louis to California \$30.00 via The Iron Mountain Route.

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These tickets will be on sale daily during
March and April, when Pullman Tourist
Sleeping Cars will be operated daily between St. Louis, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Particulars from any Agent of the
Company. H. C. Townsend, G. P. & T.
Agent, St. Louis.

There is nothing new under the sun. Radium, for example, is merely the latest old thing that has been discovered.—Puck.

Save the baby with Hoxsie's Croup Cure. The only cure and preventive for Membraneous Croup, Pneumonia and Diph-theria. No opium. No Nausea. 50 cts. A woman is never too good to be true.— Chicago Daily news.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900. A propensity to hope and joy is real riches; one to fear and sorrow, real povis the erty.-Hume.

To Cure & Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. A big head has no show against a big beart.—Ram's Horn.

Putnam Fadeless Dyes are fast to light and washing.

He Didn't Have to Prove It.

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The other day a stranger stepped off the train at Hopkins and said to a man on the depot platform: "Can you tell me who is the beal lawyer in this town." "I am." replied the man on the platform, without hesitation. The stranger seemed somewhat disconcerted by this display of egotism and gently said: "Excuse me, sir, but I should like to have you prove it." "Don't have to prove it, sir," answered the man cr. the platform. "I admit it. I am the only lawyer in the town sir." And immediately the stranger got a lawyer and the lawyer got a client.—Kansas City Journal.

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Bragg-"I owe nothing to any man." Newitt-"Oh, yes you do." Bragg-"No. sir!" Newitt-Oh, yes You owe an apol-ogy to every man who has to listen to you. ogy to every man who has t blow."-Philadelphia Press.

It Cures While You Walk.

Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for hot, sweating, callus, and swollen, aching feet. Sold by all Druggists. Price 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

"De man dat thinks he knows it all," said Uncle Eben, "is kep' busy wonderin" how so many foolish people kin prosper." —Washington Star.

RESTORED TO HEALTH.



Many weak, suffering women do not know that their kidneys are sick. Backache tells of sick kidneys and so do urinary disorders. Sick kidneys make bad blood, and bad blood makes bad digestion, heart palpitation, dizzy headaches, nervousness, sleeplessness, sciatica, rheumatic pains and constant depression.

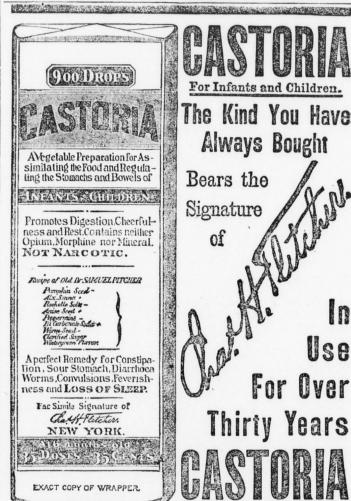
to health until the kidneys are cured. Read how one woman was restored by using Doan's Kidney Pills:

Mrs. H. A. Van Sickle, 311 6th Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va., says: "Kidney trouble was hereditary in our family and I had been so continually afflicted with the disease that I began to despair of even temporary relief. Sometimes I suffered so severely that I was confined to my bed. The aching in my back was intense and the kidney disorder caused an excess of uric acid in my blood which impaired my digestion. I was compelled to deny myself of many of the little delicacies of diet. doctors diagnosed my case as congestion of the kidneys. I had about given up hope when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, but I took only a fev doses when their curative powers were proven to my satisfaction. never been without them in the house since.

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold by all dealers; price, 50 cents; or mailed on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Write for free trial.

The Weakest Points

The coming man is usually one who has in other foncing are strong in ours. Let us maily already arrived.



Right Along A good thing lives and

takes on new life, and so

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The Old Reliable St. Jacobs Oil keeps right along curing Pains and Aches.