

WOMEN WHO TALK POLITICS.

An Organization in Which There Is Tea and No Hair Pulling.

The society for political study is a flourishing organization of New York women whose object is to educate the sex in politics.

The society, says the New York World, has leaned over the railings of practical politics and plunged at once into deeper pools of political knowledge.

It has been organized only a short time, but during its brief career it has been able to do some of the knottiest problems over which statesmen have become gray-haired.

During the last year papers were read and discussions had on such subjects as "The Peace Conference," "The National Debt," "The Panama Canal," "The Argentine Republic," "The Domestic Policy of Peru."

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AN ESSAY ON FLIES.

Some of the Characteristics of the Insect Which Annoys Man.

The fly has some advantage over a man. For instance, he has a pair of double compound eyes, and with them he can see in any direction or in all directions at once without or in a twinkling turning his head.

These eyes, says the Chicago Herald, have four thousand distinct facets, and all of them have direct communication with the brain, so that if a man comes along on one side of him and a lump of sugar on the other, he will be able to watch both of them and stay for the sugar as long as it is safe on account of the man.

When he sees he can get one and dodge the other, that is exactly what he does, and he does not have to twist his neck in two trying to keep track of the opposite object.

The fly is particular about the air he breathes. He hasn't a very big mouth, and his lungs are small in proportion to his body, but he is particular what he puts into them.

Good graces, such as the best of the grocers sell for a dollar, steeped pretty strong and well sweetened, will kill as many flies as drink of it. And they will drink of it as readily as a two-cent beer.

Flies are voracious eaters. They do not care so much what they eat as when they eat it. They are particular about regular meals. They do not eat long at a time nor much at a time, but they eat often.

Careful observers have stated that a common house fly will eat forty-two thousand two hundred square meals in twelve hours. One female fly will produce twenty thousand young ones in a single day, and they will develop so rapidly as to increase two hundred-fold in weight in twenty-four hours.

Scientists have never been able to tell how a fly walks on the ceiling, or, rather, they have never been able to agree about it. All of them have told, but no two are alike in their explanation.

Others think he carries a minute bottle of mangle around with him and lubricates his hoofs with it, so that he can walk on the ceiling as easily as on any surface, no matter what the attraction of gravity may have to say about it.

Humors of Chinatown. John Believes in Correcting His Wife with a Broomstick.

"Chinatown is a spectacle of a city," says Mr. B. in his "Humors of Chinatown." "Among the Tenements of New York," but he found therein some things to tickle his sense of humor, and other things which he laughed at.

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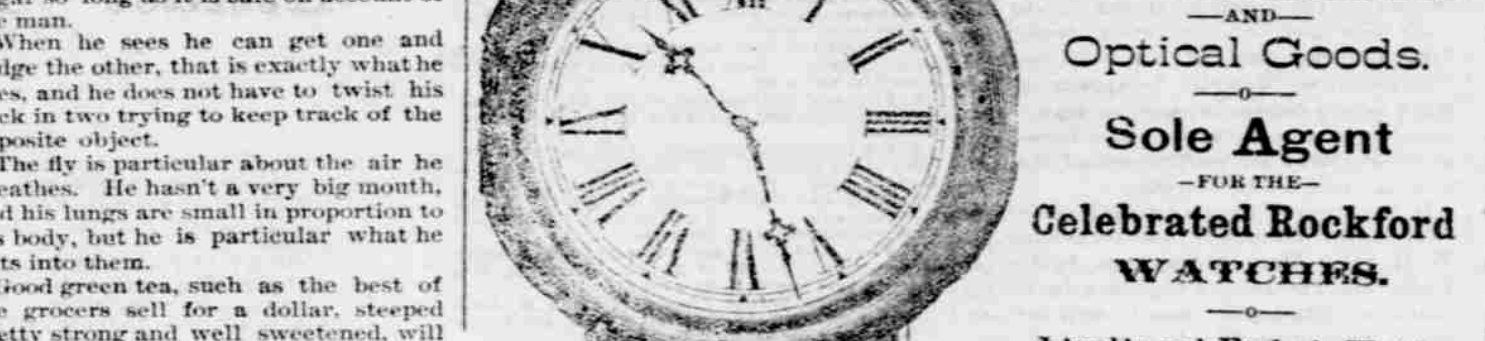
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SURROUNDED BY WOLVES.

Ohio Not Yet Relieved from the Unpleasant Presence of Wild Beasts.

Nineteen persons in a hundred, says a Toledo correspondent of the New York Times, would declare from their general knowledge of the state that there are not wolves enough in Ohio to seriously threaten anybody.

Mr. Valois is one of the best-known insurance men in Toledo, and is widely known as an expert hunter of wild beasts.

The day Mr. Valois had chosen proved a cloudy one, with frequent bursts of snow, but it was not so stormy as the day for shooting, and before night Mr. Valois had the bottom of his wagon filled with the game.

As he proceeded he heard strange sounds in the woods about him, howlings and barking, but gave them little thought. He knew there were some wolves of the common gray species in the opening and he was not afraid of them.

The dog's courage deserted him, and he started toward the open with part of the pack after him. He fired right at the pack, killing what he took to be the leader, but instead of being frightened away he had hoped.

The first impulse was to seek safety in a tree, but he soon discovered that though the pack made a fearful racket and would occasionally rush toward him, they did not attack him.

There he got a freight train about midnight and arrived safely at home before morning, where he found his horse awaiting him considerably the worse for his trip home.

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THE WAR OF THE RATS.

White Rodents Trained to Exterminate Their Brown Brethren.

Drugs and Ferrets Given Battle to the Pests that Annoy the People.

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