JAS. C. HASSON, Editor and Proprietor.

AN OLD MAN'S EPITAPH.

In Mankind.

his reported speech was told by his

friend Mr. Bishop, for a long time presi-

dent of the New Haven road, says the

Buffalo Courier. "He is now," said Mr.

Depew, "resting in his old age in hon

orable retirement and reflection upon

the sins which are frequent with a rail-

way president. He told me the other

day that when he visited, for the first

time in 60 years, the place of his birth

he began to inquire about the old lady

was his teacher in his early youth-

before he went to the academy and

thence to Yale-and, finding no record

of her among the reminiscences of the

town, went to the churchyard and there

discovered that she had erected a rem-

iniscence of herself. It was a monu-

ment, on which was inscribed. Abi-

gail Henderson, died aged 96. Put your

trust in the Lord and have no confi-

dence in man.' If Abigail had been the

recipient of the honor you have

showered on me to-night she would

have reversed that verdict. She might

not have expressed her doubt as to the

Lord, but she certainly would have been

"Good Morning" in Samoa.

I had to go down to Apia five or six

lifferent times, and each time there

were 100 black boys to say "Good morn-

ing" to. This was rather a tedious

ousiness; and, as very few of them

answered at all, and those who did,

only with a grunt like a pig's, it was

several times in my mind to give up

this piece of politeness. The last time

I went down, I was almost decided;

but when I came to the first pair of

black boys and saw them looking so

comic and so melancholy, I began the

business over again. This time

thought more of them seemed to an-

swer, and when I got down to the tail-

end where the carts were running, I

received a very pleasant surprise, for

one of the boys, who was pushing at

the back of a cart, lifted up his head,

and called out to me in wonderfully

good English: "You good man-al-

ways say good morning." It was sad

to think that these poor creatures

should think so much of so small a

piece of civility, and strange that

(thinking so) they should be so dull

as not to return it.-Robert Louis

Stevenson's "Letters to a Boy," in St.

Not an Insuit.

Maj. Lomnx, of the United State.

army, visiting in Canada soon after the

war of 1812, was entertained in Quebe

y the officers of one of the royal reg

ments. After dinner, speeches and

oasts being in order, one of the Brit

sh officers, having imbibed too gener

ously of the champagee, gave as :

loast: "The president of the United

States, dead or alive." The toast wa-

recepted with laughter. Maj. Lomas

ose to respond, saying: "Permit me

o give as my toast: 'The prince re-

cut, drunk or sober." The British

officer sprang instantly to his feet, and

in angry tones demanded: "Sir, do you

intend that remark as an insult?" To

which Maj. Lowax calmly replied:

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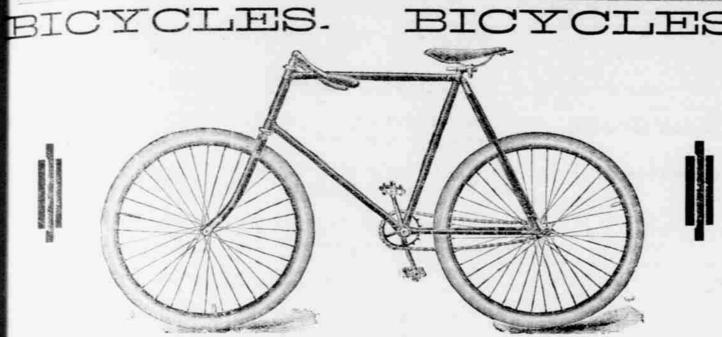
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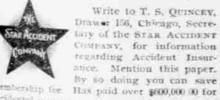
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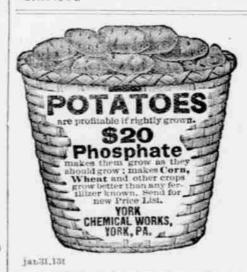
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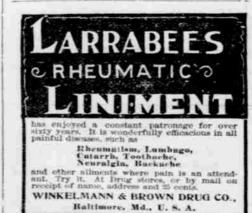
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# KAFFIR CORN.

Old Abigail Henderson Had No Confidence One of Depew's stories at the Buffalo of Climate. club dinner which does not appear in

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in the semi-arid regions of the great west is solved at last. Kaffir corn, first introduced on the American continent from the Kaffir country, in Africa, less than a decade since, is still an unknown product to nine-tenths of the people of the United

At first planted here and there as a curiosity, it was found to grow readily in all localities and under all conditions, and experiments developed the fact that it would mature a grop in the driest and hottest seasons on the high western plains. A more extended planting of the new grain and a comparison of results obtained soon developed the fact that whether the season was wet or dry, cool or hot, long or short, this new product would thrive on all kinds of soils with the minimum of care and cultivation, and planted any time between the first of April and the middle of July it would mature an absolutely sure crop of grain and fodder before

the frosts of autumn. The stalk looks something like a single shoot of common corn, but shorter, attaining a henght usually from 4% to six feet, and having pointed leaves of a rich green color. The grain forms in a head at the extreme point of the shoot, where the tassel is on ordinary corn, the heads being from seven to 12 inches in length and six to eight in circumference, and when ripe look like great white or red plumes.

larger than a grain of rice and much resembling a grain of wheat in interior

structure. ent year that it became a proon sod or scattered patches where early

corn had been burned out, The planting was continued until well along in August, the acreage being in many sections greater than that ever devoted to a single crop. In Oklahoma alone nearly 50,000 acres were planted with the new crop. And every grain of it planted grew and thrived to maturity, and before the summer was over the farmers began to wonder what they would do with it all. 'They knew it was good food for stock, but there was not stock enough in the territory to consume it, and the product was yet so new that it was not recognized in

the outside markets. them a sleek, glossy appearance.

When it came to feeding hogs it was found that they gained flesh more rapidly than when fed on common corn. and poultrymen have found the Kaffir grain an admirable egg producer, and when fed unthrashed the fowls are given exercise in picking it from the

der what they would do with it. -Kaffir flour.

Some of this flour was made into light bread. The bread was fully as white as bread made from second grade wheat flour, and was sweet and palatable. - St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Pa., the other night at the home of Henry Uundorf, where a wedding was to have taken place. The bride-to-be Henry Dundorf, where a wedding was Joseph Derr, a farmer residing at Plainfield, was the recalcitant groom. The guests had arrived and the wedding dinner was in preparation at the Dundorf home, but the groom did not arrive, and the bride began shedding tears. Then the groom appeared and in a business like way informed the girl and her father that the marriage would have to saved toward defraying wedding ex-

"Excuse Mistakes."

### BURIAL OF A GREAT ARTIST. Story of Paganini's Death Recalled by s

Proves to Flourish in All Kinds

The question of successful farming

The grains are almost round, a little

There are two varieties, red and white, the latter being the favorite crop. Though raised as an experiment here and there throughout the west for several years, it was not until the prescrop. When the drought of last spring killed the wheat and oats and seemed almost certain to ruin the corn, the few who had had experience with the new grain began to advise their neighbors to plant Kaffir corn, as it would grow all right in dry weather, and they could thus at least raise food for their stock. The newspapers took up the advice and soon farmers were planting Kaffir corn, utilizing the ground where wheat and oats had failed at planting

Experience had already developed the fact that it made a most admirable feed, either to winter stock or fatten them for market, but with an abundance of the grain on hand Oklahoma farmers soon discovered that it was bet ter for horses than either corn or oats. making them fat and stout, and giving

head. The boys and girls soon discovered that it would pop as well as popcorn, the grains popping out large, white and tender, and women in the country found that boiled like rice the grain was excellent eaten with cream and sugar, that mashed into a pulpy mass it made an excellent pudding, and it was also a first-class substitute for hom-

Still the quantity, produced was so great that the people continued to won-The owner of the roller mills at Medicine Lodge, Kan., ran some of the grain through his cornmeal grinder, and produced a meal pronounced in every way equal to the ordinary cornmeal, but he was not content with this, but rigged up a special set of burrs and produced a new product that bids fair to create a revolution in the world's breadstuffs

Wanted the Cow Most.

A sensation was created at Carlisle, be postponed, as the money he had penses he now intended to use in the purchase of a cow. Derr then left the

A good-natured mistress lately acted as amanuensis for a negro maid who could neither read nor write. The servant had not enough intelligence to guess that the lady who wielded the pen for her was well known in the world of letters, and made what is provincially called "a pretty penny" by her use of the quill now called into requisition to inscribe from dictation several letters to southern friends of the dictator. To her scribe's intense amusement each epistle concluded with the petition: "Please excuse all mis-

Recent Exhamation.

remains, near Parma, brings to mem-

ory all the other peregrinations they

have gone through since they were first

taken to the Nice cemetery in 1840-

when Nice still belonged to Italy. Be-

ing refused there, however, because

Paganini was not of Nice, the remains

were taken to Marscelles, where they

were also refused admittance. Not

even Genoa, where Paganini was born,

would receive his body because an

epidemic was then raging. A like re-

Shall I tell you why it was so hard

to find a resting place for his bones?

It was a common belief that Paganini

had sold his soul to the devil, who

would take it immediately after the

poor man died! So, for five years,

the body was left on the rocks of San

Ferreol, where it might be still had

not the duchess of Parma insisted in

having it buried in the Villa Gaime.

In 1855, the coffin had to be changed,

and in 1876 the body was again re-

moved, this time to the cemetery of

Parma. Then, however, all the people

in Parma crowded the river side, down

which the body was carried by night,

to the light of hundreds of torches.

Baron Attilius Paganini, a grandson of

the violinist, was also present. Once

more, in 1893, the vault was opened,

and the features of the great man were

again seen. And now again the vault

has been opened for repairs. A friend

writes and says that the face is still

perfectly preserved. The lower part

of the body is mere bone; the face, how-

ever, is as perfect as ever, and has been

photographed. Baron Achilles, Paga-

nini's son (now an old man), has caused

the body to be placed in another coffin,

and this time a large piece of glass has

been placed in the coffin. Thus any

artist visiting Parma may now see the

features of Paganini by asking Baron

I am told that much of the music

which bears Paganini's name was never

written by him at all. His real com-

positions, however, are now going to be

published, and they will be a surprise

to artists on account of their mechan-

cal difficulties, which will be a perfec

test of ability to many of our modern

violinists-great as they may be. He

used to practice exercises by the hour

together with a weight tied to his right

arm. Then after this weight was re-

moved his playing sounded as if it were

a complete orchestra playing. There

are some old people who still remember

hearing him practice in this way.

Whilst practicing he would also walk

up and down the room, rarely looking

at the music on the desk. From his

youth he always had the preference for

one bow. It never left him. It was

very long and was mended over and

over again. It always lies on the chim-

ney piece of the Green room in the Villa

Gaione. It stands in a gold column,

protected by a crystal shade, and on

it is a paper telling what it is. Foot-

ATTENTIVE TO CATS.

Two Paris Women Who Daily Feed Scores

of Them.

Plantes, or old Parisian zoo, is a provi-

dence to the stray cats of her neighbor-

hood. She feeds daily a hundred at the

Bercy wine market, where they are al-

lowed to live in the cellars. This lady

believes in the transmigration of souls.

and says she feels as if she was form-

erly incarnate in a woman who hated

animals. Her extreme sensibility to

their sufferings is, she also feels, the

punishment meted to her. She has in

an outhouse a number of mutilated and

Another lady attends to the cats in

the Palais de Justice, the Central mar-

kets, the prefecture of police and the

Sorbonne. There are 30 eats at the

Palais de Justice. They are in the habit

of being regularly fed. When anything

prevents their benefactress coming in

the nick of time they go out to meet

her, and follow her to the court at the

west side of the palais. A number of po-

licemen witness her arrival, and help.

She is pleased to think that she has

awakened a spirit of humanity in the

police force. Policemen who know her

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"Mother's Pies."

selves who change, and not the food

that delighted us in our youth. Said

a crusty, hard-to-please husband:

"Wife, I wish you would make pies

that would taste as good as my mother's

used to do." "Well, my dear, you run

out and bring me in a pailful of water,

a hodful of coal and an armful of wood,

just as you used to do for your mother,

and maybe you will like my pies as

well." He concluded the pies would

answer the purpose just as they were.

A Ravenous Insect.

spider actually consumed during 24

hours, Sir J. Lubbock says: "At a sim-

flar rate of consumption a man weigh-

ing 160 pounds will require a whole

fat ox for breakfast, an ox and five

sheep for dinner and for supper two

bullocks, eight sheep and four hogs, and

just before retiring nearly four bar-

rels of fresh fish."-Chicago Chronicle,

Commenting on the amount which a

-Good Housekeeping.

We none of us realize that it is our-

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The late exhumation of Paganini's

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-Jumbles. One-half pound butter;

one pound sugar mixed to cream; two

eggs; two tablespoons extract of rose;

add flour enough to make dough stiff enough to roll out quite thin, cut in any shape, bake on well greased cake tins, when baked should be one-rixth of an inch thick .- Mrs. S. B. Sheets, in Womankind. -Coffee Cream Cake. -For any good layer cake make a filling as follows: Three tablespoonfuls of coffee and a cup and a half of cold water; steep and strain. Thicken with corn starch,

sweeten. Add whipped cream to taste. Milk may be added to the coffee before thickening, in place of the cream. It tastes like coffee ice-cream soda .-Farmer's Voice. -Apple Rice Pudding.-Pare, quarter and core three tart apples and spread loosely in a buttered agate pudding dish. Add three-quarters cupful of sugar and three tablespoonfuls rice to one quart of milk; turn the mixture over the apples, spread a few bits

of butter over the tops and bake in a

moderate oven four hours. Serve hot

with sweetened whipped cream.-Orange Judd Farmer. -Steamed Bread and Fruit Pudding. -One pint of bread broken into small pieces. Add one cup of milk, one-third of a cup of molasses, one egg, well beaten, and one cup of raisins, stoned and cut in halves. Mix thoroughly, then sift in half a terspoonful each of cinamon, grated nutmeg, salt and soda. Turn into a buttered pudding boiler and cook in boiling water about two

hours.-Chicago Chronicle. -Boiled Plum Pudding. - Halfpound white bread crumbs, four ounces sugar, four ounces chopped suct, four unces raisins, four ounces current half- coffeecupful milk, one egg or two yolks, one teaspoonful mixed ground spices, a little salt and a pinch of soda. Mix the dry articles together, the bread grated or chopped very fine; add milk and egg with salt and soda dissolved in them; tie up in a bag and boil for four hours.-Chicago Record.

### WHISKERS UNDER HIS VEST. How One Man Employs His Hirsute Appendages to Advantage.

"Are beards lucrative, or, in other words, can one make any money by wearing them long?" said a young man about town, reports the Philadelphia Call. "Upon the first thought and perhaps even after one has evolved the question carefully in his mind, he would reply no. But they are wrong, as the following case of an old artist will show. By 'old artist' is not meant a genius like Harnet, Angelo or men of that class, but a painter who, besides being noted for his superior work in portraits, is conspicuous for the quantity of hair which sprouts from his chin. This gentleman, it is said, has won many a wager on his beard, which is of such great length that he is compelled to wear it underneath his vest. No one ever sees the hirsute growth, except when he exhibits it to settle a bet. To saunter into a saloon and get into conversation with some of the customers there has become a hobby with him, for in doing so he has an object. He frequently gets a drink in consequence of betting with some other fellow who has a fair ly long beard as to whose is the longest, and it is seldom that he loses a wager of this kind, for his whiskers extend

### to the bottom of his waistcoat." MUSIC HATH STRENGTH.

Piano Players Are Heavy Weights on the Ivory Keys.

It requires more force to sound : note gently on the piano than to lift the lid of a kettle. A German composer has figured that minimum pressure of the finger playing planissimo is equal to 110 grams-a quarter of a pound. Few kettle lids weigh more than two ounces. At times a force of six pounds is thrown upon a single key to produce a solitary effect With chords the force is generally spread over the various notes sounded simultaneously, though a greater output of force is undoubtedly expended. This is what gives pianists the wonderful strength in their fingers so often commented on.

A story used to be told of Paderewski that he could crack a pane of plate glass half an inch thick merely by placing one hand upon it, as if upon a piane keyboard, and striking it sharply with its middle finger. Chopin's last study in C minor has a passage which takes two minutes and five seconds to play. The total pressure brought to bear on this, it is estimated, is equal to three full tons. The average "tonnage" of an hour's piano playing of Chopin's music varies from 12 to 84 tons.

### A TOAD BAROMETER. The Creature, in Its Own Way, Predicts

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## AIDS TO MEMORY.

They Are Oftener a Detriment Than of Any Real Value. As to the ordinary loss of memory

produced by advancing years, it is strange how proper names are always the first to go; even those of our intimate friends often temporarily vanish -which, when we are about to introduce them to strangers, is rather embarrassing. Next to them, to judge from my own experience, are synonyms. This is inconvenient in literary composition, and necessitates the frequent use of the "Thesaurus," writes James Payn in the Illustrated London News, What is very unfortunate, this only makes matters worse, for there is nothing more certain than that the constant use of helps to memory causes its destruction. By constantly referring to a "ready reckoner" persons have been known to have destroyed all power of calculation. On the other hand, nothing so strengthens the memory as the exercise of it, and when this is not intermitted, but kept up as in youth, we find that, as in the late Mr. Brandram's case, old age is no bar to the most perfect recollection. Indeed, it is probable, as Sydney Smith observes, that the decay of memory in old men probably proceeds as frequently from the very little interest they take in what is passing around them as from any mental decay. Sir Benjamin Brodie held the same opinion: "The old man is not stimulated by ambition as when he felt that he had many years of life before him. He has probably withdrawn from his former pursuits, and has substituted no others for them, and we know that the mind, as well as the body, requires constant exercise to keep

## IN JAPAN.

The New Woman Is Largely in Evidence in the Flowery Kingdom. During a description of the woman of Japan a correspondent of the St. Louis

it in a healthy state."

Dispatch says: The girls' middle schools are like our public day schools. The education given is excellent and quite up to all modern requirements, while at the same time the characteristic elements of a Japanese lady's education are pre-

The traditional accomplishments of a Japanese lady were, however, not forgotten, and there were rooms set apart for giving instructions in the arrangement of flowers, the details of the tea ecremony, and in playing the goto. Without proficiency in these three accomplishments no Japanese lady is thought to be completely educated. for girls in Japan are admirable insti-

The technical and the industrial schools tutions. One of the most interesting girls' schools is undoubtedly the school for peeresses at Tokio. In this the empress takes the keenest interest; she visits the school every week, and knows all the girls by name. The students are daughters of the "daimios" and poblemen. If the empress had not herself taken the lead in the movement for the higher education of the women of the noble classes it is doubtful if Japanese noblemen would have consented to scall their girls to a public day school: that they do so is proof of the earnestness with which the Japanese have adopted modern western education.

## FRENCH VIOLINS ARE BEST. German and English Instruments Are

Lacking Tone and Finish. Probably there is no musical instru ment made in such infinite diversity of quality as the violin. The lowest grades come from Germany, and are sold at retail from \$2 to \$1.

Even the very cheapest, when proper ly played, says the Boston Globe, yield a very fair tone in skillful hands though, of course, the "carrying power" is small. These fiddles are made from woods stamped into the required shape under great pressure, the backs from maple or sycamore and the tops from pine, the whole being finished off very rapidly by some quick-drying spirit varnish. Very often a fancy label, learing the name of some well-known maker now dead, is pasted inside, in order to delude the unwary; while at times a semblance of antiquity is artfully imparted, the marks of wear being imitated remarkably well. Occasionally it happens that people who have slight knowledge of violins are taken in by these ingenious frauds. France unquestionably holds the first position in producing high-class modern violins. The English instru-

## all the glorious rest are copied with a fidelity little short of the marvelous,

ments are usually heavy, both in sub-

stance and in tone, while those of the

best French make are nearly always

exquisite in model, workmanship and

tone. The finest Strads, Amatis and

AT THE JEWELERS. A cut glass inkstand with silver mounts, much favored this season, is square in form. Rings for men continue to be richly

carved and chased, Indian style, with stones imbedded. The silver skirt grip, a practical device for securing the back of the skirt to the belt, recommends itself to tidy

Zone-shaped belt clasps, incrusted with small stones and receiving additional errichment from colored enamels, level distinction to the simplest evening gown.

Silver pen extractors are a new accessory for the writing desk this season, and, although small, are strong enough to extract the most stubborn pen from its holder and fill a long-felt The present mania for Louis XV.

styles has added to the sumptuousness

of the modern woman's jewel case, for

## any of the brooches, coronets and watches are copies of the old court

jewelry.

PEN POINTS. Advice is one of the unpleasant smaller vices that the truly good forget to condemn. Don't persist in error-after you're

found out; and don't be found out if you can avoid it by persisting in it. Paste this in your hat: "The easiest way to become immortal is to be the first to say what is self-evident.

The average man feels complimented when you call him bad in a laughing

sort of a way .- Truth.