

**Alarm Among the Piny Jays.**  
The Japanese are getting anxious about their physique, which is deteriorating so much that the land of flowers may in course of time become a land of babes. The military authorities have discovered that their men cannot use the ordinary rifle because it is too long for them and have been compelled in consequence to arm them with special short firearms. Recent investigations have shown that the students are among the worst developed specimens of humanity on the face of the earth, the finished product of the Japanese university generally presenting the appearance of a puny, sickly, undeveloped youth.

**The Price.**  
"Yes," grunted the great chief, they have come to set up their laws over our land and to take possession of the hills and the valleys and the fertile plains that have been ours. But they have paid a price that will stagger humanity!" Then taking the jug, for the contents of which he had traded off the lands of his tribe, he tilted the bottom toward the planet Mars and was satisfied.

**Superannuation Allowance in Canada.**  
According to the public accounts of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, the sum of \$225,560.47 was paid out by the Dominion in superannuation allowances to civil servants and others during the periods of 1898-1899.

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Cuba is the greatest sugar producing country in the world, and its normal crop is about one million tons.

Indigestion is a bad companion. Get rid of it by chewing a bar of Adams' Peppermint Tutti Frutti after each meal.

The number of summer students at the University of Berlin has trebled since 1873. It is 5,105 this semester.

Pilo's cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave., N. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Germany has a new association of 11 barbarians, sixty of whom recently had a convention at Marburg.

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During 1899 Spain bought sixty-seven vessels in England, most of them for Bilbao.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.** Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

**Sheep in Spain.**  
In Spain there are some ten million of migratory sheep, which every year travel as much as two hundred miles from the "delectable mountains," where the shepherds feed them till the snows descend. These sheep are known as transhumantes, and their march, resting places and behavior are regulated by ancient and special laws and tribunals, dating from the fourteenth century. At certain times no one is allowed to travel on the same route as the sheep, which have a right to graze on all open and common land on the way, and for which a road ninety yards wide must be left on all enclosed and private property. The shepherds lead the flocks, the sheep follow and the flocks are accompanied by mules carrying provisions, and large dogs which act as guards against the wolves. The merino sheep travel four hundred miles to the mountains, and the total time spent on migration there and back is fourteen weeks.—The Spectator.

## Constipation.

You cannot possibly enjoy good health unless you have at least one free movement of the bowels each day. When this is not the case, the poisonous products are absorbed into the system, causing headache, biliousness, nausea, vomiting, dyspepsia, indigestion.

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## A BRAVE BIRD.

True Courage Not Incompatible with Nervousness.

I suppose a bird is the bravest creature that lives, in spite of its natural timidity. From which we may learn that true courage is not incompatible with nervousness, and that heroism does not mean the absence of fear, but the conquest of it. Who does not remember the first time he ever ran across a hen partridge with her brood, as he was strolling through the woods in June? How splendidly the old bird forgets herself in her efforts to defend and side her young! Smaller birds are no less daring. One evening last summer I was walking up the Ristigouche from Camp Harmony to Mowet's Rock, where my canoe was waiting for me, to fish for salmon. As I stepped out from a thicket on to the shingly bank of the river a spotted sandpiper teetered along before me, followed by three young ones. Frightened at first, the mother flew out a few feet over the water. But the piperlings could not fly, having no feathers, and they crept under a crooked log. I rolled the log over very gently and took one of the cowering creatures into my hand—a tiny, palpitating scrap of life, covered with soft gray down, and peeping shrilly, like a Lilliputian chicken. And now the mother was transformed. Her fear was changed into fury. She was a bully, a fighter, an Amazon in feathers. She flew at me with loud cries, dashing herself almost into my face. I was a tyrant, a robber, a kidnaper, and she called heaven to witness that she would never give up her offspring without a struggle. Then she changed her tactics and appealed to my baser passions. She fell to the ground and fluttered around me as if her wing were broken. "Look!" she seemed to say. "I am bigger than that poor little baby. If you must eat something, eat me! My wing is lame. I can't fly. You can easily catch me. Let that little bird go!" And so I did, and the whole family disappeared in the bushes as if by magic. I wondered whether the mother was saying to herself, after the manner of her sex, that men are stupid things, after all, and no match for the cleverness of a female who stoops to deception in a righteous cause.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke.

## AWFUL FAMINE

That Is Now Making of India One Vast Charnel Pen.

The famine area in India is about 250,000 square miles, and extends over the central, south and northwestern provinces, says Leslie's Weekly. No pen could describe its awful horrors. Some of the things proved by photography are too realistically horrible to be reproduced in any publication, and we print only a few of the less frightful photographs taken by the missionaries, because many have not believed that such an awful condition could exist in this century of plenty and prosperity. Emaciated beyond belief, the starving natives crawl to the house of the nearest sahib, usually a missionary, to crave food; but 60,000 mouths have to be fed. Fifteen dollars a year will feed a Hindu, yet even this pitiable allowance is not to be had. The causes of the famine are the failure of the crops, the refusal of the native princes to allow their hunting jungles to be converted into fertile agricultural regions, and the mysterious disappearance of a special famine fund of \$100,000,000, collected by the government after the famine of 1877. The Hindu is a strict vegetarian. The low-caste Hindu is a fatalist. So, when famine stalks abroad the Hindu submits uncomplainingly. Day by day he will subsist on less food, until at last, when a mere shadow, he will drag his bony self to a relief station. There he may get food—or he may not. If not, he crouches in some corner, or out in the fields, under God's trees, and awaits the coming of death. The majority of the victims are women and children.

### They Used Him.

"Spare me!" cried the captive, "and I will be your slave for life. I am a cook by trade, and can make any dish you desire." "Well," replied the cannibal king, "you do look as if you would make a good hash. I think we can use you." This reply, somewhat ambiguous, left the captive in doubt, but alas! not for long.—Philadelphia Press.

## KEYSTONE STATE.

LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM VARIOUS PARTS.

### HAVOC BY LIGHTNING.

One Man Killed and Three Others Injured at Dunmore—Bolt Wrecked Coal Breaker—Lost Life in Runaway—Father and Son Hurled from Their Vehicle in Lebanon County—Other News.

During the severe rainstorm which swept over Scranton and vicinity a bolt of lightning struck the Murray Coal Breaker, Dunmore, reducing half the structure to a wreck, killing one man and injuring three others.

John Regala was killed and Michael Morrissey, John Zeliski and William Young more or less seriously injured. Regala, Zeliski and Morrissey were employed at the head of the breaker. That was the point where the bolt struck. It tore that part of the structure to splinters, and, descending along the timbers, to the ground, wrecked everything on the east side of the breaker.

Regala was killed instantly by the lightning and Zeliski and Morrissey were thrown to the ground, a distance of 65 feet, and frightfully injured. Young was the engineer, and was shocked by the lightning and injured by the falling timber. The structure was damaged to the extent of more than \$10,000, and will have to be rebuilt.

### Dragged by Frightened Horses.

In a runaway accident in the vicinity of Mt. Zion, one man lost his life and another received injuries that are dangerous.

John and George Demmey, father and son, left their home about one mile northeast of Mt. Zion to drive to the farm of Edward Schaeffer, in the vicinity of Grobble to assist in the harvest field. Their horse was frightened and ran away. The two men were thrown out of the buggy and dragged a considerable distance over the ground.

When help arrived it was learned that George Demmey, the son, had sustained serious internal injuries. He was removed to his home and medical attendance summoned, but he died. The unfortunate man is survived by his young wife, to whom he was married only a month ago.

### Assault Caused Death.

Frederick Kline, of Shamokin, who had his skull crushed in a fight near Sunbury, died at his home.

Kline accompanied the Shamokin delegation who participated in a firemen's parade at Sunbury. Subsequently he and some friends took a steamboat trip to a landing in Snyder county. Kline became involved in a quarrel with Arthur Brown, pilot of the boat, and was knocked down, his skull being crushed with a piece of lead pipe.

After news of the affair reached the ears of the firemen they became incensed and resolved to punish Kline's assailant if they caught him. The steamboat company suspected an outbreak and refused to sell tickets for passage to any man in fireman's uniform. A number of men, however, buttoned their coats, hiding their uniforms, and gained admittance to the boats. They were unable to find the pilot. He had been forewarned and disappeared.

### Dog Found Lost Child.

The two-year-old son of Thomas Marks, of Long Valley, wandered away from home and was lost in the woods. An all-night search for the missing child was made by a score of men, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Marks.

At 10 o'clock, Leroy Tallada, one of the searchers, was attracted by the strange whining of his Irish setter, which had accompanied him. He found the dog at the foot of a tree and lying asleep on the ground was the lost child. He had wandered four miles from home and had been without food nearly twenty-four hours.

### Lightning Destroys Barn.

During a storm lightning struck the large barn on the farm of Mrs. Kate Nickleson, at Yardley, completely destroying the building. The place is tenanted by Mrs. Dennehan.

Miss Martha Dennehan was out upon the lawn and received a severe shock. In her effort to assist in rescuing the live stock Mrs. Dennehan was badly burned about the head.

This season's crops and a large granary of last year's wheat were consumed, together with over 150 chickens, which were fastened in a henery. The loss is covered by insurance.

### Lightning's Odd Pranks.

On Daniel Pritchard's farm, near Stockertown, a cold bolt of lightning struck the barn in which four cows were stalled alongside each other. The first and third cows were killed. The others were uninjured. On William Knecht's farm, near Ackermanville, two cows were killed. The barn of J. W. Snyder, in Lower Mt. Bethel Township, was burned to the ground, causing a loss of \$5000.

### Dead Babe in a Box.

Important arrests are expected to be made in a few days by Special Officer Kline, of Bala, in connection with the finding of the body of a new-born male child on a farm near there a few days ago.

The body was in a baking powder box. An inquest was held by Coroner McGlathery, and as the result of an examination by his physician, Dr. Miller, the jury rendered a verdict stating that the child met death through criminal malpractice of parties unknown.

### No Solid Food in Ten Weeks.

It is ten weeks since Mrs. Ollie Rimer, an inmate of the Mercer Hospital, ate solid food. She is trying to starve herself to death. Mrs. Rimer is kept alive by injections of milk through a rubber tube. The attending physicians say she cannot live much longer. Her mother starved herself to death in the Warren Asylum recently.

### State Items.

Russell Uhl was held under \$300 bail at Wilkes-Barre on each of four charges of selling oleomargarine.

Fred Nagle fell from a third-story window at a hotel in Troy and received injuries which it is feared will prove fatal.

## The Age of Birds.

Mr. J. H. Gurney, in an article in the Ibis, discusses a number of facts, collected from various books and papers, regarding the age to which birds live. Mr. Dresser, in his "Birds of Europe," gives an instance of a raven having lived sixty-nine years. Mr. Meade-Waldo has in captivity a pair of eagle owls, one of which is sixty-eight and the other fifty-three years old. Since 1864 these birds have bred regularly, and have now reared ninety-three young ones. A Batelur eagle and a condor in the Zoological gardens at Amsterdam are still alive at the respective ages of fifty-five and fifty-two. An imperial eagle of the age of fifty-six, a golden eagle of forty-six and a sea eagle of forty-two, and many other birds of the age of forty downward are also recorded.

## OVARIAN TROUBLES.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was sick for two years with falling of the womb, and inflammation of the ovaries and bladder. I was bloated very badly. My left limb would swell so I could not step on my foot. I had such bearing down pains I could not straighten up or walk across the room and such shooting pains would go through me that I thought I could not stand it. My mother got me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and told me to try it. I took six bottles and now, thanks to your wonderful medicine, I am a well woman."—Mrs. ELSIE BRYAN, Otisville, Mich.

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