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A Girl's Reverie, by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Mother says, "Be in no hurry. Marriage oft means care and worry."

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mark he wiped them, covered his head with his military cap, hurled at Trouillefou the words, "You are an ass and a coward," and left the coffee-house. Comrade offered to accompany him, but he declined their offer.

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Fra Pancrazio, he was still praying for the remission of his sins, and for the eternal salvation of the man whom he had killed.—San Francisco Argonaut.

A COSTLY VENTURE.

Von Zeppelin Sinks a Pile of Money in His Airship. In July last, and again in October, experiments were made in aerial navigation at Friedrichshafen, on Lake Constance, by a rich German military officer, Count von Zeppelin.

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OF RARE VOLUMES. Man—would you make an astounding book—Which with downright charm were sure to draw? Oh, let the world on this title look—"Love Letters to My Mother-in-Law."

BEYOND A WHISPER. "It is a great drawback to be getting deaf." "Yes, it is; people quit telling you secrets."

BUSINESSLIKE. Daughter—Must love letters be answered, papa? Father (busy with his books)—Only when return stamps are inclosed.

A CRUSHING OUTCOME. "Joe, how you ever experienced a heartfelt disappointment?" "Yes; I once tried to dye this old red mustach brown, and it turned green."—Detroit Free Press.

THE LAW. Prisoner—It's difficult to see how I can be a forger, your lordship. Why, I can't sign my own name! Judge—You are not charged with signing your own name.—Tit-Bits.

WORSE. Cholly—They're saying that the vallet whom you discharged yesterday used some plain language to you. Fwedy—Plain? Bow Jave, it was positively ugly!—Chicago Tribune.

SUCCESS. "Why do they speak of the secret of success?" "Just a form of speech." "Because, as a matter of fact, there's no secret about it. Success always tells."—Philadelphia Times.

SAFELY AMATEURISH. Barbara—Blanche, what is a dilettante? Blanche—Oh, a dilettante is a person who doesn't know enough about any one art to be a bore.—Chicago Record-Herald.

INGRATITUDE. "No, I won't give you a piece of my apple," snapped his sister. "And who was it," the boy inquired reproachfully, "that spoiled the piano so you didn't have to practice for a week?"—Philadelphia Times.

NATIONAL ANTI-PATHIES. Young Dr. Smith—A patient got very angry the other day because I advised him to take a Turkish bath. Mrs. Dr. Smith—I don't see why anybody should get mad about that. Young Dr. Smith—Well, this fellow was a Greek.—Judge.

PATHETIC CASE. "Dabney stayed away from Miss Jipp's wedding from grief, didn't he? You know she jilted him." "He let the impression get out that it was grief, but he told me it was because he couldn't borrow a dress suit."—Chicago Record.

NOT A LAWYER'S WITNESS. Client—Well, did I make a good witness? Lawyer—Yes; between you and that stupid jury you took some pounds out of my pocket. Client—Why, I won the case, didn't I? Lawyer—That's just the point; I wanted a chance to appeal.—Tit-Bits.

EXPLAINED. "There is a remarkable child," said the visitor at the school. "Wonderful determination. He is the only child I ever saw who kept his eyes on his books when the fire engines were passing." "Yes," answered the teacher. "The poor little fellow is quite hard of hearing."—Washington Star.

THE BEST PRESERVER. Customer—I want to get something that will preserve wood. New Clerk—Yes, sir, here's just the thing you want. Customer—Nonsense! That's a padlock. New Clerk—Yes, sir. Put that on your woodshed door and no thief will ever get in.—Philadelphia Press.

LONG SUFFERING. McJigger—What do you think of Jigley marrying that girl who stutters so? Thingumbob—He's in luck. She certainly won't be able to outtalk him. McJigger—Nonsense! They say she's very determined. Just imagine how frightfully long it will take her to give him a piece of her mind.—Philadelphia Press.

SOME ONE BLUNDERED. Jack's father and mother were having a very heated discussion at the table one day. They entirely forgot him, and, as the argument waxed hotter, he looked from one to the other with real concern on his chubby face. Presently, during a lull, he cleared the air by asking, pointedly: "Papa, did you marry Inanna, or did mamma marry you?"—Brooklyn Life.

In 129 workhouses of England and Wales are 2,784 inmates who have lived under George III., George IV., William IV., Victoria and the present King. Indigency seems a fairly healthful condition in Britain.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS.

The Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

GOVERNOR STONE SIGNS MANY BILLS. Report of Banking Commissioner Reeder—Cumberland County Farmer Dies of Wounds Inflicted by Himself—Help Was Scarce and He Shot Himself—Miner Crushed to Death at Keyley Run Colliery—Other Live News.

Governor Stone has signed the following bills: Establishing a separate Orphan's Court for Montgomery County. Repealing the act to change the time for holding the borough and township elections in Clearfield county, and to fix the compensation of election officers therein.

REPORT OF BANKING COMMISSIONER REEDER. The report of Banking Commissioner Reeder, just made public, shows a most encouraging condition of the banks of the State. The total number of banks, trust companies and savings institutions under the supervision of the department is 228, an increase of twenty-six since the last annual report.

SALES OF WHITE WARE. The report of the State Board of Agriculture shows that the sales of white ware in 1900 were \$1,000,000, an increase of \$200,000 over 1899.

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COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions. New York (Special).—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "The greatest activity ever seen in Wall Street attracts attention in a measure from progress in distributing and manufacturing operations."

LABOR DIFFICULTIES. "Labor difficulties for several years before in the first week of May, and prices of merchandise hold well. "Stability of prices and vigorous prosecutions of work at mills indicate the wholesome condition of the iron and steel markets."

WHEAT MARKET. "Further advances were secured in the cereal market. Chicago speculators being forced to cover May corn contracts at 55 cents. Attractive prices brought more liberal receipts at interior cities and also stimulated operations on the farm."

MANUFACTURING. "The remarkably healthy condition of business is best appreciated when it is discovered that the defaults in last month were the smallest in ninety-one months, with the exception of May to August 1899, inclusive. In manufacturing lines there were but 163 failures, with a total indebtedness of \$1,997,694, against 178 last year for \$4,514,923. As 1899 reported the smallest liabilities of any full year for two decades, last month's good showing is made manifest by default in manufacturing concerns, \$77,995 smaller than two years ago. Trading failures were 555 for \$3,168,823 and banking defaults were \$520,000."

MARKET QUOTATIONS. Flour—Baltimore Best Patent... 4.75a High Grade Extra... 4.25a Cornmeal, per 100 pounds... 1.13a.25 Hominy, per bbl... 2.60a.70 Hominy Grits, per bbl... 2.60a.70 Wheat—No. 2 red... 80c, and 77 1/2c for steamer No. 2 red; sample lots 72a.80/4; Western, May 79 1/2c.

GRAIN. Corn—Sales of white were at 51c, and of cargoes yellow at 50 1/2c; cob corn, yellow on spot at \$2.60a.65 per bbl. Oats—White No. 2, 31 1/2c; white No. 3, 31 1/2c; mixed No. 2, 31 1/2c; white No. 2, 31 1/2c, in cars lots, 57c; No. 3, 55c; No. 2 Western rye, 58c; export elevator and 59a.00 on track up-town. Mill Feed—\$19.00 per ton; medium do, \$18.50.

LIVESTOCK. Hay—No. 1 Timothy, \$17.00; No. 2 Timothy, \$16.00a.16.50; No. 3 Timothy, \$15.50a.16.00; No. 1 clover, mixed, \$15.50a.16.00; No. 2 clover mixed, \$14.00a.15.00; No. 1 clover, \$14.00a.14.50; No. 2 clover, \$12.50a.13.50.

MEATS. Green Fruits and Vegetables.—Onions, per bushel, \$1.40. Cabbage, Danish, per ton, \$15.00a.16.00; do, new Florida, per crate, \$2.25a.2.50; do, Charleston, per crate, \$2.50a.2.75; do, Florida, per crate, \$1.50a.2.00. Apples, per bbl, \$1.50a.3.50. Oranges, \$2.00 a.3.00. Strawberries, per quart, 15a.30c. Potatoes.—We quote: White, Maryland and Pennsylvania primes, per bus, 40a.45c; do, New York primes, per bus, 42a.47c; do, Michigan and Ohio, per bus, 43a.48c; do, new, Bermuda, per bbl, No. 1, \$5.00a.6.00; do, do, No. 2, \$4.00 a.5.00; do, new Florida, per bbl, No. 1, \$6.00a.7.00; No. 2, \$4.00a.5.00. Sweet Maryland and Virginia, kiln dried, per bbl, \$1.50a.2.00.

POULTRY. Beans and Peas.—New York marrow, choice hand picked, \$2.30a.2.35; blackeye peas, per bushel, choice new, \$1.55a.1.60; black peas, per bushel, choice new, \$1.50 a.1.60. Live Poultry.—Market is steady. Hens, 10 1/2c; old roosters, each, 25 a.30c; young chickens, 12a.13c; winter do, 2 lbs and under, 12a.13c; spring, 1 to 1 1/2 lbs, 12a.13c. Ducks, 8a.10c. Geese, apiece, 50a.60c.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Capons, choice large 14a.18c. Butter.—The market is steady. We quote: Creamery separator, 21a.21 1/2c; creamery gathered cream, 18a.19c; creamery imitation, 17a.18c. Eggs.—Fresh laid eggs, 13a.13 1/2c. Dressed Hogs.—Choice Western Maryland and Pennsylvania light weights, per lb, 7a.7 1/2c; Southern Maryland and Virginia, per lb, 6 1/2c. Calves.—Strictly nice veal, per lb, 5a.5 1/2c. Lambs and Sheep.—Spring lambs choice, 8a.9c per lb; poor, small stock, 5c per lb.

PHILADELPHIA. Philadelphia.—Wheat firm; contract grade, May, 79 1/2a.80 1/2c. Corn firm, 1/4c higher; No. 2 mixed, May, 50a.50 1/2c. Oats steady, fair demand; No. 2 white clipped, 33 1/2c. Butter steady; fancy Western creamery, 20c; do prints, 21c; do nearby prints, 22c. Eggs dull and weak; fresh nearby, 13c; do Western, 13c; do Southwestern, 12 1/2c; do Southern, 12c.

LIVE STOCK. Chicago, Ill.—Cattle—Receipts 13,000 head; moderately active; about steady; butchers' stock slow; good to prime steers, \$5.00a.5.50; poor to medium, \$3.95a.4.90; stockers and feeders firm, \$3.00a.3.50; cows, \$2.50a.3.50; heifers \$2.70 a.3.75; canners slow, \$2.00a.2.50; bulls, \$2.75a.4.00. East Liberty, Pa.—Cattle steady; extra, \$5.00a.5.50; prime, \$3.25a.5.00; good, \$3.00a.3.50. Hogs steady; prime heavy and best mediums, \$5.25a.5.50; heavy Yorkers, \$5.85; light Yorkers, \$5.75 a.5.80; pigs, \$5.70a.5.75; skips, \$4.75a.5.25; roughs, \$4.00a.4.50. Sheep steady; fancy wethers, \$4.40a.5.00; common, \$2.00a.3.50.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY. Lehigh Valley machinists have appealed for a nine-hour day. In Boston a system prevails of allowing a man fined for drunkenness to pay his fine in installments. Yonkers (N. Y.) masons want \$4.40 for an eight-hour day and the hod carriers demand 33 cents per hour. The big wrecking tug, W. H. Myer, of the Milwaukee Tugboat Line, turned house power last week and steamed along the river towing a scow with a brick building as its cargo.