

THE MORMON CHURCH.

A Prolonged and Bitter Wrangle in Prospect Among the Faithful.

Speculation is rife now among the faithful of the Mormon church as to who shall be the successor of the late President Taylor. A prolonged and bitter wrangle is quite probable.

Cashing Checks at Hotels.

If I were the proprietor of a hotel I would cash checks to every man I knew and considered responsible. The hotel would lose no more money under that method than it does by the present rule.

Labouche Pitches into Royal Yachts.

The performances of the Queen's yacht on Wednesday last in running into the Orontes is equally discouraging to the British taxpayer and the British sightseer.

Not Honored at Home.

As water seeks its level, so does the village instinctively tend to maintain a certain moral and intellectual uniformity.

"Sir, I hear you using the word donkey very frequently in your conversation." "Yes, your ears do not deceive you."

THE LITTLE READER.

A Lesson for Parents to Take to Heart.

How quiet the house is at midnight. The people who talk and laugh and sing in their sleep, and the people who fall asleep in it long ago came back into it.

Why, what was my time worth to me to-day? What was there in the book I wanted to read one-half so precious to me as one cooking word from the prattling lips that quivered when I turned away.

But I was not harsh. I was only a little impatient. Because, you see, his lesson was so easy, so simple. Ah, he, there were two of us trying to read this afternoon.

Ah, friend, we do not waste time when we plait scourges for ourselves. These hurrying days, these busy, anxious, shrewd, ambitious times of ours are wasted when they take our hearts away from patient gentleness, and give us fame for love and gold for kisses.

If You Are Obligated to Sleep on the Cars.

In these days, when travel by railroads is very common, a few words on the best means to prevent taking cold in the cars will be useful.

Old Maids.

The Chicago News announces authoritatively that a girl is not an 'old maid' now until she is past 30.

LITERARY SUCCESS.

The Ways by Which Some Noted Writers Have Become Famous.

Every literary success has its own history. Thoreau's beautiful books are found in every library where he would have cared to have them.

Bayard Taylor, thirsting for the literary life, eager for fame, but only for the fame that comes from doing really admirable work, labors slowly, toils noisily, carefully, and achieves at last an enviable position.

Miss Alcott is inspired to write "Little Women," because, as she naively says herself, "the house needed shining."

Charlotte Bronte, with profound confidence in her own genius, encouraged by no one, d discourages "by every publisher till the last, writes "Jane Eyre," to be one of the greatest novels of her generation.

George Eliot, profoundly self-distrustful, venturing into fiction only at the urgent entreaty of Mr. Lewes, writes "Adam Bede," to be the admiration of the world, and perhaps never did any work finer of its kind than her first.

Harriet Prescott Spofford, a girl of 16, who had never been out of America and hardly out of Newburyport, sits in her little room, with portico in her lap, and evolves from her inner consciousness and knowledge of books, a story of Parisian life, so faithful to the local color of the brilliant city of the world that the editor of The Atlantic sends it back to her at first on the plea that it is singularly inept, but presumably a translation.

When a book appears so perfect of its kind as "Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates," the world is startled, not merely in reading the book, but in knowing how it came to be written.

Street Car Nuisances.

The smoke nuisance on the street cars, though the most annoying, is by no means the only one to be found on that popular vehicle.

A somewhat similar nuisance is the passenger—not always a male one—who occupies two or three seats by sitting sideways so as to gaze from the car window.

Still another nuisance is the conductor who always wants to "lend a hand." Whenever a passenger gets on he immediately puts a hand between the passenger's shoulder blades and helps him or her up and in to the car.

A Young Race-Horse Owner.

Here is a little man 12 years old, probably the youngest and wealthiest juvenile race-horse owner in the world.

Little Dot.

Little Dot—Dick, why is mamma like a horse, papa like a cow and you like a pig?

DEVELOPING SCALES.

They will Even Show the Weight a Man's Signature Carries with it.

In a Broadway store which is a branch of a big out-of-town scale factory, are more different kinds of scales than most people imagine were ever made.

The weights are the merest bits of aluminum not half so big as the head of a pin. The machine is so delicate that a little dust blowing in from the street will affect its accuracy, and it has to be carefully cleaned after each exposure.

A reporter happened in the other day while the operation was going on. The manager took a slip of ordinary writing paper and weighed it. It weighed thirty-eight milligrammes.

Then the man pulled a hair out of his head and the manager found that it weighed three milligrammes. An eyelash weighed a little less than one milligramme and a hair from his whiskers weighed five milligrammes.

ABOUT WOMEN.

—Mrs. Thomas A. Hendricks denies that she will publish a collection of her husband's letters.

—Sarah Bernhardt has made her tiger cats popular. They are a sure protection against dogs and dudes and no parent should be without one.

—Mrs. Francis I. Armore has been the toast among the married ladies of Nahant this summer. The pretty rosebuds have felt quite jealous.

—Signora Verdi, wife of "Il Trovatore," is a very charitable woman. She is now putting up a splendid hospital at Busseto, which she and Verdi will endow.

—Miss Olivia Cobb of Atlanta, Ga., is called the Southern queen of love and beauty. She is just out of her teens and wears thirty scalps, or we should say hairis in her girldie.

—Boston ladies have taken to patronizing bucket-shops, and it has been observed that their former sweet Mecca look of attic soulfulness has left their faces. They have turned to vulgar bouffe.

—Mrs. General Logan has been in Chicago arranging for the building of a monument which is to commemorate her husband's patriotism.

—Mrs. Nancy Calpepper, of Starkville, Miss., is now cutting her third set of teeth. She is young yet, being only 103 years old on her last birthday.

—Miss Marcia Marvin, daughter of the late Bishop E. M. Marvin, has been appointed matron in the Mission School at Piracicaba, Brazil.

—Queen Victoria has an idea when the royalty business gives out of keeping a boarding-house. She charged some ladies who came down to Windsor with an £80,000 gift for their tea.

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