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EFF\_CT OF THE FRANKING AMENDMENT.

The amended franking law does not im. prove the franking business very much. In fact the amendment has developed an lodge room, No. 66 666, sign of the skull evil of great magnitude that did not exist and cross bones. I was conducted to an In fact the amendment has developed an before. The amendment requires all officers privileged to frank, to affix their own personal signatures. This, of course, had struck down the permicious practice of using printed franks, and it has abolished, to some extent, the equally pernicious then said : franking by proxy and by clerk. But the trouble is that half' the highest officers in the bureaus of the different departments at Washington, have now to spend two or my wife and fourteen finethree hours per day, simply writing their names. These men get large salaries, and should be employed at something better than the mere signing of documents, es pecially when there is no need of this. How much better it would be for the franking privilege to be abolished altogether, and those officers who have to transmit public documents, to be supplied with the requisite number of postage stamps, which could be put on by clerks, just as is done in any other large business establishment ?

#### NEWS ITEMS.

- Gold closed in New York Saturday at

-On March 25th, in New York, Walton, an alleged counterfeiter, was discharged from custody from lack of evi-

-Still & Co.'s spice mills on Chambers street, New York were burned on March 26th. Loss 85,000. Insured

-Three laborers, were killed on the Farmingham road near Worcester, Mass., Saturday, by the caving in of an embank

-The ratification of the Fifteeth House on March 25th by a strict party

-Secretary Borie witnessed the target firing, and inspected the Station, at Anna polis, Md., yesterday.

-S. Ewell, Day & Co.'s cordage ware house, on Commercial street, Boston, was burned on March 25. Loss, \$10,000.

-Both Litchenheim and Friend, charged in New York, with defrauding the revenue, by not stamping cigars, have been discharged.

-A mad dog bit a boy on Broadway. New York, March 24th. Another one bit a men on Adantic avenue. Brooklyn, on the same day. Both dogs were shot.

-M. Bruil, formerly Consul for France and Lisbon, has been appointed Consu General of France for San Francisco, vice Charles de Acosta, deceased.

-Montague Dean, a convict in Sing Sing Prison died, last Priday from eruelty received at the hands of one of the keepers, named Buckingham. The latter has

been removed, but not arrested. -A telegram from Ogden says that the Utah City authorities are about parchasing the denot grounds for the proposed branch road to Salt Lake City. The work on the Union Pacific road is still progressing.

-The contract for building a railroad between Levenworth and the terminus of the central branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, at Atchiston, was on Thursday awarded to A. H. Waterman, for \$250,000. This is exclusive of iron. The road is to be in rusning order by the first of Septem

-An Omaha dispatch says advices from the Upper Missouri Reservation state that you for debt, nor the policeman arrest you great dissatisfaction exists among the Spotted Tail was complaining. An early in Christendem. outbreak is feared.

-The Union Pacific got the better of Fiske in the United States Senate Com I was a Mason. mittee Saturday. A resolution was agreed upon and reported to the Senate, nullifying the action of the New York courts and allowing the company to hold its meetings anywhere.

-United States Marshal Madine, of New York, has arrested James Glynn, carfor examination, to take place yesterday. They were taken to jail.

-A dispatch from St. George, Southern Utah, says there is no doubt that the Indian outrages in Alaska. The Navajoes have taken possession of the country South between them and the Colorado river. It is also reported that they are trying to form an alliance with the ders and outrages, heretofore always escap. Huah Pap, Shebits and Pl Utes Indians to

-Advices from Nassau to the 20th report the presence there of one hundred Cubans, who display a very bitter feeling against the Spaniards The Spanish Con sul was very much alarmed by the demon. strations. The Cuban revolutionary flag was flying from two buildings in the town. The Spanish war steamer Guadiana was in One of the Peruvian monitors visited Port Maralo, a small place on the northern coast, while on her way from Pensacola and during her stay the insur. contiGenerals Manuot and Mareno went on

WHY are young ladies with brilliant eyes very powerful? The often lasten eight (fascinate) men.

### Masonry Exposed.

BY A VICTIM.

I have just joined the Masonic fraternity. am a free and accepted son or brother, or whatever it is, of that ancient and mystericus organization. I have belonged to many secret societies in my time. have been an Grangeman, and a Son of Temperance, and a Fenian; and if I remember aright, I once belonged to a gang of coiners; but this Masonic arrangement, this institution of the compass and square. distances them all. I must tell you of the perils and trials I had to undergo to become a Mason. On the evening in ques. tion I presented myself at the door of the auto room, where five or six melancholy chaps in sashes and embroidered napkins were waiting to receive me. On my entrance they all got up and turned a back somersault, and then resumed their seats. A big fellow who seemed to be proprietor,

"Sinner from the outer world, ad-

up everything to join us?"
"Not if I know it," I said; "there's

Another party told me to say "Yes." t was merely a matter of form. So I said Yes, I give up everything."

The fellows in the towels then grouned, and said "Tis well," "Do you swear never to reveal anything you may see or hear this evening to any human being, nor your wife ?

I said. " Pon my word, I will not." They then examined my teeth, and felt my muscle, and made me put out my tongue, and then grouned again. I said : " If you don't feet well I have got a little bottle here that-

The fat man here took the 1 ottle from me and told me to shut up. He then in a " Bring forth the goat!"

Another fellow then came up with a big | John ! sloth to bind me

" No you don't, Mr. Mason," I said ; no tricks on travelers, if you please; I lon't believe in playing blind man's buff with a goat. I'll ride the devil, if you like, but I don't go in blind. Stand band, or

I'll knock you into smithereens" They were too much for me however so I had to submit to be blindfolded. The gont was then led in, and I could hear him making an awful racket among the furniure. I began to feel that I was urgently wanted at home; but I was in for it, and Amendmend passed the Pennsylvania could not help myself. Three or four fellows then seized me, and with a democracal augh pirched me on the animal's back telling me at the same time to look out for quals. I have been in a good many I have been pheched out of a fourth story window, I have gone down in a railroad Camanche Indian giving up the sorner. The chief engineer of the estabishment then put his thumb to his nose, and stretching out his finger in the shape of a fau towards me, commanded silence The rest of the brethern did likewise, and were silent. The Governor then addressed years. From this time forward your conpoisonous substances. You are free from rheumatism, dyspensia, whooping cough or the measles. The Sheriff dare not seize dren?

> I then took the oath on a pack of cards, stood the whiskey and water all around and

-The New York Times in speaking of the recent mass meeting of workingmen there, says it was the first startling incident of a revolution which has long been pending, and which is yet to be attended with some remarkable developments. penter, William Crothers, boatswain, and These organizations, combined industrially Joseph Murphy, third mate, all of the and politically, form a power which it is ship James Poster, Jr. They were taken not wise to ignore, whose strength should before Commissioner Jones, who held them not be under estimated, and is evidently destined to be successful.

.-General Davis officially reports at headquarters in San Francisco, respecting Indians guilty of the recent murders belong to a war like tribe called Kake or Kekoys, they have committed many mureaping punishment. Upon hearing of the make a general raid on the stock of the murder of the traders, Gen. Davis proceeded in the steamer Saginaw to the neighborhood of the tribe, and finding it deserted, ordered their villinges burned. The tribe was much frightened at the summary manner in which they were dealth with, and they promise to surrender the murderers, whom the Commanding General determined promptly to execute. Gen. Davis anticipates no serious trouble, and feels master of the situation. The steamer Saginaw is to be properly fitted out and proceed again to the neighborhood of the Kakes and further punish them if the

> "PATRICK, you fool, what makes you darling, the rabbit don't know that."

murderers are not surrendered.

#### Brave John Manard.

John was well known as a stordy, inelligent God-fearing pilot, on Lake Erie. He had charge of a steamer from Detroit to Buffalo, one summer afternoon. At that Smoke was seen ascending from below,

and the captain called out-" Simpson, go down and see what that

Simpson came up with his face as pale

s ashes, and said : " Captain, the ship is on fire! " Fire! fire! fire! instantly resounded in

all directions. All hands were called up. Buckets of water were dashed upon the flames, but in There were large quantities of rosin and tar on board, and it was useless to try to save the ship. The passengers rushed and he frequently continues in business till forward, and inquired of the pilot, "How sickness entirely disables him from purfar are we from land? "

" Seven miles." " How long before we reach it?" "Three quarters of an hour, at our present rate of Steam."

"Is there any danger?" "Danger enough here—see the smoke bursting out 1 go forward, if you would save your lives 1"

Passeegers and crew, men, women, and poor memory. If persons are subject to children, crowded to the forward part of extremes, sometimes getting up early and the ship. John Maynard stood at his sometimes late in the merning; if they in. post. The flames burst forth in a sheet of dulge in excesses of any kind, or trifle fire ; clouds of smoke arose ; the captain with their organization so as to impair its cried out through his trumpet, "John Maynard.

" Ay, aye, sir ! " responded the brave

" How does she head ? "

" South-east by east, sir." " Head her south east, and run her on

Nearer, yet nearer, she approached the

Again the captain cried out, " John Maynard." The response came feably, ' Ay, nyo, sir !"

" Can you hold on five minutes longer,

" By God's help I will." The old man's hair was scorched from i'e sculp ; one hand was disabled, and his teet," we re set, yet he stood firm as a rock. He breed the ship-every man, woman and chird was saved, as John Maynard drooped overboard, and his spirit took its

flight to its Cod." J. B. Gough.

CIVILITY IS A FORTL \*E.-Civility is a fortune itself, for a courtee its man always succeeds well in life, and that when persons of ability sometimes fail. The famous and a half, laying down the three dollar Duke of Mariborough is a case 1. point. bill for them. The clerk looked at the bill crapes ; I have been in an election fight; It was said of him by one contemporary, that rather doubtingly, when his suspicious his agreeable manners often converted an were immediately calmed by Tom, who enemy into a friend; and by another, that said : collision, and up in a steamboat explosion; it was more pleasing to be denied a favor | "There was no use looking, for he had but this little goat extension was ahead of by his grace, than to receive one from any received that from Ben himself not ten them all. The contour deal thing must be other man. The gracious manner of minute, since." all wings and horns. It bumped me Charles James Fox preserved him from just on the point of giving up when the civility. The experience of ever man the note. bounded through the window with a yell instances were conciliatory manners have passing over a dollar and a half to Ben. shost. I was in a lodge of Masons. They divines, politicians, merchants, and indeed skull, and playing leap trog, and turning e, vility is what beauty is to women-it is band springs, and the big lat fellow of the a general passport to favor-a letter of inante-room was standing on his head in the tron netion written in language that every Didn't you know this was counterfeit? " one a uderstands.

Total IMAN AND FIDDLE-An Irishman. ust come to the country, had never seen a fildile. A man came into the hotel with one und, r I is arm. He soon began to tune me: "Brother Knobb, you are now one it up. One of the serews slipped, and he of us. You are now a member of an in- spit upon is to make it hold, and then bestitution that has lasted over ten million gan to draw the bow. The Irishman, who was watching him, could stand it no longer stitution is sound. You are water proof, but bolted across the street, into another with impunity you may walk through the | hotel, exclaiming : " I thought this was ake, or sit on a red-hot stove, with impu a land of liberty and freedom, but the nity drink aqualortis, rye whiskey or other divel take such a lat d, where ye abuse the poor children so bad

Landlord .- Who is abusing the chil-

Irishman .- Why a man came into the for misdemeanor. You are of us and you tavern just now, with a little boy under Indians at the manner in which treaties are are safe. More is the password; with that his arm, and he began to torment the dear being carried out. It is stated that even and a big club you can get into any lodge little creature. Fir. t, he began to pull and tiwst his ears, then to provoke him more, he spit in his face, and then he draw'd a ress. briar across his belly, and Holy Virgin, how he did scream

A Good ONE .- During the first years of the war, when change was scarce and some large firms were it suing currency of their own, a farmer went to a store in a neighboring town and bought some goods and gave the merchant a five dollar bill, of which he wanted seventy-five cents back. The merchant counted out the amount, and handed it over to the farmer. He looked at it a moment and then inquired :

" What's this?" " It's my currency," said the merchant. " Wal, tain't good for nuthin' whar I

live," said the farmer. "Very well," replied the merchant, keep it till you get a dollar's worth and bring it to my store, and I will give you a fer.

The farmer pocketed the change and departed. A few days after he went into the same store, and bought goods to the amount of one dollar, and after paying over the identical seventy five cents, he took out a handful of pumpkia seeds and passed them over to the merchant.

"Why, what's this?" said the mer.

" Wal, said the farmer, this is my currency, and when you get a dollar's worth, bring it out to my place and I will give you before the fair Dulcinea, and made his no matter what his condition may be, may a dollar for it.

THE mill salvation of men and of women depends in a great degree upon home and well cooked food, nor pleasant society, she cooly replied : "Yes, but they don't nor easy chairs nor tasteful rooms at home, steal after that rabbit when your gun has are pretty sure to patronize restaurants, lesson. no lock on it?" " Hush! Hush! my saloons, bartooms, or the homes of happier neighbors

#### A Poor Memory.

There are various reasons why some persons have a poor memory.

They may have overworked their brain

and exhausted the energies of the nervous time those steamers seldom carried boats, system. A majority of the people tax their minds to the utmost, and instead of re-vigorating themselves after exhaustation, continue their labors until their systems are deranged by excessive mental application, and the brain loses the power of receiving or retaining the impression made upon it. Many have disqualified themselves for labor by overcharging their brains with more than they can do. It requires presence of mind, much firmness and decision of character for an ardent and enthusiastic person to take rest when work presses upon him, and opportunities for labor multiply, suing his calling.

Inactivity of mind is another fruitful source of poor memory. However strong and vigorous the mind may be, originally, unless exercised, it is like gold and silver hid away in a napkin, which soon becomes tarnished, though if used daily they would

be bright for years. Irregularity of life is another reason for power, they cannot expect to have clear ideas on any subject-especially a good memory. It is important to live systematically and methodically, if we would preserve the brain in a good condition.

Dissipation spoils the memory. When the nervous system is over stimulated with alcohol, tobacco, opium, or by anything that excites the brain the result is unfortunate. It may increase the brilliancy for a time, but soon the constitution becomes affected by the over sti mulation, and the mind consequently more dull and obtuse . han ever.

PROFT AND Loss. - As rather an unserupulous fellow named Ben was coming down town one morning, he met Tom and stopped him.

"I say, Tom," he said, " here's a pretty good counterfeit three. If you'll pass is I'll divide."

" Let's see the plaster," said Tom ; and The sacrificed his life to save the lives of others. Noble John Maybard! It is his vest pocket, remarking, "It's an equal worth a greater effect to save man from division—a dollar and a half apiece?" " Yes," said Ben.

"All right," said Tom, and off he went.
A few minutes afterwards he quietly stepped into the store of his friend Ben,

Of con, se, the clerk, with this assur-

against the tables and the chairs and the dislike, even at a time when he was politic ance, torken over the dollar and a half in Ridgway Nov. 13, 1868, vinite. tove and the ceiling; but I hung on like cally, the most unpopular man in the change, and with this deposit and the can a Trojan. I turned from somers, alts until kingdom. The world's history is full of of systems Tom h. tt. Shortly afterward he I thought it was all over with me. I was such examples of success obtained by met Ben, who asked him if he had passed

That evening when Ben made up cash account he was surprised to And the were denoting a war dance around a big | individuals of other pursuits. To men, same old counterfeit three in the drawer Turning to his clerk, he asked : " Where did you get this cursed note i

" Why," said the clerk, " Tom gave it to me, and I suspected it was fishy; but he said he had just received it from you, and I took it

The whole thing had penetrated the mind of Ben. With a peculiar grin, he muttered " Sold ? " and charged the can of oysters to profit and loss account

DIFFERENT KINDS OF WEDDINGS .- A Wooden Wedding-Marrying a blockhead. A Golden wedding-Marrying for

A Crystal Wedding- Marrying a " glass

A Tin Wedding-Marrying a milkmaid. A Paper Wedding-Marrying an editor. A Silver Wedding-Marrying an old

maid of sixty.

An Iron Wedding-Marrying a black.

A Linen Wedding-Marrying a laund A Crockery Wedding-Marrying a

chambermaid. A Black Diamond Wedding-Marrying the daughter of a coal dealer. A Cona Wedding .- Marrying a Celes-

SNEEZING UMENS .- The Home Maga-

superstitious, but we are afraid they are fidently believes will eradicate the disease. hardly adapted to this locality, yet we reproduce them as a literary curiosity :

danger ; Sneeze on Tuesday, and you kiss a Succes on Wednesday, and you succes for a letter ;

Sneeze on Thursday for something bet Sneeze on Friday, you sneeze for

Succee on Saturday, you see your sweet. heart to-morrow ;

Sneeze on Sunday, your safety seek; Or our devil will have you all the week.

Jones had been doing homage to a pair of bright eyes, and talking tender things consequences of self abuse may be radically by moon light lately. A few evenings since, Jones resolved to "make his destiny passion known. She refused him out flat. Jumping to his feet he informed her in choice terms that there were as good fish in the sea as ever were caught. Judge of bite at toads!" Jones had learned a

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