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A Trifling Exchange. Said grave papa, "Why, Kitty, child, what do I on your finger see?" "Oh, this, papa?" the maiden said; "Why, this, you know, Sam gave to me."

The Bull-Fight of To-Day. Few cities, writes a Madrid correspondent to the Cincinnati Commercial, present a grander spectacle than the Spanish capital on a bright Sunday when the people crowd and jostle each other on their way to that most disgusting and degrading of all modern amusements, "the bull-fight."

They will tell you the "down-fall of our nation is due to the inquisition and the priesthood; but attend one of these bull-fights and you will see other and greater causes for their degradation."

There are always to be seen in Munich, parties of German students from Heidelberg, especially on Saturday, when they come here to spend their Sundays, though there are more here now than usual, on account of the vacations.

The Danver Scene. An old drover from the far-off plains of Texas got upon the Kansas Pacific train at Ellsworth with the intention of going to Kansas City.

Prairie-Dogs. A correspondent in the West writes: At the point we had now reached, we were only six or seven miles from Cheyenne. The road track had become a well-beaten track, along which one of our party started to walk with me towards the town, ahead of our teams.

The Boy Tamer. Boys! What a world of badness is suggested by the word "boys." There are no good boys. Some boys are worse than other boys, but they are all bad.

Facts and Fancies. Religious pilgrims in France purchased 60,000 railway tickets within three months.

The last murderer hanged in Virginia remarked that he "was going to meet his little babies in heaven."

There have been twenty-seven deaths from cholera in Lancaster, Ky., since the breaking out of the disease.

All emigration agents in Germany who fall to prove that they are German subjects are to be expelled from the country.

A telegram from Liverpool announces the loss of the British ship T. C. Lemon. A portion of the crew were drowned.

Long waists, tight sleeves, and high ruffs will be the distinguishing characteristics of feminine street garments next winter.

The insurgents in Cartagena have liberated their Carlist prisoners, and the Carlists have responded by liberating the communists.

The hull of the British ship Confidence, the flag-ship in the battle of Lake Champlain, is being raised from the bottom of Plattsburg bay.

An Englishman who is visiting in Danbury says he has but a poor idea of the freedom of a country that has to get its weather from the government.

California are drying grapes into raisins with success. One hundred pounds of grapes worth a dollar will produce twenty pounds of raisins worth \$2.50.

Details of the late hurricane in Nova Scotia show that many vessels and cities for the first year were stranded, that churches, dwellings, and business buildings have been blown down and wharves and crops destroyed.

The grangers of Winnebago county, Wis., have passed resolutions denouncing the attempt to draw the order into a political movement, and affirming that they will have nothing to do with anything of the kind.

It is said that the mothers of Bangor feel that the carnage around their children's necks when they are sent out to play. When the juveniles stray and become lost, the policemen refer to the tags and take them home without loss of time.

Miss Elizabeth P. Peabody advertises to the effect that anybody who is prepared to enter the Boston University, and whose only difficulty is a deficiency of means, is requested to confer with her at Cambridge. That is unselfish generosity.

A fact of some importance in connection with the farmers' movement is the yield of the corn crop so far as harvested. According to dispatches from Chicago this, in Illinois and Iowa, is not likely to be more than one-half to two-thirds the average amount.

According to a Washington letter, the Signal Service officers claim that the predictions or statements of probabilities for the first year were out of about sixty-nine cases out of a hundred, and their accuracy may be expected to increase with increasing experience.

The Masonic fraternity have under way at least \$4,000,000 worth of new halls, most of which will be completed this year. The one in Philadelphia is the most magnificent structure of the kind in the country, and is furnished and entirely completed will be worth at least \$1,000,000.

Additional details of the frightful disasters caused in Nova Scotia by the late storm, show that the vessels blown ashore at Cape Breton alone number more than 100, and at Canso more than 100 have been destroyed. The number of lives lost is not yet given, though known to be very large.

In the list of importations from France during last week there appeared two cases of butter packed in tins. This importation is intended as an experiment to try the market, and considering the demand for fancy articles, especially foreign ones, it is not at all unlikely that the experiment may be successful.

An idea of the value of house property in London may be gleaned from the following statement: Upon a block of handsome offices just erected in Leadenhall street, the ground floor of the back block—simply a room under fifty feet by forty—lets for one thousand guineas a year, on a twenty-one years' lease, and all the other rooms in proportion.

As soon as any soreness is felt in the ear, let three or four drops of the tincture of arnica be poured in, and the office be filled with a little cotton to exclude the air, and in a short time the uneasiness is forgotten. When it is not resorted to until there is actual pain, then the cure may not be as speedy, but is just as certain, although it may be necessary to repeat the operation. It is a sure preventive against gathering in the ear, which is the usual cause of earache.

Camel-Hair Cashmere. A new product of the loom called camel-hair cashmere, says a fashion journal, bears away the palm for softness and fineness, and will probably be the choice of the season for overcoats.

Disposition of the Hands. A terrible epoch occurs in the lives of most created beings, during which their hands are a burden to them—and always in the way. This epoch overlived, and the hands tell their own story of good or ill breeding.

The Bible and Beer. The Birmingham Morning News states that during the recent contest in East Staffordshire there was to be seen in the window of the Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich (one of the houses of the Alcester), the famous brewer's, a remarkable sketch of two cherubs—Sunday-school children, bearing between them a banner, and which bore the "strange device," of a Bible ornamented with a crown and sceptre, with the following lines beneath:

A Room Full. Sarasota is to have another large hotel, to be erected near the white sulphur springs. This arrangement for increased accommodations must, indeed be necessary if many of the visitors are accompanied by such an array of pets as one lady of whom we have heard.

Business Prospects. A review of the prospects of the trade of the country has been issued by the Mercantile Agency of R. G. Dun & Co., to its subscribers. It winds up with the following sensible words:

While it is not improbable that there has been a great deal of over-trading, and that there are a great many people in business that ought to be out of it, there is hardly any doubt that the internal commerce of the country is in a healthy condition, and, taken as a whole, the state of affairs generally seems safer than it did four months ago.

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