SPRING TROTTING DATES

Arranged by the Eastern Pennsylvania Association Yesterday.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 6.—The Eastern Pennsylvania Trotting association met here today and arranged the dates for the spring and fall meetings. The spring meetings will be held as follows: Bethlehem, June 12 to 15; Wilkes-Barre, June 19 to 22; Scranton, June 26 to 29. Allentown, Reading and Pottstown decided not to hold spring meetings.

The fall dates are: Scranton, September 2 to 7; Wilkes Barre, September 9 to 14; Bethlehem, September 17 to 22; Allentown, September 25 to 28; Reading, October 2 to 5. The date of Pottstown meeting was left open. The purses of the several places will be $3,000 for each meeting.

SKIDMORE'S TROUBLES.

Marriage to the Wrong Girl to Prove a Failure.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 6.—Benjamin Skidmore, a member of the firm of Skidmore & Friedlich, was yesterday made defendant in a suit for breach of promise. The plaintiff is Mary Fox, a young woman well known, and the sum demanded is $25,000.

The complaint charges that the defendant six years ago ruined the plaintiff. Miss Fox also claims that Skidmore promised to marry her, but instead married a young society belle. Skidmore's answer has not yet been filed.

KING BEHANZIN'S MESSAGE.

It Is Delivered in a Truly Novel Manner.

PARIS, March 6.—A dispatch from Dahomey says that King Behanzin on the eve of his surrender, summoned his widowed mother and after telling her of his intention to submit to the French, said he must inform his father and would therefore have her take him a message.

Behanzin therefore ordered that his mother be beheaded, and, smoking a pipe, calmly looked on while the attendants decapitated her.

EX-PRESIDENT'S LECTURE.

Mr. Harrison Holds the Close Attention of a Large Audience.

MENLO PARK, Cal., March 6.—Ex-President Harrison's introductory lecture was delivered today to an audience composed of the students and faculty of the Stanford university and a few invited guests.

The speaker held the close attention of the audience for an hour while he outlined the employment of the national constitution.

BISHOP PADDOCK DEAD.

Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church Expires at Santa Barbara.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Intelligence was received here today of the death, in Santa Barbara, Cal., of the Right Rev. John Adams Paddock, S. T. D., missionary bishop of the Protestant Episcopal jurisdiction of Olympia, Washington. Bishop Paddock died Sunday, March 4, of apoplexy, after a somewhat protracted illness.

He was 69 years of age. He was born in Norwich, Conn., Jan. 19, 1825.

WOMAN'S IDEA OF OFFICE.

Leavenworth's Police Commissioner, Goes for Variety Shows.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 6.—Mrs. Eva Blackman, Leavenworth's woman police commissioner, who recently caused the removal of all the bachelors from the police force, has now set in to rid the town of variety theaters.

Last evening she had official notices served on the proprietors of such places to close up and leave the city within thirty days. Mrs. Blackman's new movement may lead to a legal contest.

A BOMB IN CHICAGO.

A Disreputable House Badly Shattered by an Explosion—No One Injured.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Kitty Day's house, a place of ill repute, 152 Nineteenth street, was wrecked by a bomb this morning, which was thrown into the hallway. The inmates of the house were all asleep at the time of the explosion. No one was injured.

The front portion of the house was completely wrecked and the place rendered uninhabitable.

SECOND TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Richard S. Heath Again Before a Bar of Justice.

FRESNO, Cal., March 6.—The second trial of Richard S. Heath, charged with the murder of Louis B. McWhirter, a prominent Democratic politician of this city, commenced yesterday.

The first trial was one of the most sensational in the state, the jury standing eleven for conviction and one for acquittal.

CONFERENCE IN SESSION.

Annual Meetings Held Yesterday in Easton Opera House.

EASTON, Pa., March 6.—The Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church begins its annual session in this city tomorrow in the Able opera house.

This evening the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Historical society of the Methodist Episcopal church was celebrated in the Second Street church.

CHARLES COUGHLAN IS ILL.

The Well Known Actor Sojoining in a Pittsburg Hospital.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 6.—The actor, Charles Coughlan, was today removed from his hotel to Mercy hospital, suffering from nervous prostration, overwork and worry.

His physicians say that he will not be able to leave the hospital for a week and possibly longer. Mr. Coughlan's company disbanded today.

A Personal Argument.

Chicago Tribune.

Tommy—Huh! You needn't feel so stuck up. Your daddy used to drive a milk wagon.

Sammy—I know it. I've heard him say your daddy's been owin' him a milk bill of $4 for more'n sixteen years.

TABLECLOTHS AND NAPKINS.

White Linen Always Appropriate—Styles For Home Use and For Company.

Every housewife takes a deep interest in the table linen, and fortunately she may give free rein to her fancy in this portion of her realm, whatever fashion may dictate in other directions. If for any reason this tablecloth or that set of napkins commend themselves to her favor, they may be purchased and used for all ordinary occasions. Naturally she will have a special cloth, "with napkins to match," to be brought forward on the more ceremonious occasions.

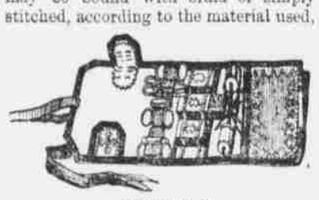
The size of the tablecloth must be determined in a general way by that of the table, says Good Housekeeper, authority for the following: Where an extension is used there should be one cloth large enough for the table when all of the leaves are in place, but such a spread would be entirely out of place when half of the surface had been taken away, and smaller cloths should be provided of proper size for the ordinary use. While any approved pattern may be purchased, it is generally a mistake to select fancy colored linens. The white is always standard, looks well and will be in fashion, but as much cannot be said for the colors, which may be popular one season and entirely under the ban within a year.

Tablecloths may be bought either woven and finished complete or by the yard. For kitchen tables, and not infrequently for general use, the latter is an entirely satisfactory way, while it is decidedly more economical. The ends may be secured by a simple hem or finished in any approved manner, and some very pleasing effects may be produced by the housekeeper skilled in such work and having a little spare time which may be thus employed.

The napkin is now indispensable at all well regulated tables. Breakfast napkins are considered of the right size if half a yard square, but for dinner they should be three-quarters of a yard. Besides the tablecloths and napkins there are numerous bits of linen connected with the table service which will be found useful, and most of which can be readily made from linen remnants that may be bought for a trifle or from the best portions of worn tablecloths. We thus secure carving cloths, traycloths, children's cloths, as well as the means for protecting a fine cloth or the table from tea or coffee stains and the like. Sometimes a square of thin oilcloth may be placed upon the tablecloth, and being in turn covered by what might be called "a table rug" will give double protection.

Case For Sewing Materials.

This case may be made of kid, chamois or linen canvas and lined with linen. It may be bound with braid or simply stitched, according to the material used,



A SEWING CASE.

and the straps may be of kid or ribbon. The furnishings of this useful case, here reproduced from Modern Priscilla, are thread, darning cotton, scissors, thimble, needles, etc. The little boxes, three of which are shown under the wide strap which fastens them down tightly, are those that pull out like a drawer and can hold buttons, studs, etc. The useful pocket at one end must not be forgotten, and the flannel leaves for needles and pins should be completely furnished. Narrow ribbon is provided for tying.

Selecting a Music Teacher.

Pupils who take lessons of an incompetent teacher for several years and afterward study with a thorough teacher always find that they are obliged to go back to the beginning. The instruction (?) they have received has too often been worse than no instruction at all, and time and money have been wasted. All this might have been avoided if the pupil had been more careful in selecting a thorough teacher at the beginning.

Pupils who have been taking lessons for a year or two and do not know the difference between the legato and staccato touch and play pieces and do not know what key they are written in should know that there is something wrong and should find out as soon as possible whether the fault is theirs or their teacher's. If it is the former, they had better begin to use their brains as well as their fingers in practicing, but if it is the latter they had better change teachers, says The Etude.

The Glass After Grace.

When Abbot Zardus prohibited the drinking of more than three cups of wine at dinner by the monks of the Marienhof monastery, in the honor of the Trinity, they were so angry that they rose from the table. An appeal was taken to Pope Boniface VIII, who confirmed the abbot's injunction, but granted an additional cup to all who said their grace. The saying:

A glass after grace,
By the law of Boniface,

arose from this decison.—Notes and Queries.

Booth's Retort.

In the days of his management at the Winter garden Edwin Booth received a letter from a clergyman saying that he wished to see Booth in his principal parts, but desired, if possible, to be admitted into the theater by a side door, as he did not care to run any risk of being seen by his parishioners entering from the front. Edwin Booth made answer in these words, "Sir, there is no door in my theater through which God cannot see."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Folks who are troubled at the mixed character of New York's population should visit the region lying about Abingdon square. In that region they will find hotels and great saloons where crowds assemble to eat, drink and play cards or billiards, and it is comparatively rare to hear any other language than English spoken by the visitors to these places.

HE KNEW HIS BUSINESS.

Kind-Hearted Maiden (fishing for a stray penny in her purse)—I suppose you poor blind people feel your misfortune keenly?

Blind Mendicant—Yes, indeed. The Lord only knows how I miss the pleasure of being able to look into the beautiful faces of the handsome and lovely ladies who are kind enough to donate—

Kind-Hearted Maiden (fishing out a quarter)—Here, poor fellow, take this. I'm sure you are deserving.—Puck.

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