

BREVITIES

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Ward McAllister will occupy the Lyman cottage at Newport this season. Bruno Gansel of Chicago has the veritable sleigh in which Napoleon made his terrible flight out of Russia. Sir William Harcourt will retire from the lower court at the end of the present session and be elevated to the house of lords. W. H. Wallace, who was made postmaster of Jefferson, O., by President Jackson 60 years ago, is still holding the office. He is 84 years of age. The Marquis of Salisbury goes so little into society that it is said he was actually unacquainted with some of the subordinate members of his late cabinet. The Princess of Wales has sent a birthday gift in the form of a shilling for every past birthday to Mrs. Sarah Thomas, aged 106 years, the oldest lady in Wales. Mrs. Eva M. Blackman, who is the police commissioner of Leavenworth, Kan., is the editor and proprietor of a Populist paper called The Labor News. She is 27 years old. The report that Mr. Gladstone was considering an invitation to visit the United States is denied by the Grand Old Man. He says that such a trip would be impossible. One of the maternal ancestors of Henry W. Longfellow bore the name of Mercy Wiswell. On the paternal side there were Ichabod Wiswell and Deacon Pelagius Wadsworth. More remotely connected with his mother's side was Love Brewster. Rev. Stephen R. Boggs of Plainfield, Ill., who is now 94 years of age, in 1881 delivered the first Protestant sermon ever heard at Fort Dearborn, where Chicago stands today. His auditors were Dr. Harmon, the post surgeon, and 25 others. Mrs. Ayre, wife of a clergyman at Belle Oak, Mich., drove to Williams-town, bought a coffin and paid for the digging of a grave, to be left open till called for. Two weeks later she died of apoplexy, and both coffin and grave were occupied. TURF TOPICS. In the annual parade of truck horses held in London on Whit Monday there were two gigantic horses, each measuring 18 hands. Mr. Seagram's horses won about \$10,000 at Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor. A five legged colt has been born at Lafayette, Ind. A trainer of horses in Belfast, Me., has extracted what is known as a wolf's tooth, measuring 2 1/2 inches, from a horse. Some Shetland ponies, when well bred, are very fast trotters for their size. Burdett-Counts says that when a horse reaches the height of over 15.3 he can no longer be called a hackney. In the entry list to the \$5,000 stake of the California State Agricultural society there are but 64 entries. The trotting dog Bird is stated to be the fastest trotter in the east. The average of over 180 guineas (\$930) was realized at the sale of the Brookfield stud of hackneys, near London. There is a man in San Francisco whose business is hunting horseshoe nails. The three great horseback riders in Washington are Hoke Smith, Senator Lodge and Representative Cannon of Illinois.—Horseman. ODDS AND ENDS. Wheelmen now make bicycle trips over the Alps. Over 200,000 postal cards are used every day in the United States. In France, Belgium and several other European countries all elections are held on Sunday. Jan. 1 has been New Year's day ever since Julius Caesar "reformed" the calendar, in the year 45 B. C. There are more artesian wells in California than any other state in the Union. One county claims 457 wells. Kansas City, Kan., is separated from Kansas City, Mo., by the state line, which runs through the middle of a street. In Germany a prisoner is acquitted on a tie vote by jury. A vote of 7 to 5 leaves the decision with the court, while a vote of 8 to 4 means conviction. Parisian restaurant keepers mix a little honey with their butter. This gives it an agreeable taste and flavor and makes inferior butter more palatable. KANSAS MUSINGS. People you owe always tell about it. A young man is a theory. An old man is a fact. If you have a secret, you might as well tell it to 50 as to one. A good politician never writes any letters and never burns any. After a man passes 50 the only ambition left him is to become the oldest inhabitant. A young doctor calls diseases by their Latin names, but an old doctor is not so particular. There is a certain kind of heroism in paying the fiddler without whimpering, but it is rarely met with. The only apparent effect of advanced civilization seems to be that children begin to worry at an earlier age. Work keeps a man from doing mean things, but there can't be enough of it to keep him from thinking them.—Arlington Globe. WORD HISTORY. Outta percha, bamboo, gong, rattan and three or four more are of Malay origin. Canbric is believed to have been so called because it was first made at Cambridge. Blankets were invented by Thomas Blanket, who made them at Bristol in 1840. Cashmere goods were invented in the celebrated vale of which Moore sings in "Lalla Rookh." Payment was first made at Perma-

mus from the sheep or the mountain goats of Asia Minor. Calculate comes from a word meaning pebbles and recalls the days when men used small stones in counting. Milliners first plied their trade at Milan, and to be a Millaner was equivalent to being able to prepare an elegant headdress. Punch is the Hindoo word for five, because five ingredients—arrack, sugar, tea, lemons and water—enter into its composition. Cap paper was thus called because formerly, before being used by grocers in wrapping up goods, it was folded in a caplike form. Book beer took its name from the fact that it was so much stronger than the common beer that when indulged in it made the tripler caper like a book or goat. Silhouette was the name of a French minister in anterevolution times. He was a stern economist, and the courtiers had their pictures made in profile and black, facetiously claiming that M. Silhouette had made them so poor that they could not have a regular portrait painted.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat. STAGE GLINTS. Thomas E. Murray's tour with Major O'Haggerty will open on Sept. 13. James K. Hackett opened a summer stock season at the Queen's theater, Montreal, recently. George W. Wilson has been engaged to play Nathaniel Bury in a "Shore Acres" No. 2 company. Harry Gilfill, who whistled himself into fame in "A Trip to Chinitawan," is soon to fill a London engagement. Marie Broughton, a sister of Julia Marlowe, is a member of the opera company at the Tremont Street theater, Boston. During a drive to Claremont from New York recently Della Fox lost a diamond brooch in the form of a new moon that cost \$2,300. The "Flams," which the Paulitons have written for Old Hoss Hoey, will be produced at the Bijou theater, New York, late in the autumn. Madeline Bontou, who replaced Julia Arthur in A. M. Palmer's stock company after Miss Arthur left that organization, has signed with Mr. Palmer for next season. Marion Elmore will play the part of a young Irish woman in Frank Bixby's new play, "Shaft No. 2," next season, and James F. Macdonald has been engaged for the opposite part. Elmer Grandin's new melodrama, "Slaves of Gold," will be produced elaborately by William T. Fennessy of Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Grandin (Eva Montford) will play the leading roles. FASHION'S FRILLS. Sashes of all sorts are worn and will be a prominent item in summer dresses. Shirred hats of this material are much liked and are trimmed with fine flowers, jet and feathers. Among the most elegant of the new trimmings are crochet passementeries in plain silk. These come in all colors and black. A pretty and effective garniture is of lace, with a fancy edge, the upper portion being of net dotted with rows of tiny beads. Waists in modified blouse shape, with bands of fancy galloon across the front and back and also across the sleeves, are much liked. A handsome heading for a flounce is made of passementerie in jet, the garniture being filled in with stars, sequins and other fancifully shaped beads. India silk costumes, with plain skirt, a very full, draped sash of embroidered silk, with ends falling almost to the hem of the skirt in front, deep shoulder ruffles of rice lace and a V-shaped vest, with collar and bow in cream colored, white or other delicate tints, are much liked. A new and attractive costume is of cream colored india cashmere, with trimming of Irish point insertion. The insertion is set in fancy pattern all around the skirt and also trims the deep shoulders and the cuffs. A sash of very wide, fancy ribbon is worn with this dress.—New York Ledger. NOVELTIES. The latest writing pads are bound in enamel. The crooked serpents that are used for corkerow handles seem to have fitness. The fine tapes of gold and platinum are to be commended for ladies' fob chains. Some glove buttons are the immediate occasion of novel charms attached to their chains. Dead finish is given to most of the large household toilet articles in silver. It is made expensive by polished, raised and broken edges. It is astonishing that the censors of public morals have not laid violent hands on some of the enamel decorated cigarette cases exposed. Colored stones or enamels set in paste are much desired for hatpins. Perfumed and prickly balls are worn. All sorts of butony effects prevail.—Jewelers' Circular. Fopistry in Switzerland. Stringent efforts are being made to reform Switzerland. More than 40,000,000 young trees, it is officially reported, have been planted in that country in the last seven years. MANY CHILDREN —have been cured of scrofula and other skin diseases—as well as thousands of grown people, by taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Every disorder that can be reached through the blood, yields to its purifying qualities. 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THE VALLEY OF DEATH.

DR. MERRIAM TELLS WHAT GOVERNMENT SURVEYORS SAW.

Death Valley, the Terror of Wandering Immigrants in Eastern California and Southwestern Nevada, Described by One Who Has Traveled There.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, chief of a government biological survey which has been working for months in Death valley, is in the city. Dr. Merriam has studied closely the strange region of which so much has been said, and he is the first in the city qualified to speak of the valley. He has camped in the glass of its salt beds, has felt its intolerable heat and viewed its splendid desolation, and has faced its scorching blasts of wind and red hot sand that rage between the towering black mountains which wall the silent chasm. He has been in the midst of its death drenching elements, has tested its poisonous wells, and has forced his way over its treacherous sands, and over ground that crumbled beneath the weight of man or horse. He told the story of his adventures to a reporter last night.

"The valley and its lowering black walls of barren rock," he said, "are weird and strangely sublime in their desolation. For miles and miles the curious mountains may be seen outlined against the clear sky. From the top of Telescope peak, the highest of the Panamint or western range which shuts the valley in, one may look down a dizzy black precipice of sand to the level of the valley, as white as snow. Stretching from the mountain's foot are the glistening fields of salt. Here and there are running streams of salt and mineral waters. To drink of them is to die. The view is closed in by the gloomy cliffs of the eastern range, which form an impenetrable barrier at the east of the canyon. The scene is one of violent contrasts of glaring whites and dead blacks.

WHERE NATURE IS AWFUL. "The valley is the most barren and the lowest of a series in eastern California and southwestern Nevada. At a rough estimate it is about 150 feet below the level of the sea. It runs generally north and south, although its worst region turns to the northwest. This portion has been named Mesquite valley.

"It is a region far worse than Death valley proper. The soil may be compared to the Grand canyon of the Colorado. It is rather an immense chasm than a valley. It is about 140 miles long, and at its broadest part is only eighteen miles wide. In some parts it is no more than fifteen miles in width.

"It is a frightful place, baked and blistered by the intolerable heat, holding within itself innumerable elements of death, revealing strange aspects of natural desolation, our party has been at work for months.

"On either side of the valley, stretching almost its entire length, is a range of mountains, absolutely barren of animal and vegetable life. The western range is the Panamint, averaging in height about 9,000 feet. The eastern range is the Funeral, a suggestive and not unfit name. The Funeral mountains rise fully 7,000 feet above the level of the sea.

"These mountains are black, with the exception of curious patches of red rock. Away to the north is Mount Magdalen. Beyond in the distance rise the heights of the Sierras. Almost at the southern limit of the valley is Mount Ivanwath. Behind it is the 'Devil's Playground,' a region of absolute blackness.

"Down the valley a hot, suffocating wind blows with terrific velocity. In its course through the stricken region it gathers a black cloud of hot, shifting sand that has blinded many an weary horse and rider. Under the glistening beds of crystallized salt in places are running streams of salt water. Beneath these is still another bed of salt.

"In other parts of the valley are wastes of hot sand drawn in some places into high mounds by the whirling blasts that sweep down the canyon. There, too, 'the most curious earth I have seen—self raising earth' it has been called. As far as the eye can see it appears in curving outline, up and down, as if puffed by a natural yeast. The unfortunate animal that steps upon the little hills will crash through, for they are not much more than fragile crusts.

"Still stranger is that section of the valley which is known as the 'Great Salt Flat.' It is a level, almost perfectly flat, of white salt earth. Innumerable pinnacles, tapering to points as fine as needles and over a foot long, rise in close array from the ground. They are as hard as stone and as dangerous as sharpened steel. Beneath and hidden by them are pitfalls, a tumble into which means a broken leg or arm. Then, too, are the rich fields of borax, which have ruined many a man to death.

"Dreadful as is Death valley, its northwestern arm, Mesquite valley, is worse. All of the water upon its surface is poison. The wind has thrown the sand into immense mounds, one of which is three miles long and 500 feet high. As far as the eye can see it appears in curving outline, up and down, as if puffed by a natural yeast. The unfortunate animal that steps upon the little hills will crash through, for they are not much more than fragile crusts.

"Our party, the biological survey of the United States government, has been in the valley for months, with the great purpose of the department of agriculture, under which we work, is to collect facts relating to the distribution of species with variations of temperature and humidity throughout the United States, and particularly in the western part. The results obtained will be of the utmost value to agriculture, for they will save millions of dollars spent in an experiment by farmers who wish to test the capacity and character of their land.

"We have found that in certain zones certain flora and fauna flourish. Each zone has its peculiar species which will flourish in others. These zones are both horizontal and vertical.

"The party chose the desolate region of Death valley for its labors, for from it and not far distant can be traced the seven zones we have established. The valley, notwithstanding its barren elements, has many phases of life.

"It is a history of forty species of animals and fully as many of vegetable growth. Nothing, of course, will live on the salt or borax bottoms, but on the edges of these districts various hardy plants thrive. In the sand wastes are gophers, mice, bats and many other animals and not a few reptiles.

"Many theories have been advanced to account for the formation of Death valley. I think it quite probable that it was once the sink of the Mojave river.

"Our trip has been an interesting one. One of my rides in tracing the course of the submergent zone, a region similar to the Mexican state of Sonora, was 1,700 miles in length."—San Francisco Chronicle. Mother! Mother! Mother!!! Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and the best remedy for whooping cough. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

REIGN OF THE RAINBOW.

All Its Colors Popular Now and Often Worn by the Wrong Woman.

Almost all colors, bright and dull, light and dark, are fashionable this year and are worn too often with a reckless disregard of their becomingness to the individual. The fact that a certain tint is in vogue is a sufficient recommendation of it in some women's eyes, and they eagerly adopt it without stopping to consider whether it heightens or diminishes the effect of their personal charms. Orange, for instance, is to be worn only by a decided brunette or by the dark haired, creamy complexioned woman with clear gray eyes. The latter is the one type of whom it may truly be said that she can wear almost every color, preference being given to decided shades. But if orange be fashionable the fair woman with pale brown tresses truly has her work cut out, forgetting that the rich color will overpower all the subtle tints and golden tints in her hair and make it look dull and drab toned. Magenta is almost as trying as orange and can be worn successfully only by women having dark, gray or white hair, especially.



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It is so noticeable in themselves as not to be rendered insignificant by the juxtaposition of a striking tint. Sharp, solid blues, greens and purples are also dangerous to indulge in unduly. Blue and purple especially, of all tones, should be carefully studied, as they bring out very strongly any hint of sallowness in the skin. A red is the most universally becoming of any bright color and combines well with nearly everything. Dull tan and cream shades are better for the majority of persons than clear gray, the latter appearing properly only to women with rosy cheeks. If they have gray hair, also, harmony is complete. A knowledge of complementary colors and a clear-sightedness in regard to one's own characteristics of face and figure are all that are needed to insure correct dressing.

A sketch is given of a gray silk gown trimmed with black lace. The lower skirt is of gray moire and is plaited. Over this is worn a princess gown of pearl gray taffeta, caught up in front by a large black velvet bow and trimmed with a flourish of black lace. The corsage is covered with drapery of black lace held in place by small velvet bows. The sleeves are composed of three puffs trimmed with bows of black satin. The black lace bonnet is trimmed with mauve flowers and jet.

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