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The verdict of acquittal in the case of Lena Gable, midwife, prosecuted for the illegal practice of medicine, emphasizes the contention that a law is needed to regulate midwifery in Pennsylvania and draw a distinction between those who have qualified in this branch of obstetrics and those who, quack like, prey upon the credulity of the ignorant.

Hampering the Board of Health.

ONE OF THE most discouraging things that confront the Board of Health in the endeavor to bring about a keener and more sanitary condition in the city is the criminal carelessness and in fact meanness of people who from social standing and general conditions would naturally be expected to do all in their power to aid the board by furnishing examples of cleanliness.

One thing may be said in favor of the Nanticoke strike, which was settled amicably the other day. Although one of the most important of the year it was conducted without bloodshed. The settlement was brought about by concessions on part of both miners and employer and all, therefore, have reason to rejoice at the outcome.

Viaduct Prospects.

SINCE THE West Lackawanna avenue viaduct proposition was laid before the people in a tangible form, a change in management has occurred in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company and therefore it would be timely to have from the new management an expression of opinion as to the need of such a safeguard to life and property on this much traveled thoroughfare.

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American Tagals.

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The meaning of the Lord Mayor, perhaps, may not be properly judged from the above sentence, but if he wishes to convey the idea that this country, in view of past events, is ready to array itself against England, it is evident that the Lord Mayor has secured his information regarding American sentiment from some of the uncensored war correspondents.

The poor water of Philadelphia should be no serious objection to the city as a place of holding a national convention. So long as the other liquids are of good quality most of the delegates will probably be able to get through the sessions without experiencing a sense of loss.

It is now asserted that the anti-American sentiment in Cuba has been instigated by a woman known as "Captain" Adelia Ascu, who appears to be afflicted with the Colonial Dame mania in aggravated form.

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, in his disposition again to meddle with the affairs of General Joe Wheeler, illustrates anew that the objectors in peace are generally the non-combatants in war.

The Kentucky election contest which gave promise of causing the flow of buckets of blood did not furnish as much real excitement as attends an ordinary Scranton council meeting.

Democratic enthusiasts who are now casting laurels at the memory of Jackson and Jefferson would probably throw mud if the saints of Democracy were upon earth.

Latest South African war news indicates that the British are just now more in need of Hon. Billy Mason's sympathy than are the Boers.

Texas has offered to give Mr. Bryan a house if he will become a resident of that state. Megaphone protests from Nebraska are now due.

No congress ever did harm enough to entirely satisfy its talkative critics.

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES.

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A Philadelphia widow, whose first husband was an officer during the Civil war, took as her second lord and master a wealthy man, and went to Europe, where she remained for five years, says the Philadelphia Record. Prior to her departure she gave away some of her household effects, among which were her first husband's uniform and epaulettes. The recipient of the latter gift was the mother of a couple of small boys, and the youngsters got into so much mischief with the uniform that she one day traded it for an itinerant merchant for a red glass decanter and half a dozen cordial spoons. The recent war spirit communicated itself to the widow of the dead veteran, who had in the meantime returned to Philadelphia, and she felt a longing to regain possession of the uniform. So she dispatched a note to her former friend, requesting its return. The friend was in a terrible state of mind at being unable to comply, but at a venture she packed up the decanters and glasses, with a line saying: "These are all I have representing General ———'s personal effects." In return she received a letter of gratitude for the faithful care she had bestowed on her charge, concluding: "I cannot tell you how often I have seen my beloved general drink his cordial out of one of those frail little glasses and press it upon me. They are among my most cherished memories of my hero. I shall always have them near me." The decanter and glasses were on the table at her next tea.

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Mr. Gill is the largest manufacturer of jump chimneys in the world, but this has nothing to do with the story. Away back in 1872, when Danford was running for congress, Gill was a delegate to the nominating convention, which, by the way, was his first experience in politics. It was a close contest, and by a curious coincidence was in a position to give Danford the necessary essential votes. Danford came to congress and served two terms.

During his second term he sought Gill. "It's your turn now," he said. "I will decline a nomination, and you can be selected." "But," said Gill, "have you any law practice now? And hadn't you better hold onto the \$5,000 a year for another term?" "I'll take my chances," replied Danford.

"I won't do it," said Gill, emphatically. So Danford ran again and was re-elected. He died during the summer, Gill was named to fill the vacancy and last Monday stood in Danford's place to take the oath.

Omitted.

The Memphis Scimitar tells of a negro preacher who had just concluded the ceremony which united an old negro in matrimony for the fourth time.

The silence which usually follows an occasion of this kind was broken by the preacher in his effort to relieve the embarrassment of the attendants. "It is usually the custom," he said, "for the preacher to kiss the bride, but this time we will omit."

The groom gave his young wife a healthy smack, and turning to the preacher, said: "Parson, it am usally de case for de groom to give de parson something, but dis time we'll omit," and he walked away from the astonished preacher with his bride on his arm.

His Joke on the Doctor.

Colonel Daniel R. Anthony, brother of Susan R. Anthony, and the last of the fighting editors of Kansas, is on record, says the San Francisco Wave, as the only man who has had his aorta served and lived. In a newspaper feud with a gambler named Jennison, Anthony was shot. The doctor told him he could not live. The

wounded man did not say anything, but bade his sister good bye and went to sleep. When he awoke he asked the nurse: "What time is it?" "Six o'clock," replied the nurse. The colonel chuckled for a moment, then said: "Say, that's a good joke on Doc Sinks, isn't it? He said I'd be dead at 5.30." He fell asleep again and when he awoke the doctor acknowledged his mistake.

Went to the Wrong Place.

When has the Irishman ever lacked for the retort, courteous or discourteous? He was sitting in the middle of the seat on a street car when two women got on. They looked at him as if demanding that he give them the seat, so they might sit together, but he didn't see the hint, and while he had to flounce himself down by him the other took a seat just opposite. Then the roast began: "Did you go away this summer, Mrs. Jones?" asked No. 1.

"No," she said, "I was going to Atlantic City, but I heard so many common Irish were here that I just stayed at home. I couldn't stand them you know."

"That's just my case," giggled No. 2. "I was going to Saratoga, but some one said to me: 'Don't go, you'll find nothing but low Irish there.'"

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The case came up in court and the counsel for the senior partner asked for postponement in order to give more time to prepare his case. The judge granted the request, but was fixed and the senior member released. As he left the court room the junior partner arose and exclaimed: "If he is released the sacrifice will go on."

The news soon spread and the firm did a better business.

When the case was again called no plaintiff appeared and the case was dismissed. The firm had succeeded in their object—advertisement.

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Explain the polarization of light. What is the Malthus law? Give details of the Gresham law. What is an escrow?

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General Yule's mother, though 89 years old, reads all the leading London papers engaged in the war.

The latest English item concerning Oom Paul says he is a Manxman born and that his real name is Creer.

Admiral Dewey has been presented with a span of seal-brown horses, costing \$1,000, by Mr. Goettmann, another man of fortune, N. Y.

Miss Beatrice Harraden, the author, has left New York for Southern California, where she will spend the winter engaged upon a new novel.

All Queen Victoria's daughters were taught to swim when very young. The daughters of the Prince of Wales could swim before they could read.

Lord Beauchamp, the youngest governor appointed to the South of Wales, has taken a Bible class in the parish in Sydney, in which the government house is situated.

Eileen Lewis Lee, a descendant of Betty Washington Lewis, the sister of George Washington, will make her debut at a student's matinee of the Wheatcroft Dramatic school.

Major A. F. Gatliff, of the Royal Marines, and press censor at Cape Town, is a very capable officer, who has distinguished himself at the Staff college, and has a fine reputation at the war office.

Governor-elect Nash, of Ohio, has appointed as his son-in-law Frederick Link, the son of a well-known Columbus, O., banker, who last summer married Miss Thurman, a granddaughter of the "Old Roman."

D. E. Converse, a mill owner of Spartanburg, S. C., has willed one-third of his estate, valued at \$200,000, to Converse college, an institution for the higher education of women, founded by him at Spartanburg ten years ago.

Sir Richard Webster, the British attorney general, has been made a baronet, in recognition of his work on the Venezuelan arbitration commission. Sir Robert's father was a member of Great Britain, has been made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Dr. P. W. Reitz, the Transvaal secretary of state, was formerly president of the Orange Free state. His grandfather came from Holland about 200 years ago and settled at the Cape, and one of his uncles was a lieutenant in the British navy. Dr. Reitz's father was a sheep farmer and a man of considerable learning.

Congressman De Armond, of Missouri, has a peculiar way of taking exercise. He saws wood and says that his best speeches have been thought out while for the Corcoran house in Washington, which he has leased for six years. His aggregate salary for that period will be every day so as to make herself thoroughly well acquainted with her son's \$48,000.

William Franklin Dunfee, who died at New Bedford, Mass., the other day, was a member of the state legislature in 1841 and introduced a resolution requesting congress to repeal "all laws which deprive any class of loyal subjects of the government from bearing arms for the common defense." This, it is believed, was the first proposition for arming negro troops.

Luther Keller

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