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It is proposed to reopen the Paris Exposition next year.

The Standard Oil Company is now acquiring numerous natural gas wells.

After a struggle of eighty years the French law has sanctioned cremation.

As an agent of destruction, the cloud-burst seems to have usurped the place of the cyclone.

It is estimated that the country's total revenue for the next fiscal year will reach \$440,000,000.

Fishermen on the New England coast state that the mackerel are not "schooling" in those waters this year.

There are 45,000,000 people in Mexico, Central and South America representing a commerce of \$1,000,000,000.

Russia, Germany and Austria have warned the Swiss Government to deal more harshly with Socialists and Anarchists.

The return of land grants made in western Australia shows that one man owns and controls nearly 4,000,000 acres.

Annexation to the United States has become so popular in Newfoundland, asserts the Chicago Herald, as to cause anxiety in London.

The wholesale merchants of Cincinnati have started a fund to supply their country customers with railroad tickets. Ten merchants have subscribed \$5000 each.

Belgium, of all nations, has the greatest density of population, the largest diversity of occupation, the most uniform distribution of wealth and the minimum of pauperism.

The average annual death-rate in this country from cholera, yellow fever, small-pox, typhoid fever, diphtheria, and scarlet fever, all combined, does not reach the enormous total of deaths from consumption.

Nearly all the suburban towns in England and Ireland are becoming absorbed into the larger towns. One reason advanced for this is that working people of all kinds obtain higher wages in the large cities and are migrating to them in numbers.

The sending of fresh troops to Egypt is not viewed with much pleasure by the English masses, who consider the country as a mere trap for simpletons, where death and pestilence are forever lying in wait. If it comes to a large levy for an Egyptian campaign there will be trouble.

The New York Observer says that the number of murders committed in the United States during the first half of 1887 was 867; of 1888, 941, and of 1889, 1547. It is further stated that during the first week in July, ninety people were stricken down by murderous hands.

The City of Pisa, Italy, recently went into bankruptcy. Now it appears this is not the only Italian town similarly situated. News comes from Rome that Lodi, Bosa, Pescara, Siento, Calsanetto, Summonte, Paola, Potenza, Teramo, Pescara et Carofe have also suspended payment.

Most persons will be surprised when they hear that the report of the Railway Age concerning the amount of railroad track laying in the United States for the first six months of 1889 shows that of the total number of miles of track laid, namely, 1522, the South is to be credited with 909.

The enterprising citizens who invaded Oklahoma before the time specified by law and squatted on choice pieces of land, now find that it is often best to make haste slowly. The Land Commissioner got a list of these trespassers, known as "squatters," and refused to issue patents to any of them.

A case has just been decided in the New Jersey Court of Chancery, in which Vice-Chancellor Van Fleet holds that a woman's marriage to her step-grandson is valid in spite of the fact that the Catholic priest who married the couple, on learning of their relationship, informed them that the marriage was void by the laws of the Church.

When George Muth, a Cincinnati confederator, was brought before Judge Armaten, of the police court, for selling ice cream on a recent Sunday, he pleaded guilty. The prosecutor suggested that he regard that plea as a demurrer, and the court accepted the suggestion. The justice said the use of ice cream was no longer to be classed as a luxury and its sale on Sunday could easily be regarded as a necessity. "No man was ever incited by selling of ice cream to go home and beat his wife and break up the furniture, and I have no sympathy with the efforts of saloon men to make the law against them odious by pushing the enforcement of the common law law." Mr. Muth was dismissed.

SOME DAY.

"They'll all come back again," she said, That by-gone summer day, The while we watched the goodly ships Upon the placid bay.

Some day! So many a watcher sighs, When wind-swept waters moan, With tears pressed back, still strives to dream Of the glad coming home.

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A FADING PICTURE.

It was a brilliant day in early summer, but the outer blinds on the windows of the waiting room of Henry Milford's photographic establishment were closed so that the room seemed almost dark to one just come in from the sunlit street.

Mr. Milford was busily engaged in preparing for the printing of some pictures which seemed to him to require more particular care and attention than usual, and it did not please him to be interrupted.

"It is almost impossible to see these, it is so dark," she said, "but it is so pleasant to escape the horrid glare of the street."

Henry Milford was fond of his work, which he considered art, and he had cared it to a rare degree of perfection. He was very conscientious, too, and in posing his sitters before the camera he would take as much care and exercise as much intelligence as could any artist in arranging his models or draperies.

Miss Mitchell, his present caller, was a little annoyed and perhaps a little surprised as well.

"You see," Mr. Milford continued, "in this climate of ours one has so few days in which he can work. Unfortunately, I am compelled to think very much about the weather."

"And so it really is," he said quickly. "If you sit here a few minutes I will arrange the room and camera."

"These perhaps will interest you while you are waiting," he said, as he placed in her hand several photographs.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Surplice waists of thin dresses have the fullness from the shoulders prettily shaped into a pointed yoke by drawing ribbon through a casing made of facing an inch-wide strip from each armhole to a point lower down on the edge of the front.

Eight or ten rows of shirring around the waist line are employed by French modistes to hold the fullness of blouse waists of sheer white lawn. The material then falls two inches below the shirring, and lace or embroidered edging, also two inches wide, is sewed to the edge of the muslin.

Full straight skirts of lawn are gathered to a belt of lawn, and the ribbon belt and sash are then set permanently outside of this lawn belt. The skirt is put on after the waist is on, and there is no ugly opening between the waist and skirt.

Stewed Potatoes—The French call this way of cooking potatoes "a la bonne bouche." It is a very nice way to cook the small new potatoes, which are sometimes quite cheap, when larger ones are too high priced to purchase.

Pigs Feet—These are nutritious, and if you don't buy them at a restaurant, where they somehow seem to retain the flavor of the farm yard, they are appetizing and delicate.

Salt Mackerel—Choose a large, fat, white mackerel weighing from a pound and a quarter to a pound and a half; soak it over night in a large pan of cold water, laying it skin side down.

Reef With Macaroni—This is an economical and excellent dinner. Buy a flank steak, costing according to the market from fifteen to twenty-five cents.

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THE INDIAN MEDICINE MEN.

The habits and customs of some of the Western tribes are so little known to the general reader that, perhaps, a description of some of their curious practices may be of some interest.

An incident in the life of the case of an Indian who one day came staggering into camp with his leg horribly swollen from a bite of a venomous snake. The camp surgeon could do nothing for the sufferer, but he was completely cured by the medicine man.

When a council is held, a barricade is erected in the form of an ellipse, and a tent is raised at each end of the enclosure, one for the high priests or medicine men and the other for ten men who have been selected to keep order and conduct the ceremony, acting as a sort of police.

The native doctors of China are to a great extent self-constituted. Any person who is in want of a livelihood, and who can read and write sufficiently well to be able to copy out prescriptions from a medical book, can set up in practice without fear of Government or other interference.

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SELECT SIFTINGS.

Spinach is a Persian plant. Herce-radish is a native of England. Oysters deposit about 1,000,000 eggs.

The American silver dollar first made its appearance in 1794.

A tax upon playing-cards is universal in Europe, with the exception of Spain.

Next to music the weather probably affects the animal creation more than anything else.

Two hundred and fifty thousand persons perished in Antioch by the earthquake of 526.

The Stoics lauded suicide as a praiseworthy action, and the Roman law did not look upon it as a venial crime.

The tendency to suicide is more prevalent among the educated and wealthy than among the poorer and middle classes.

The Greenlanders bury with a child a dog to guide it in the other world, saying: "A dog can find his way anywhere."

A remarkable cave in Stone County, Kan., is said to have been explored for twelve miles, to have two rivers and millions of bats.

High heeled shoes are no modern invention; they go back to the earliest Henry; and the top piece was often a bigger than a shilling shaped like a heart.

Snails will come abroad just before a rain, and begin to climb trees and plants, concealing themselves on the under-side of a leaf if it is going to be a severe storm.

Mrs. James Gallagher, a resident of Brooklyn, began sneezing the other evening, and she had got the tally up to 2040 times when the doctors finally found a remedy.

The name "United States of America" was first applied to the colonies in the famous proclamation for American liberty, the Declaration of Independence, made July 4, 1776.

When a Chinese girl is married, she must wait four months before etiquette allows her to pay her first visit to her mother; but after this salutary call, she may go to the home of her parents at any time.

At one factory in the United States there are manufactured between two and three tons of postal cards a day all the year round. The largest order ever filled for one city was 4,000,000 cards, or about twelve tons of paper for New York.

Japanese oranges are as different from our own as they are as they can well be, separating from the peel almost as easily as a grape, dividing into sections at the slightest pull, each section like a separate fruit, and dissolving in the mouth with a flavor of cherries, leaving no pulp behind.

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Beethoven's Practical Joke. The New York Sun calls to mind the practical joke the great composer Beethoven played one evening on his old friend and master, Joseph Haydn, the famous wheeler-dealer's son, who became in 1760 the Kapellmeister of Prince N. Esterhazy.

At the Jeweler's—But, Max, don't you think it extravagant to give \$300 for a diamond to wear on my hand? "Not at all, my dear; you don't consider how much I shall save on your gloves."

Here lies a man who laughed at death, For many years he nacked her; Some say he died of the death, And some accuse the doctor.

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THE TRYSTING PLACE.

Westward over the pale green sky The rosy pennons of sunset fly; Westward slowly the great rocks lie, With cawling and lashed flapping;

And the bluish land in a vagueness dark, And the further trees stand tall and stark; I hear the rushes whisper and shake, As a futter of wind begins to wail,

And louder grow In the quick repose The sound of the river's lapping.

Still half an hour, by the abbey chime! I come to the tryst before the time; I hearken the river's rippled rhyme; And the edg'd ruffled greeting;

And I cheat my heart with feigned fears, To smile as I wait (for no one hears), To make the joy more rich and vast When I feel his lips on my own at last.

Humor of the Day. The rule of three—One too many. An I-glass—The mirror. A Glass I—in the mirror.

The stepping-stones to success are "rocks"—Life. It is the hearded lady whose face is her fortune.—Life.

First in war and first in peace—The letters "w" and "p." The good die young. This is particularly true of chickens.

"Not in our set," as the false tooth remarked to the old grinder. A man experiences that "sinking feeling" when he falls overboard.

Two heads are better than one—On the shoulders of a museum freak. No wonder time is so often killed; it is struck every hour.—St. Louis Magazine.

A youth—the subject of the rhyme—Signs all his strength in killing time. As years rolled on—the truth is grim—Time took his turn and slaughtered him.—Merchant Traveler.

There is no reason in the world why a "high show" shouldn't be a howling success. A real life-saving station is always managed by sailors, and not by doctors.—Pique.

This is the turning period in the life of the farmer's boy if there is a grindstone on the place.—Binghamton Republican.

When a washerwoman changes her place of residence one may ask her "where she hangs out now" without using slang. When the maiden does a muslin gown, And the dog has a muzzle on too, "The time we wish to get out of town" And down by the ocean blue.—Boston Courier.

Mrs. Parvenu to the maid—"Now, Lucy, you may do up my hair." Lucy—"Yes, mum. Shall I do it up in paper or get a box?"

A hard storm is often alluded to as a rain of cats and dogs, but a biting storm is probably when the fall is confined to canines exclusively.—Harpur's Bazar.

A man was arrested the other day for stealing an umbrella and tried to get off by saying that he was trying to lay something by for a rainy day.—Boston Post.

The sheriff's notice to subscribers. A moral and a tale. The man who failed to advertise, is advertised to fail.—Philadelphia Press.

"Post no bills!" ejaculated Plessey, reading the well-known sign seen in many parts of the city. "Humph! I never do; I always prefer sending them by the collector."—Judge.

When it ain't rainin' it's lakin'; When it ain't bakin' it's blowin'; When it don't blow it's a hailin', So get in your coat for a snowin'.—Detroit Free Press.

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