

RATES OF ADVERTISING. One Square, one inch, one insertion...

In the United States there are 100 weekly papers conducted by colored men.

The latest measure for recruiting the United States navy provides for the enlistment of only native-born Americans.

While new States are springing up in the far West, California is getting ready to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of her admission into the Union.

The Thirteen Club, of New York city, will still further test the superstition which created it by purchasing and moving into the house at 13 West Thirteenth Street.

The French Government has decided to again undertake the manufacture of lucifer matches, and to avoid the expense of creating a special department will place it under the tobacco bureau.

At the recent thirty-fourth anniversary of the Maryland Sunday school Union in Baltimore, President Griffith said that there were 140,000 Protestant Sunday-schools in the United States, 1,300,000 officers and teachers, and 10,000,000 scholars.

Mr. Randall's death removed from the House of Representatives the last of a trio of notable men, who have died within eight months. The first to go was "Sunset" Cox, of New York, and following him was Judge William D. Kelley, of Pennsylvania.

For a long time the stealings by the operatives in the diamonds mines of South Africa were, it is estimated, one-half of the production. Very stringent regulations have of late been put in force, and, although the loss from this source has been greatly reduced, it is still believed to amount to \$750,000 a year.

"For the hundred years or more of our country's history, the dogs have been after the sheep," exclaims the Prairie Farmer, "but now for the first time the census will be after the dogs; they will be accounted for the same as the horses, cattle, sheep, swine and other animals on the farms, and in cities and villages as well."

Canada will no longer be a harbor of safety and refuge for thieves, for the extradition treaty with Great Britain has been formally ratified, and is now, in the language of the Constitution, "the supreme law of the land."

The reigning beauty of New York society is now Miss Julia Scriener, a niece of William Cullen Bryant. She is six feet tall, and the Prince of Wales says she is the most distinguished-looking American woman he ever met.

That the higher education of woman in this country is something of very recent growth is a fact, says the New York Star, that is apt to get out of mind. We realize it in a forcible manner, however, when we read that Vassar College is about to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary.

"Of all the accidents which occur daily in a large city," perhaps burning is the most alarming," says the London Hospital. "It is well to remember that in severe cases the shock due to the fright as well as the burn is the first thing to be considered. If medical help is not obtainable at once, the best thing to do is to wrap the burnt person up in a blanket, put him in a warm place with hot bottles to his feet, and give him a little hot brandy and water or something. The easiest applications to procure in an emergency with which to cover up the wounded parts from the air are flour or salad oil."

Artificial ice is now an assured commercial fact, announces the Manufacturer's Record, thanks to the costly experiments that have been made in the South to secure it. Its manufacture has been reduced to such a science and degree of economy that several plants have been established in the North. The most significant fact in regard to its manufacture is the report that the Pennsylvania Railroad will enter upon the manufacture of their own ice.

SLEEP. While children sleep They know not that their father toils; They know not that their mother prays-- Bending in blessing o'er their beds, Imploping grace for after days.

While children sleep They never dream that others work That they may have their daily bread; When morning comes they rise and eat, And never ask how they are fed.

Do we not sleep? And know not that our Father works With watchful care about our way; He bends in blessings from above-- His love broods o'er us day by day.

Do we not sleep? And never dream that others work, Reaping the sheaves that might be ours; We see not how the showders fall, Which mark the swift departing hours.

Ah, still we sleep! Our drowsy eyes we not the light, See not the hands stretched out to bless, See not that waiting for us stands God's kingdom and His righteousness.

THE PIRATES OF SARK.

BY S. G. W. BENJAMIN.

When I was in the Channel Islands I heard the following story about the pirates of Sark, which is one of the most famous islands in the Atlantic Ocean.

The waves that beat against its richly colored but inhospitable cliffs, and roar forever in its inaccessible caves, bristle with rocks and reefs of many a grotesque shape, which make the approach to the island exceedingly dangerous.

The dwellers on Sark are now a peaceable folk, who raise a few cattle and vegetable gardens, which they carry over to the Isle of Guernsey when the weather is clear and the sea not too rough.

And yet such men were found, men who for the common good were willing to risk their lives. And this is the way they went to work to circumvent the pirates of Sark.

One calm pleasant morning the lookout on Sark discovered a ship heading for the island, as if with the intention of making a landing.

In spite of all these signs--that whatever the errand of the strange ship, it was peaceful--the bold pirates of Sark crowded down to the landing place bristling with arms, and ordered the boat to keep at a safe distance from the beach.

you can hardly deny, we promise to make you a suitable present of some of the goods we have on board our ship."

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But the invaders still had a far more laborious and dangerous task before them. The summit of the island where the people lived, and where the church stood, was over one hundred feet above the landing and could be reached only by narrow, steep steps cut in the rock, up which it was simply impossible to carry the coffin.

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long a time had made the island of Sark a terror to the mariners of all nations. Since that bloody tragedy the island has been the abode of peace.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

GRAVY EGGS. Lovers of hard-boiled eggs will find variety as well as neatness in serving gravy eggs. Make a brown or butter gravy seasoned with curry, gumber, pepper or parsley.

CARAMEL BLANC-MANGE. Soak a box of gelatine in cold water until just covered it. At the end of two hours pour two cups of boiling milk over it, and stir the whole till it is well melted.

POTATO CROQUETS. This is my favorite method of serving potatoes for tea, writes Miss Pollock in the Prairie Farmer. It also makes a very nice breakfast food.

SCALLOPED FISH. Break one pound of boiled or broiled fish--cold--into small pieces, carefully removing the bones and skin. Add one gill of milk, one gill of cream, one tablespoonful of flour, one-third of a cupful of bread crumbs.

MACARONI, FARMER'S STYLE. Boil half a pound of macaroni, and meantime stir together over the fire one ounce each of butter and flour until they begin to bubble.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Tin cleaned with paper will shine better than when cleaned with flannel. Emery powder will remove ordinary stains from white ivory knife handles.

Clean the head of dandruff and any warm, dry feeling, by rubbing the scalp briskly with alcohol. Great improvement will be found in tea and coffee if they are kept in glass fruit jars instead of tin boxes.

To clean the hair and promote its growth, rub the yolk of an egg well into scalp, and rinse out thoroughly with soft warm water.

Confectioner's sugar is a very fine powdered sugar, called by the trade XXX. For all candy creams, icings, sherbets, and sweets in general, this sugar is preferable to either cut loaf or granulated, and its cost is about equal.

A QUEEN'S DOMESTIC LIFE.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S QUIET AND UNOSTENTATIOUS HABITS. The Royal Household Costs \$2,250,000 and Consists of 1000 Hettainers, including a Rat Catcher.

Of all the principal courts of Europe that of England is the simplest, and yet the household maintained by the Queen consists of over 1000 persons.

Her habits are very quiet and unostentatious. She rises at 8 a. m., and her breakfast consists of a dish of oatmeal, some fish and a cup of cocoa. The lords and ladies in waiting, thirty-five in number, breakfast in the most sumptuous style, and it is principally for these important personages that the following kitchen staff is maintained.

The principal attendants upon the Queen are six Pages of the Back Stairs, whose offices have certainly not a very honorable name, but who receive the tolerable salary of \$2500 a year apiece.

He has also to keep a sharp eye upon any unwelcome intruders, and must keep ever alert to avoid any unpleasant contretemps that might come by announcing a visitor when the Queen is closeted with somebody antagonistic to the new arrival.

Dinner at the palace is served at 7 o'clock, and the setting and arranging of the table is a most artistic performance and occupies about two hours. For this service a table decker is maintained at \$1000, who occupies a suite of rooms in the palace, and three assistant deckers, besides a wax sifter to arrange the candles and three lamp-lighters to light them.

The Queen enters the dining room preceded by the head usher bearing the White Wand, the symbol of the "royal command," and without which no Queen's messenger can appear in the House of Lords to transact any affairs of State.

Her Majesty always gives the signal for rising from the table, and proceeds to her private apartments, where she spends the remainder of the evening, either doing some fancy work, or listening to reading by one of the ladies of the family.

The Queen retires at 10 o'clock, excepting on special occasions, when she retires as early as she can manage to without disturbing her visitors.

An important archaeological discovery is reported from New Zealand. It is the finding in a cave of many relics of men, birds and beasts, including the bones of an extinct species of man.

A WOMAN'S TEARS.

I hastened home one winter's eve, When dark the drooping shadows fell; I felt my soul disposed to grieve, Yet what about I could not tell!

I hurried on with rapid pace To reach my home and darling wife; I longed to see the loving face Which cheered and brightened up my life, And yet there was a nameless dread, A strange misgiving in my breast, That I might find my darling dead, Or by affliction sore oppressed.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A mark of respect--\$ On a racket--The tennis ball. The last sad writes--Epitaphs. A well ordered life--A waiter's.

"Johnny, what teacher are you under most?" "They all on me when they get a chance." "Business!" "Black," returned the dealer in live goose feathers.

The horse car conductor is like a pugilist, because he punches a great deal and knocks down occasionally. "Do your boarders loaf around your parlor in the evening?" "No; my daughter is learning to play on the piano."

"By the bye, talking of old times, do you remember that occasion when I made such an awful ass of myself?" "She--" "Which?" "An artist has just sold a landscape for \$24,000. It seems that an artist's views are getting to be worth as much as those of a lawyer."

"What dancing eyes she has!" "Yes. It's good the dancing stopped there, too. If she's had dancing cheeks and a tripping nose and a waltzing lip, she'd have been in hard luck." "Harper's Bazar."

"Oh, would I were a bird!" she sang. "Thought to himself this wicked thought: 'Oh, would I were a gourd.'" "Chicago Herald."

Why do we call a handout a bracelet?" asked the commissioner of an Irish recruit at a recent police examination. "Faith, because it is intended for arrist," replied the applicant, and he got the position at once.

When you study the name of one of our native fish, the blue-fish, you know him as Pomatus salatrix, because he is salatorious. In pursuit of his prey, he swims as fast as a flash flies in not sufficient. He hurls himself clear out of the water when chasing the menhaden.

The Salmon as a Jumper. One of the most interesting facts in the life of the salmon is his habit of jumping. In some cases for feeding purposes, but as often as not to clear obstacles, such as falls, when ascending the streams in order to spawn.