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The sun never sets on the soil of the United States. When it is 6 o'clock at Attoo Island, Alaska, it is 9:36 o'clock a. m. the next day on the eastern coast of Maine.

The Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture reports that more than sixty per cent. of the population of that State is engaged in agriculture, with an annual farm product of over \$20,000,000.

The United States leads the world in the number and extent of its libraries. The public libraries of all Europe put together contain about 31,000,000 volumes; those of this country contain 50,000,000.

Devotees of superstition will take a genuine professional pleasure, believes the Chicago News, in noting the alliterative character of the names of the unfortunate politicians, Balanaceda, Barillas, Bogran, Barrios and Boulanger.

According to statistics gathered by a well-known commercial agency, the business failures for the first nine months of the year 1891 exceeded those for the same period last year by 1247, and in the amount of liabilities by \$36,000,000.

Referring to the confession of a Chicago lightning-rod man that "education among farmers had destroyed his business," the Western Rural expresses faith in the same epycure as destined in due time to give quietus to "many other frauds."

R. N. Sauer applied, the other day, to Judge Paschal, at Uvalde, Texas, for naturalization papers. He admitted that he was a socialist, and the judge sat down and wrote out an opinion that socialism was unconstitutional, and refused to grant the papers.

Dom Pedro is reported to be deeply disappointed by the emphatic refusal of the Brazilian Congress to grant him leave to live in Brazil. The ex-emperor's devotion to that country is touching, and visitors say that the tears come into his eyes every time Brazil is mentioned in his presence.

It is alleged that in India and in Europe the motives for suicide are not similar. In the former country they are anger, disease and grief, grief being the chief cause of suicide among women; whereas in Europe the motives are mainly alcoholism, love, misery and fear of punishment. It is curious that the proportion of suicides among Parsees is great when compared with the smallness of the community.

As a result of the increased interest in agricultural colleges, Michigan has lost fourteen college professors since May 1. At least fifty per cent. of the graduates of the State College at Lansing follow agriculture as a profession. In support of the belief that the college has greatly benefited the farming interests of Michigan, it is asserted that its experiments in the line of insecticides alone have been of ten times greater benefit to the farmers of the State than the entire cost of the college.

The London Lancet denounces as false the doctrine that abundant hair is a sign of bodily or mental strength in man. It says that despite the Samsan precedent the Chinese are mostly bald, yet they form the most enduring of races. The average mad house furnishes proof that long and thick hair is not a sign of intellectuality. The easily whoedled Esau was hairy, while the mighty Cesar was bald.

Horsedesh as an article of food is having a boom just now in Germany. In Berlin it has recently tumbled in price and costs almost as much now as beef. In what its advantages would consist it is hard to see. Hilterto horsedesh has been popular on account of its cheapness, through which many people have been able to purchase meat who otherwise could not have afforded it.

"Land sakes, child, you needn't stay for that." Aunt Hespia turned quickly around from her baking. "I could find some one else to help me through."

THANKSGIVING.

The golden grain is garnered— Our store-houses overflow— O'er prairie broad and city mart The winds of fortune blow.

A THANKSGIVING BURGLAR

"One o' butter, two o' sugar, three o' flour'n four eggs," soliloquized Aunt Hespia Barber, as she measured out the ingredients for the children's favorite cup cake.



DUSTED AND ARRANGED EVERYTHING.

"I expected you would be, Aunt Hespia, and I should have been here earlier, but company came last night and I could not get away."

"But some one else wouldn't have been me, would it, auntie?" The girl came and laid her bright head on the older woman's shoulder.

"No, auntie, not a word," she sighed. "Just a year ago to-day, and it seems like ten."

What shall we do with the children until dinner's ready? "Send them upstairs to play," said Aunt Hespia.

"Yes, ready to go off the handle at a minute's warnin' an' then too proud to own that he's in the wrong."

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"And please don't be rude or noisy," she said, warningly, "for Aunt Hespia has a headache this morning."

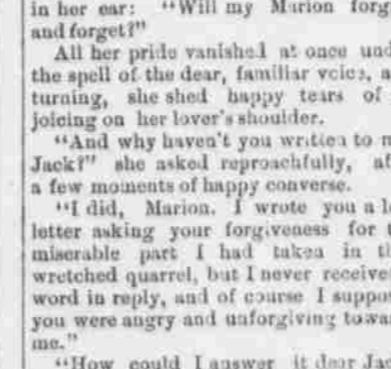


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"Well, as for that, there's no use o' stirrin' out of the house for a minister," Aunt Hespia had come in to look after her neglected dinner, and stood regarding them with a beaming face.

The Russians and the Chinese are behind the rest of the civilized world in many things, but bell-founding is not among the number, for the bells manufactured by both nations are not only the largest, but among the best of those made by any nation.

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Two Interesting Thanksgivings of a Man's Life.



1. Age twenty—Watching the hair coming out on his upper lip.



2. Age forty—Watching the hair coming out on the top of his head.—Judge.

An amusing case has just been tried at Kansas, in Illinois. A woman of the name of Outchinkine was summoned before the judge on the charge of beating a cousin of hers, named Kalafez. But the accused had a complete answer to the indictment.

WISE WORDS.

Love's work is always noble. Love finds its greatest joy in suffering. There shall no evil happen to the just.

Public spirit, a genuine interest in all questions of national or social importance, is as essential a part of true manhood as of true womanhood.

Miles of Human Bones.

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Four Curious Plants.

In the United States Botanical Gardens at Washington, D. C., are four very curious plants, to which the Post of that city alludes as "Nature's Hoax," the "Mother-in-Law Plant," the "Lover's Plant" and the "Scottish Attorney."

Ecceentric Benevolence.

There resided at Seymour, Conn., near Hartford, a few years ago, a very eccentric man named John H. Tingle. He had an income of over \$100,000 a year from his real-estate, and was a bachelor.

SUNDOWN.

Now sky and wood upland Are drenched with crimson rain; The mellow tink of cow bells Is coming up the lane.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Many handkerchiefs are moistened by sorrows that never occur.—Texas Siftings. Dentists are not all farmers, but they live on the acres just the same.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The ownership of the modern house is usually shared between the baby, the nurse and the hired girl.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"I see that a tapir escaped from a traveling menagerie in France recently."—Levell Courier. Some weak-kneed husbands with very large wives are not able to hold their own.—Galveston News.

"What are you marrying her for, Jack?" "Her intrinsic worth—nothing else, I assure you." "What is that?" "Oh, about a half-million or so."—Kansas City Times.

Whether it is due to the multiplicity of rain machines at work in this country I am unprepared to say, but so many aeroplanes are falling from the skies in these days that it is positively reckless to go out without an umbrella.—Detroit Free Press.