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The farmer in Japan who has ten acres of land is looked upon as a monopolist.

The New York World concludes that Philadelphia believe in life insurance; Wanamaker has taken out policies aggregating \$1,500,000.

In California, Vermont, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and Wisconsin days of grace on maturing notes, drafts, acceptances and bills of exchange have been abolished.

Professor Vambéry has been lecturing on the "Fusion of Languages" before the Buda-Pesth (Hungary) English Club.

Chicago is now the fifth greatest seaport in the world, and yet, remarks the Farm, Field and Fireside, the trade of the great lakes is only beginning to show its possibilities.

The country's money circulation has increased from \$726,000,000 in 1873 to over \$1,600,000,000 at the present time.

Says the New York Sun: The report of the Civil Service Commission shows that women are going into civil service in larger numbers than ever.

At this time of year, when everybody is fretting about letters of credit and all the other makeshifts to avoid pecuniary in a foreign land, it occurs to the mind unskilled in questions of finance to wonder why we cannot have one single international coin.

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The statistics of crime throughout the country show a marked increase in the number of murders during recent years—from 2395 in 1887 to 5906 in 1891—while for several years prior to 1887 the number fell short of 2000.

According to the Shoe and Leather Reporter, a convict in a certain penitentiary, whose crime was dishonesty, is compelled to spend his days cutting out pieces of pasteboard to be put between the outer and inner soles of shoes which will be sold as made of solid leather.

A statement recently published by the authorities of Munich, Bavaria, gives some startling information as to the increased consumption in that city of dog flesh.

"It has passed into a proverb that racing is the sport of kings; it can with truth be stated," declares Outing "that trotting is the international equine sport of the American people.

Visitors to the Columbian World's Fair at Chicago will find 500 guides ready to do their bidding at an expense of fifty or seventy-five cents an hour.

The New York Post says: The problem of the ultimate source of the Nile seems finally to have reached a solution through the recent explorations of Dr. O. Banmann.

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TWILIGHT.

Star, sweet, it is the twilight hour— Thy voice brings rest and peace, And unto thee is given the power To bid all discord cease.

A SHOPPING EXPEDITION.

HE report started in Blake's store. To disbelieve a report that started in Blake's store was an unheard-of heresy at the Corners.

She was down at the store Saturday afternoon as usual to make her weekly purchases. Anson Blake, who never failed when groceries were purchased to conduct the customer to the other side of the store to look at the dry goods, and vice versa, endeavored to lead Mrs. Goodrich over to look at some new winter goods.

Then it came out. With a bit of pardonable pride she let him know that she had no need to look at fall goods in Witham's Corners or in Witham Centre, either, since "her Hannah was going to the city next week to do their fall shopping; that she, Hannah, had an aunt there who had the whole summer been urging her to come, and that now she was going for a few days."

The next afternoon, when she came in from her school, Hannah was more than surprised to find Mrs. Downing in the sitting room with her mother. As the visitor had not been in their house for a year, Hannah was sure that she bore some message from Jerry, and greeted her accordingly, wondering meanwhile, why her mother looked so grim, and knit as furiously as if the whole family were barefooted and suffering.

After her little remark last night about Hannah's city shopping tour, she had thought best to keep this visit a secret from him. "I was just telling your ma," she began, when Hannah, flushed and expectant, was seated, "that I'd been down to Blake's to get my winter dress, and that there wa'n't a thing there I'd put on my back."

"Oh, no trouble—a pleasure!" Hannah cried, despite her mother's frown. "There's that brown merino I got three years ago last fall," Mrs. Downing went on. "The woad I've had out of it just bests all. I've worn it steady wherever I went. I was telling your ma that I didn't know as I could be suited better than to have another just like it."

of her asking you to lug a dress up from the city for her! I didn't give her any encouragement when she spoke to me about it, I can tell you.

"I was down to Mrs. Downing's," she began, without a small prelude of a greeting, "for a dish of tea an' a few minutes' set, an' she was tellin' me that Hannah was goin' to the city this week."

"I heard only just now that you're goin' to York," she said, as if to apologize for not coming sooner, "and that you're goin' to get some things for Mrs. Downing."

While Hannah was silently making a note of this Mrs. Dobbs, her next neighbor, came in. "Pretty neighbors you are," was her greeting. "Pretty neighbors! 'Melie, she just come from the store. 'Ma, sez she, 'what do you think? Hannah Goodrich is going to the city a-Thursday a-shoppin' an' is going to get Mrs. Downing a dress. I wonder if she wouldn't buy me a felt hat. I'm sick an' tired o' Miss Miller's hats! 'Of course she would,' sez I. 'A pretty neighbor she'd be ef she wouldn't!'"

"What kind of a hat will Amelia want?" "She's goin' to leave that to your judgment. Somethin' pretty and dressey and stylish, and that'll be becomin' to you."

Hannah was dark, with delicate features and very pretty. Amelia was light, with coarse features and homely. "She's willin' to go as high as \$5," Mrs. Dobbs went on. "Still, ef you don't have to spend so much she'll be tickled. Looking around a little and not taking the fust thing that's offered, you kin sometimes save as much as fifty cents."

The school where Hannah vainly strove each day to make the Witham youth learned was some distance from her home, and she took her luncheon with her. She had just settled down to it the next noon, when a delicate, withered looking, long ago comely woman entered the room.

Mrs. Clark, the physician's wife, came in. This lady was well off, dressey, but economical and very fussy. All Witham knew that she was hard to please. She would not burden Miss Goodrich for anything, she began, if she could possibly find time to go herself to the city or if she could get what she wanted in Witham.

"I'm not in for it, you see," she said. "The things I am requested by the neighbors to buy amount, at a rough guess, to \$180. They would easily fill three trunks, and the work of hunting for them would occupy me at least four days. Not one has offered me a cent in advance or the money to pay expressage. I have just \$80 and two days to spend in the city."

"What could I do? I should have offered every one of them if I had put the case to them as it is."

On the continent of Australia the rabbits, by force of circumstances, are obliged to modify their mode of life. These animals are often observed to climb trees in search of food when they cannot obtain it on the ground.

Washington's Narrow Escape. From an "Unpublished Autograph Narrative by Washington," in Scribner's Magazine, we quote as follows: "It was conceived that our party was yielding the ground, upon which G. W. with permission of the General, called (per dispatch) for volunteers and immediately marched at their head, to sustain, as was conjectured, the retreating corps. Led on by the firing mill, he came within less than half a mile, and it coming, he detached scouts to investigate the cause, and to communicate his approach to his friend Colonel Mercer, advancing slowly in the meantime. But it being now dusk, and the intelligence not having been fully disseminated among Colonel Mercer's corps, and they taking us for the enemy who had retreated approaching in another direction, commenced a heavy fire upon the relieving party which drew fire in return in spite of all the exertions of the officers, one of whom, and several privates were killed and many wounded before a stop could be put to it, to accomplish which G. W. never was in more imminent danger, by being between two fires, knocking up with his sword the presented pieces."

To Preserve Pictures. A new method of preserving pictures is being experimented with in London. It consists of placing the surface of the picture, be it canvas or paper, in a vacuum, thus protecting it from atmospheric action. The picture is enclosed in a metal frame or case, covering the back and sides and projecting from the sides like an ordinary frame. A plate of glass is inserted in the edges of the case, just as in an ordinary frame, and hermetically sealed to the metal. The air is then withdrawn from between the surface of the picture and the glass and the painting is in a vacuum. It is believed this plan will effectually protect pictures from the action of dampness, air, gases and other causes that operate to destroy paintings exposed or framed in the ordinary way.

The Ancient Name of Great Britain. The oldest form of the name Britain is Ortanis, from which comes the adjective Ortanicus, which in Irish is Cruitech. This last is the name which the Irish gave to the Picts, once masters of Great Britain. The adjective mentioned became in the language of the Gauls Protanicos. Pytheas, the Greek navigator of Marseilles, who flourished about the time of Alexander the Great, and is said to have made a voyage to Britain, in one of his fragments now extant calls Great Britain the Pretanic Island. A century after Pytheas, a Gallic people—the Britanni—drove the Picts out of the larger portion of Great Britain, and established themselves there. From this came confusion in the minds of Greek geographers between the name of the conquerors and that of the conquered island. Out of this confusion arose various and mixed forms. The Pretanic Island became Bretanicum, and then Britannie, which form became fixed, and has come down to us—Revue Archeologique.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Rubber is made from cotton seed oil. Flies sometimes infect entabes with cholera germs.

Scientists are of the opinion that some icebergs last for 200 years. An electric railway will probably be built between Atami and Odalvara in Japan.

T. D. Curtis, the scientist, expects to see country roads lighted with electricity. Comb honey is said to be a remedy for dyspepsia. The wax must be eaten with the honey.

Fourteen wind planets were discovered during last month, bringing the total number of small planets known up to 375. Successful experiments have been made in stimulating the growth of such plants as wheat, corn and tobacco by means of electric currents.

The Chinese have bred a whole colony of goldfish, each having two well-developed tails and two sets of anal fins. Biologists say it would be equally easy to breed quadrupeds with eight legs.

The position of the lamprey eels has been reviewed by Professor Howes, who thinks that instead of being primitive forms, they are aberrant fish-like forms, which have lost their lower jaw, their sucking mouth having been secondarily acquired.

Edison, the great inventor, is hopeful of being able to generate electricity directly from heat, and thus dispense with the steam engine and dynamo now used for producing electric power.

As the ashes contain only about six per cent of potash and less than two of phosphoric acid, the value is not more than forty cents per 100 pounds, or \$8 a ton. This estimate is based on a value of potash of 41 cents a pound in muriate of potash, selling at \$45 the ton, and phosphoric acid at six cents a pound. The common price of wood ashes is far beyond the actual value compared with the price of other fertilizers.

As everybody is learning now, boiling kills the microbes in water, and it was only when the authority of a law forbidding the use of the infected river water was put in force in Hamburg last autumn that the cholera was really checked; and it is interesting to learn that Cyrus, who seems to have had good ideas of sanitation, when crossing the river Choespas, had all the drinking water for his army boiled—in silver bowls, the legend says.

Preserved a Fine Leg of Mutton.

There was an immense sensation created at the M-station the other day, just previous to the starting of the afternoon express for Paris. The inspector was about to start the train when a short, fat and puffy old gentleman trotted up to him and exclaimed: "Wait a minute, will you, please, while I—"

"Impossible, sir!" interrupted the officer, putting the whistle to his lips. "The train is overdue now." "But you must wait!" cried the old gentleman, excitedly. "There is a man's leg underneath the wheel." "Good gracious! Why didn't you say so at first? Where is he?" inquired the horror-stricken inspector. "Hold on there!"

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HORSE SENSE.

Plain horse sense'll pull yer through When there's nothin' else'll do; You may still be poor and needy With your head a cypodope? An' 'big poets, so they say, Sometimes eat one meal a day. Plain horse sense'll pull yer through When there's nothin' else'll do.

There are big men I expect Wallerin' in intellect, Spoutin' swimmin' in a sea Of their own philosophy, Who might grab the shore an' stand On the dry and solid land— Plain horse sense'll pull 'em through When philosophy wouldn't do!

With horse sense you'll never fail If you haven't been to Yale, Don't be scared, but use your head, Not some other man's instead, Not lay up there on the shelf, Walk about an' trust yerself. Plain horse sense'll pull yer through, When there's nothin' else'll do.

—Sam Walter Foss, in Yankee Blade.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A rank failure—Tilted imbecility.—Truth.

A peck of trouble—Four quarts of green apples. In contempt of court—The confirmed bachelor.—Truth.

Tunefully considered, the human neck is a pipe organ.—Danville breeze. A bridge should never be condemned until it has been tried by its piers.—Judge.

Women certainly have room enough, in these times, to laugh in their sleeves.—Pack. Some housekeepers are so exasperatingly industrious that they give the dust no time to settle.—Truth.

In politics the coming man fills the roads badly blocked by the going man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. People speak of the face of a note when it's really the figure that interests them.—Philadelphia Times.

Jagson says the messenger boy moves so slowly that he has come to be a standing joke.—Elmira Gazette.

A fashionable woman is one who has what everybody else has before anybody else gets it.—Elmira Gazette. True sayings rhyme are liked by some; They'll like this one, no doubt. The schoolgirl's string of chewing gum 's 'a sweetness long drawn out.—Truth.

Only a man bearing a title can be considered a "real live" nobleman on the simple evidence that he merely breathes. There is nothing especially irritating about an air of importance, provided it is being sung instead of being worn.—Pack.

The people who follow the fashion most religiously generally look as if they were trying to get ahead of it.—Somerville Journal.

A young man with pushing qualities can always get something to do, even if it is nothing better than engineering a lawn mower.—Buffalo Courier.

The humble individual who saves wood for a living is of more benefit to his race than the man who does nothing and that poorly.—Troy Press.

Hunger overcomes superstition. If a man is really hungry, thirteen is no more unlucky than thirty, if the victuals hold out.—Danville Breeze.

O, what's the use o' grievein'? We're jes in love with life. For the blossom on the melon An' the edge on the butter. Atlanta Constitution.

The dividing line between inquisitiveness and impertinence is largely imaginary. Few people can be inquisitive without being impertinent.—Troy Press.

"Hello, Charlie! Not at work? What's up?" "Oh, we're out on a strike." "What's the trouble?" "Don't know; but we'll not give in till we get it."—Boston Beacon.

Columbus and Newton, Franklin and Watts, In their discoveries found great zest. Yet what to count for joy the world has, With a quarter he finds in a last summer's vest.

The man who is hailed as a public-spirited benefactor at the time a loan is wanted may live to hear himself howled at as a blood-sucking vampire when the money falls due.—Truth. He asked her if she thought popcorn was good for indigestion. She said she didn't know, would he please pop some other question.—Kansas City Journal.

When a man speaks disparagingly of everybody, one of three things is true: He has the "big head," is on bad terms with himself, or has an intensely jealous and envious disposition.—St. Paul Globe.

"Poverty is a disease," howled speaker. "And yet," murmured the poor chap in the back of the hall, "we who are afflicted with it are arrested whenever we take anything for it!"—Vogue.

Mudge—"That waiter in there is entirely too smart for his business." Kapsley—"Why?" Mudge—"I told him to get me a raw steak, and he said it couldn't be done."—Indianapolis Journal.

He—"Brother Chawley has the twin fever and he caw'n't find a scrub pine or low." She—"Sit up with him yourself. There is no human possibility of your catching the disease."—Detroit Free Press.

A Costly Tree.

A North Carolina man sold a single tree the other day for \$399, and the purchaser said that he expected to realize at least \$1500 for it when it was worked up. The tree measured three and a half feet at the stump, and was a beautiful curly walnut, curled from root to the topmost twig. There is a great deal of walnut in that State, and it is very valuable, single trees selling at from \$100 to \$300.—New Orleans Picayune.