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Mr. Dewey calls New York "the typical State."

Four of the six Populist Senators in Washington are university men or graduates of colleges.

General Miles is heartily in favor of the bicycle for army use, and declares that it can be used in nearly every country and in most all seasons of the year.

The safest of modern years of railway travel was in 1885. The proportion returned as killed and injured from causes beyond their own control to the number carried was: killed, 1 in 116,202,171; and injured, 1 in 1,599,112.

Napoleon III. once remarked to Mr. Washburne, the American Minister to Paris, that Spain could not hold Cuba, and that the result would be that she would sacrifice all her soldiers and spend all her money and then lose the island in the end.

The Melbourne (Australia) Argus called attention some years ago to the remarkable fact that three young men destined to high distinction in different spheres—Lord Salisbury, the statesman, Sir John Millais, the painter, and Thomas Woolner, the sculptor—were simultaneously in Victoria at the height of the gold fever in the early fifties.

This bicycle business is assuming tremendous proportions, and even the imagination gets tired thinking about it, observes the New York Herald. Ten years ago it was a fad, a craze, and a few cranks, so called, were seen on the streets trying to get their noses broken. Now all the world rides the wheel; policemen ride them, soldiers ride them, gentlemen and ladies of all ages take a spin. To supply the demand there are something like four hundred firms, making money hand over fist, and it is estimated that in the various plants more than \$25,000,000 is invested. Why, the whole thing has come upon us like a tornado.

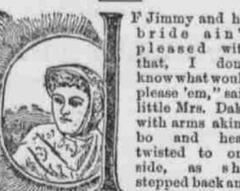
China is sending out a new detachment of her youth to be educated in our schools, showing an enlightened and progressive spirit in no way diminished by her recent military reverses. If she continues in this excellent custom, equipping her chosen young men with the science and culture of the modern period, and at the same time admits, as she is now doing, progressive ideas in her administration, she will not be so easily whipped next time, the New York Tribune observes, and will take the place in civilization which properly belongs to her, as her sister Nation Japan has already done, to the wonderment and admiration of mankind, including that of the humbled pigmials themselves, who may, after all, gather out of the nettle of defeat a choicer flower than the rose of triumph. If she is not quite so grandiose in her general attitudes as she was before, she is more wisely evinced, but in no particular more showily than in again sending her youth hither to be instructed in our schools.

Chief Fernow, of the Forestry Division at Washington, D. C., makes some valuable suggestions in his eleventh bulletin. The bulletin states that the South can make the cultivation of the cork oak very profitable in a year. We pay about \$2,000,000 a year for imported cork, and prices are steadily rising. The Government distributed cork oak acorns in the South as far back as 1838, and there are now standing several cork trees in the Southern States, one of them as far north as middle Georgia. A large one is now standing in Mississippi City, Miss., and there are probably twenty in California. The fact that the tree will flourish in the South has been demonstrated. The wattle tree, a native of Australia, is also recommended for cultivation. It belongs to the acacia family, and contains more tannic acid than the oak. It is propagated from seeds, which are soaked until soft in boiling water before planting. This tree will do well in warm climates. This eucalyptus is recommended on account of its rapid growth, the value of the wood and the oil contained in the foliage. Some claim that it is an antidote for malaria. The bamboo deserves a trial, maintains the Atlanta Constitution. It is not a tree but a giant grass, allied to our cane. One variety grows in Florida, where it has been known to grow a foot a day in height, and reach twenty-two feet in a single season. It is in demand for many useful and ornamental purposes. We have been wasting our forests long enough. Why not turn over a new leaf and try the trees recommended by the Forestry Division?

FOR HER SAKE.

All day long, with sigh or song, Told I for her sake; She is where the roses throng— I where thunders break From the restless city's mart; But a rainbow's round my heart! For I sing: "The day will die— Toil will soon be past, And the stars in Love's own sky Lead me home at last! Home! beneath the tranquil skies, Where she waits with wistful eyes. "Home! where love is kindest—best, Where the laurels lie bright; Home! where sweetly on my breast Fall her curls of light! Home! from all the world beguiled By the kisses of a child!" —F. L. Stanton.

AUNT SUSAN'S QUILT.



"Jimmy's bride can't help being tickled with that," said Mrs. Dako, as she smoothed out a fold; "and if she knows anything about nice quilting, she'll see that she isn't tickled in a day. Well, I guess not! I quilted every last stitch of it myself, and there's a good half-day's work in some of them blocks with the feathers and herring-bone patterns and the shell border all 'round the edge. I had that quilt in the frames five weeks and three days, and I put all the time I could get on it, and there ain't no slack work, tired as I did get of seeing it 'round."

"There's 2147 pieces in the quilt, and a good many of 'em are pieces of Jimmy's baby dresses. That'll please his wife, I just know. Here's a block made of calico like a little pink dress he had when his ma first put him into short dresses. I remember it was made with a low neck and short sleeves, like they made baby dresses in them days, and his little shoulders and arms were almost as pink as the dress. "And here's pieces like a little double gown he had 'fore he went into short dresses. And this piece of blue chamois is like a little sunbonnet he had, all lined with fine white jaconet. And here is a piece of fine muslin with a little pink sprig in it like the first short dress Jimmy ever had. He did look so comin' in it, with the sleeves looped back, and a tumble-curl on the top of his head! "I'll show his wife-to-be all these pieces, and if she ain't tickled with the quilt, she'll be a queer one."

"Then Mrs. Drake went over to an old-fashioned mahogany bureau with brass knobs, and took from the upper drawer a large, square cream-tinted envelope, out of which she carefully drew the "invite" to Jimmy's wedding. "Mr. and Mrs. William H. Holbrook invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Helen and James Barclay Larkin, Wednesday evening, September 14th."

"Then followed the address of the bride's parents, in a city four hundred miles from Mrs. Dako's home. "But I'm goin'!" she said, gleefully, as she slipped the invitation back into its envelope. "I'd go if it was twice as far. I ain't seen Jimmy for near on to five years, and he always seemed like my own boy to me 'cause I never had none o' my own, and I helped to bring him up after his own ma died, when he wa'n't but just in his first little trousers. "I ain't been so far from home in many a long year, and I reckoned my travelin' days was done, but I've got to go and see Jimmy married. I must see Elvira Hodge right away about turning and making over my black silk, and I must see Samantha Rose about a new cap. I guess I'll have to have something smart for a city wedding, where they'll all be finished up so. I don't want Jimmy to be ashamed of his old aunt; but by law, ma! Jimmy wouldn't be ashamed of me if I went in my plain calico home dress. He wa'n't raised to see clothes above his relations, and he ain't got nothing to be ashamed of in any of his folks."

"Then Jimmy's aunt, her face aglow with loving thoughts of seeing Jimmy again, folded up the quilt carefully in an old sheet, and laid it away in a lower drawer of the bureau, saying: "I s'pose they'll have lots of nice presents, but I'll warrant you they won't have one that represents as much lovin' labor as that quilt. I had to cry a little when I quilted them blocks with the pieces of his baby dresses in 'em. His wife ought to think the world and all of the quilt. I hope to the land she won't go to using it common."

"If he just wanted to give his old aunt a big s'prise," she said to Elvira Hodge, the village seamstress, when she came to "fix over" Aunt Susan's black silk. "I couldn't believe my own eyes at first. It don't seem no longer than yesterday that Jimmy was runnin' 'round here in pinafores; and to think of him bein' married—I declare I can't git over it!"

"But I'll give him a s'prise, too. I don't intend to give him a hint that I'm comin' to his wedding, and if he won't be lookin' back when he sees me marchin' in on him, my name ain't Susan Elizabeth Dako! Don't you reckon his wife'll be tickled with that quilt, Elvira?"

"They'd ought to be, that's sure," said Elvira. "I think it's a kind of special Providence that I put in the frames when I did. I didn't cal'late on quiltin' it until next winter, but I had a kind of feelin' that I'd better do it when I did, and now it's turned out that there was a good reason why I should quilt them."

There was quite a company of Aunt Susan's friends at the little station to see her off on the morning she started. There was unusual color in her cheeks and unwonted sparkle in her eyes. She bade each of her friends goodbye two or three times, and promised to take good care of herself. Some of them she promised a crumb of Jimmy's wedding cake, and a full account of the wedding festivities.

"An' if you could git me a scrap of the bride's wedding dress an' of any of her other dresses for my silk quilt, Susan, I'd be so pleased with 'em!" said Mrs. Gray. "I will if I can, Nancy," said Aunt Susan. "There's the train comin'! I'm so glad I could get my trunk checked clean through! I'd be in a nice fix if that trunk should get lost with Jimmy's quilt and my black silk in it! Where's my lunch basket? Oh, you're goin' to carry it away on the train for me, are you, Hiram Drew? I'm bleeged to you, but mind you git off the train 'fore it starts. Good-bye, Nancy; good-bye all!"

In a moment the train was on its way, Aunt Susan's handkerchief fluttered from one of the car windows as long as the train was within sight of the little station. All the people in the car noticed the happy old lady in her queer, old-fashioned garb. Some had not seen for many years a shawl like the one she wore, with its fringe a foot long and silk embroidery in the corners; but nothing was coarse or antis in her dress, and there was a quietness and charm about her that attracted the sympathy of all the passengers.

She had not gone twenty-five miles before she was telling some of them nearest her all about Jimmy and Jimmy's quilt, and the wedding to take place on the coming Wednesday. She was delighted to find that a middle-aged, kindly-looking woman who was one of the passengers lived in the city in which young Mr. Larkin lived, and could easily show her his boarding house. "I'm so much obliged to you," said Aunt Susan. "I've been so dreadfully nervous 'bout trying to find the house myself, I hated to write to him to meet me 'cause it'd take off the best part of the s'prise. I just want to walk right in on him."

"That was just what she had the pleasure of doing the next afternoon. James Larkin was just taking his wedding suit from the box in which it had been sent home, when there came a knock at the door of his room. Aunt Susan was trembling with excitement when her nephew opened the door. "Why, Aunt Susan!" he cried, and then he took her in his arms and kissed on both cheeks. There was no lack of tenderness in her nephew's greeting, yet the changes in him were painful to her. He was a beardless, boyish-looking young man when she had seen him last. Now he was a tall, broad-shouldered, full-bearded man with a way that made it hard for her to call him "Jimmy." He did not say so, but she felt that he would rather have her call him "James," and that sounded so cold and formal to her. He now had the graces of a city-bred young man. She found it hard to accommodate herself to them, and to the usages of the fashionable boarding-house in which her prosperous young nephew lived. He might, perhaps, have wished that Elvira Hodge had made his aunt's garments more stylish, when he took her down to dinner, but he was in no sense ashamed of her. When they were going downstairs with her hand timidly resting on his arm, he made her very happy by looking down into her face and saying tenderly and heartily, "I am so glad you came, Aunt Susan."

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

The Perils of Versatility—A Case in Point—A Valuation—Not the Right Word, Etc., Etc. He sent a squib—he thought it was fine—to "Pan for Funny Folks," but they returned it with this lift: "We publish only jokes."

He sent a sonnet, which he thought quite full of master-strokes. To "Poetry." The next mail brought: "We never publish jokes." —Charles Battell Loomis.

Anglo—"Americans are noted for their record-breaking ships." Anglo—"Yes; particularly in their courtships."—Truth.

Wade—"Do you believe, with these scientific fellows, that disease can be communicated by handshaking?" Butcher—"I dunno. There's the grip."—Pack.

Clara—"Miss Darling thinks you are quite a clever fellow." "Dannie—"By Jove, I guess I'll call!" Clara—"No; you had better stay away."—Wrinkle.

Clara—"How is your daughter getting on with the piano, Nannan?" "First rate. She can play with both hands. Says she will be able to play with her ear in six months."—Household Words.

Visitor—"Why do you have 'Keep Off the Grass' signs all over this park? You don't seem to enforce the rule." Sparrow—"We do it so that people will more thoroughly enjoy being on the grass."—Truth.

Glady—"Mr. Pennybacker told me he took you to the church fair last night and spent a most enjoyable evening." Mabel (with a sigh)—"Yes; but that was about all."—Pack.

First Egg—"Think of going to the theatre?" Second Egg—"Probably, if I fell strong enough. I'm willing to go broke on a good, loud tragedian any time."—Cincinnati Inquirer.

Crummer—"Why don't they make the ladies take off their hats in the theatres?" Vokes—"Because they have no spare rooms about the theatre large enough to stow the simple headgear in."—Truth.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Dishes are washed by electricity. In the new edition of the British Pharmacopoeia, the metric system of weights and measures will be adopted. Crookes tubes, for use in taking X-ray photographs, have already appeared on the bargain counter of a Chicago department-store. They cost \$3.95 each.

Dr. W. H. Harker, Superintendent of the Delaware Insane Hospital, is going to try the effects of the X rays on the brains of a number of the insane people under his charge. The experiment of electrical traction in the Baltimore Tunnel has been tried about a year, with results so far to the advantage of the electric motors over those propelled by steam.

By a special permit, and in mailing packages approved by the Postoffice Department, bacteria or disease tissues may now be sent through the mails to United States or municipal laboratories. The entomological collection of M. Jules Fallon, which includes twenty-five thousand moths and butterflies, has been presented to the museum of the Jardin des Plantes, at Paris, by his grandsons.

Herr Wilkens, of Vienna, has found that two full-blooded English horses transmitted the color of their coats to their offspring in 586 cases out of 1000. Where the parents were of different colors, he found the hair of the foals, in most cases, took the color of that of the mother. A carboy of alcohol burst in the basement of a Chicago drug store, and taking fire, a tremendous blaze, which threatened a disastrous fire, followed. A clerk turned the valve of the soda water cylinder on the flames, and the carbonic acid extinguished the flames before the Fire Department could reach the spot.

M. Meulan has examined the relation between the penetrability of the rays from Crookes tubes of various substances and their chemical nature. He finds that carbon and its combinations with hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen are peculiarly transparent to the rays, while the presence of other elements, chlorine, sulphur, phosphorus and, above, all iodine with metals increases the opaqueness. Oil burners on a system invented by an engineer named Cunitbert have been put into all the new Italian war ships and have also been adopted by the German Government. The fuel used is not crude petroleum, but petroleum residuum, which is more economical and has the advantage of not producing smoke when burnt. The British Admiralty is about to experiment with liquid fuel on the new fast cruiser Gladiator.

What we call light is a wave motion in the ether, and is a transverse movement, too. Molecules have nothing to do with it except to produce it. The waves of ether which affect the eye range from about four hundred millions of millions per second to eight hundred millions of millions per second, the longest waves being what we call red waves, while the shortest is called violet, though it is well known that waves much shorter than those in the common spectrum can be seen by some eyes.

His Writing Reversed. Drs. Richards and Gordon, of Quincy, held a consultation Thursday evening at Postmaster Charles W. Wild, of Woburn, which has been puzzling the public during the past week. After a careful diagnosis of the case the physicians decided that he was suffering from congestion of the base of the brain and that the disease had been developing during quite a long period. One peculiarity of his mental condition has been a change in his method of writing. Instead of writing from left to right, as he has previously been accustomed to do, he has, during his sickness, when attempting to write, reversed the style and has written backward, or from right to left. Thursday he wrote his name in his ordinary manner, however, which was considered a striking sign of improvement in his condition by his physicians and friends.—Boston Herald.

The Evacuation of Fort Ontario. On July 15 next will occur the one hundredth anniversary of the British evacuation of Fort Ontario at Oswego, which was the last place over which the flag of Great Britain waved in the United States. When that day was hailed down the American flag took its place, and ever since has waved there. A public meeting of citizens of Oswego, called by the Mayor, has been held, at which it was determined to celebrate this centennial, with a civil day, a military day, and a society day, with a sham battle and re-creation of the fort's capture in 1812. The Knights of Pythias are organizing for society day. It is proposed to reorganize the old fort, and to attempt to interest the Federal and State authorities in the celebration of the centennial, which has a National significance.—Syracuse Journal.

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White flags of parity, the pale snowdrop raise And every herald note of spring is faint To sound a tender truce to thy diadad. Oh, then no more in loneliness of days Delay the dus alliance that love prays, But let us, yielding to his glowing eyes, Our sweet surrender make of our two lives.

We'll seal our treaty by the blossoming May And in the woodland blind let's sit on sands Of summer; and beside the quiet hearth Foster the cheerful glow when autumn falls. Then may the old leaves tremble down to earth Content upon her kindly breast to lie; Upon her breast, who gave them life, to die. —Fall Mail Gazette.

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