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Glasgow, Manchester and Birmingham are still the foremost industrial centers of Europe.

Out of the 400 young men graduated from Harvard College this year not a single one intends to take up the study of theology.

Governor Black, of New York, said in Syracuse at a recent meeting of the representatives of institutions embraced in the University of the State of New York that if educators should enter politics there would be no harm to them, but politics would be much more clean and pure.

A genuine hearty laugh is an aid to digestion, a stimulus to the circulation of the blood and a positive beautifier. The whole system is benefited by a cheerful, merry laugh, and one's friends are attracted by the bright, wholesome nature that ripples out in sunny music like a happy woodland stream.

Says the Philadelphia Call: These evidences of wealth, particularly the irresistible fascination of gold, have started a tide of emigration to Alaska that will cover her barren wastes with the evidences of civilization.

The Florida Citizen says: A pretty girl of sweet sixteen in Pennsylvania reached for a flower and a snake on the bough bit her arm. She faints and a young man found her, threw water in her face and was hysterically told she had been bitten by a rattlesnake.

Statistics of the foreign trade of Germany have just been published showing that its exports and imports have both increased year by year, the latter having more than doubled in a decade, while the former have gone ahead steadily, though in a less degree.

There are in this country, states the Newcastle (England) Chronicle, 180,000 families dependent on the bicycle trade; and the trade is sure to increase, as people will come to look upon a bicycle as they now do a suit of clothes, not as if it were an obelisk designed to last forever.

The failure of Decker, Howell & Co., prominent brokers of Wall street, New York City, occasioned by the rise in sugar, recalls the fact that this firm failed in the "Baring panic" of November 11th, 1890, with liabilities of \$12,000,000.

THE DAYS OF LONG AGO.

In pensive mood I often sit through evening hours aglow And think of the happy days that passed in years ago...

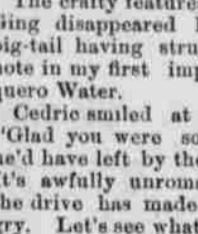
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By EDITH ALLANDALE.



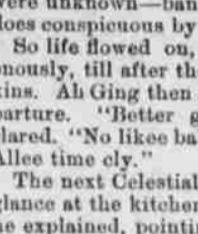
AL GING'S welcome when I came, a bride, to the ranch was not the warmest.

Cedric, but you carry it to an extreme. Cedric yielded, still holding to his own opinion. "Keep her! Keep her!" he cried.



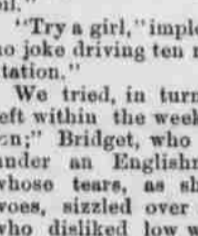
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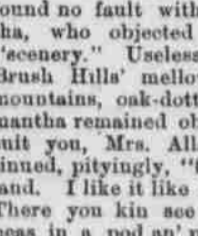
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"She has a sister who lives in France and is possessed of independent means."



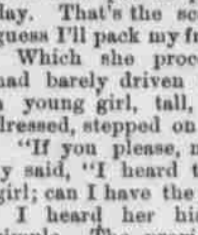
"Why lady? What title has he?" "None, I particularly asked Anne."

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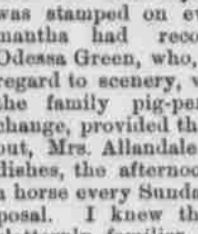
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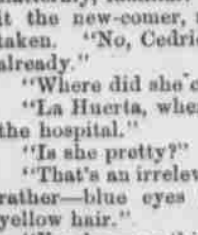
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"Why, she met the man only last night." "Something will come of it, trust a woman's intuition."

Jamaica is pointed out as the land of ferns, its species numbering between 400 and 500.

Pictet's discovery that liquors may be artificially aged by cold is about to be applied commercially in a proposed frigorific laboratory in Paris.

St. Etienne, near Lyons, France, has apparently solved the problem of distributing electrical energy cheaply in private houses over a wide district.

J. L. Hebrahn, the German archeologist, has just completed an exploration tour through the State of Chiapas, Mexico, where he reports having found another ancient buried city in the depths of a tropical forest.

The duck model of Australia, which Sidney Smith declared made Sir Joseph Banks miserable from his utter inability to decide whether it was a bird or beast, is a mammal with webbed feet and a duck's bill, and is remarkable for laying eggs like a bird or reptile.

Artists are proverbially lacking in what people of coarser clay call horse sense. Seldom does it occur to these highly gifted persons to guard the scaffold on which they stand with a hand rail.

Since 1797 there have been 1100 theatre fires with 10,000 fatalities, according to Mr. Sach's "Fires and Public Entertainments," just published.

When the Venezuelan cowboy wishes to catch a bull or cow for branding, on for any purpose, he rides alongside it and, with horse and bovine on the dead-run, stoops from his saddle, grasps the creature's tail, and, with a sharp, peculiar twist sends the animal rolling on his back.

"Papa, what is deduction?" "It's that form of mathematics, my boy, which takes nothing from nothing and obtains a stupendous result."

Corneille— "College men seem very much inclined to take life easy."

Not a Sensitive Plant. "What is a hardy rose bush?" "It is one that doesn't mind your wife pulling it up by the roots every few days to see if it has begun to grow yet."

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THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

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

Ancient Habits—Good Riddance—From From—Deeded—A Distinction—At the Dog Show—Not a Sensitive Plant—Academic Lecture—A second Edition.

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WATCHWORDS OF LIFE.

While there's a hand to strike; Dare, While there's a young heart brave; While there's a task unworking; Trust, While there's a God to save.

So your son has completed his education? "Great Scott! No! Why, he's just out of college!" Detroit News.

"Do you think capital punishment a remedy for crime?" "Well, it might be if persisted in for several generations." Judge.

"What is a hardy rose bush?" "It is one that doesn't mind your wife pulling it up by the roots every few days to see if it has begun to grow yet." Tid-Bits.

"How would you punctuate the following: 'Bank of England notes of various values were blown along the street by the wind?'" He—"I think I would make a dash after the notes." Household Words.

"Bogorra, Hogan wanted to whip me last night." McLubberty—"Av he hadn't wanted to he wudn't hev done it, wud he?" Puck.

"Why does Mr. Birmingham hold his head so high and assume such a haughty bearing?" "His thermometer registered three degrees higher yesterday than any others." Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

"To save me, I can't tell which fuses girl I want to marry." "What is the trouble?" "One makes such delicious strawberry shortcake, but the other one looks so lovely on her wheel." Detroit Free Press.

He had married a young widow and was in the first flush of his happiness. "Darling," he murmured, "will you ever forget your honeymoon?" "Which?" she queried, absent-mindedly. Pick-Me-Up.