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If all the railroads were placed end to end and side by side there would be seventeen tracks all the way round the world...

A Fayette County (Pennsylvania) board has adopted this resolution: "Teachers must not make love while employed by the board or during school hours..."

That there may justly be hope, even when all seems hopeless, in the case of a person overcome in the water, received a fresh illustration a few days ago up in Ashland, Wis.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat exclaims: What a system of fireproof building is worth to a city is shown by the fact that the Fire Department of Paris costs \$514,600 a year...

The American Federation of Labor and the Laboring Men's Protective Association in the city of New Orleans are disturbed at the rapid immigration of Italians...

Emperor William's effusive speeches in Russia contained one passage which has set everybody wondering what he could have meant...

In speaking of the unimportant place which women have occupied in the world of affairs in years past and gone, a well-informed and observant woman was recently heard to remark...

Dr. David Starr Jordan, chief of the American Commission to investigate the seal fisheries of Bering Sea, has just returned from those waters...

THE OLD SPINET. She would play the minstrel For the stately-stepping set...

well's house. The executor had thought it best, as there were a number of heirs and several legatees...

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. Plants grow more between 4 and 6 a. m. than at any other time of day.

AROUND THE BEND. There comes a time just once a week when nothing makes sense...

TALE OF AN HEIRLOOM.

By REBECCA BARRETT.

THERE'S one matter that I want to speak about in time, and that is when we come to divide Aunt Desire's things...

There came from Uncle Abner's home and I'd prize it above everything else. The funeral procession had gone some distance bearing the remains of Mrs. Desire Boutwell...

Now, it did not matter to the Coles family that this son had amounted to little—that he had always been content to live upon the money his wife had inherited...

"The tester bedstead! Why, I always supposed I was to have that. I was with Uncle Abner more than any of the other pieces, and I'm sure it would be his wish..."

At this August Ganson straightened herself up. She had a pale, ashen complexion, but it turned crimson when her cousin made this announcement.

His Love Grew Cold—Fit For Fat—A Very Cross Examination—Well Inquired—The Time Was 12.15—Quick Learners—Getting Around Confession...

Returned Traveler (in the amateur play)—"It seems as if it were only yesterday when last I gazed upon these old familiar scenes."

Quick Learners. Mr. Hiland—"I see that many Klondike miners have got enough and are returning."

A Dogged Confession. "I'm surprised to find that you keep a dog, Tomkins! Why, you can barely keep your wife! What on earth do you feed him on?"

Young Congressman—"Well, my dear, what do you think? I had the honor of being interviewed this morning on the leading topics of the day."

His Advantage. "I never like to quarrel with my husband."

Getting Around Confession. Counsel—"What is your age, madam?"

Quakers in France. They were speaking of a recent slight earthquake in the south of France.

Young Congressman—"I really can't tell until I see the morning paper."

Quick Conversation. Small Boy—"What'll I do with this money bank?"

When you pinch your finger you think you feel pain the very same instant, but really the hurt and the pain are not quite simultaneous...

It has been known for some time that red hot iron is pervious to carbon dioxide. M. Grehan has found by experiment that the carbon dioxide does not only freely pass through the iron...

The story of an unhappy bridegroom, whose hair grew gray in a single morning, and that the morning of his marriage, is reported from Zigrad, in Hungary.

The noise grew louder behind him, and Papa ran; louder still, and Papa raced. It was a via dolorosa with the small point of daylight far amid the darkness...

At Ballarat, Australia, a ruined gold miner once committed suicide in a dramatic manner. During the time of the gold rush a certain deserted claim was for years held sacred...

"Time flies, you know." "Not always. It is now possible to make a century run."—Indianapolis Journal.

"I never did see any head for mathematics." "Um! I have always understood that at home you did not even count."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I hope, Ophelia, that you are not so foolish as to call yourself a 'wash lady.'" "Deed I don't, Miss May. I call myself a laundrymaid."—Indianapolis Journal.

"There is one queer thing noticeable at all picnic parties," said the man who makes the most fuss about carrying the basket always eats more than anybody else."—Chicago Record.

A recent writer has drawn attention to the large amount of capital and skill belonging to the English and American people which has been invested in railroads...