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One Square, one inch, one month... \$3.00
One Square, one inch, one year... \$12.00

Dewey leads, so far, in the number of postoffice named after him. He has eighteen, while Schley and Sampson have five and three respectively.

France reports that her export trade declined about \$30,000,000 in 1898. The trouble with the French is that they have been paying too much attention to military scandals and too little to business.

The killing and eating of four commercial agents in Upper Ubangi, West Africa, shows that dead white man continues to be a favorite article of food in the tropics. But there is nothing of this menu seen in the zones.

The latest labor-saving device is a "buttonhole moistener," which does these things: "It opens the buttonhole, perfumes the collars and cuffs, removes the starch from the edge of the buttonhole and permits buttoning with ease; saves wear and tear of buttonholes, breakage of buttons and the destruction of your finger nails."

The crowning triumph of the war with Spain—that is, so far as the medical department is concerned—has been the successful solution of the long-considered problem as to the best means of transporting the sick and wounded.

What a mere dot in time seems 150 years when placed in the history of the world! What a moment in the existence of the present States of Europe! And yet, 179 years ago there was not a single white man in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

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Three days, and earn the book that told all about his greatest hero! "I don't intend to delve, grub, shuck corn, split rails and the like always," he told Mrs. Crawford, after he had read the volume. "I'm going to fit myself for a profession."

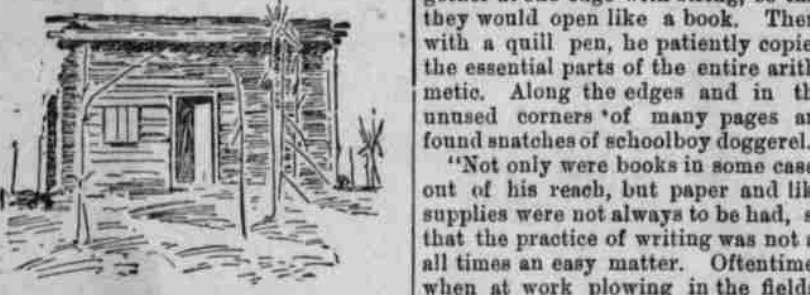


ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

(1809-February 12-1869.) When o'er the land, from strand to strand, the drum beat near and far, When from the shop, the field, the crop, men crowded to the war, When in the South, from the cannon's mouth, shell rained on Sumter's wall, The summons then for loyal men went forth—the battle call.

REMINISCENCES OF THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR.

The following article, giving some anecdotes of the early life of Abraham Lincoln, is taken from Success: "I meant to take good care of your book, Mr. Crawford, I did, indeed," said the boy, in great trepidation; "but I've damaged it a good deal without intending to, and now I want to make it right with you if I can. What shall I do to make good the damage?"



PRESENT CONDITION OF LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE, NEAR HODGENSVILLE, KENTUCKY.

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from the Executive Mansion to the War Office. The old man was in pain, and the pale, sunken cheeks and vague far-away stare in his eyes betokened a short-lived existence.

The gentleman turned, and, smiling kindly, invited the poor old veteran to a seat under a shady tree. There he listened to the man's story of how he had fought for the Union, and was severely wounded, incapacitating him for other work in life, and begged directions how to apply for back pay due him and a pension, offering his papers for examination.

The gentleman looked over the papers, and then took out a card and wrote directions on it, also a few words to the Pension Bureau, desiring that speedy attention be given to the applicant, and handed it to him.

In 1862, James Parton, the celebrated biographical writer, made the following prediction in regard to Abraham Lincoln:

History will say of Mr. Lincoln that no man of a more genial temperament, a more kindly nature ever tenanted the White House; that he gave all his time, his thoughts, his energies to the discharge of duties of unprecedented magnitude and urgency; that, hating no man, he steadfastly endeavored to win the confidence and love of all the loyal and patriotic, and that, in spite of four chequered years of such responsibility and anxiety as has seldom fallen to the lot of man, he bore away from the Capitol the sunny temper and blithe frankness of his boyhood, returning to mingle with his old neighbors as one with them in heart and manner, in retirement as in power a happy specimen of the man whom Liberty and democracy train in the log cabin and by the rudest hearth to guide the



YOUNG ABE LINCOLN IN TRAINING FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

"Oh! I'll study and get ready, and then maybe the chance will come." a neighbor—presumably Josiah Crawford. "In order to possess the essential parts of the book, he resolved to copy them. Having procured certain sheets of unruled paper, nine inches wide and fourteen long, he sewed them together at one edge with string, so that they would open like a book. Then, with a quill pen, he patiently copied the essential parts of the entire arithmetic. Along the edges and in the unused corners of many pages are found snatches of schoolboy doggerel."

Dear Stanton: Appoint this man chaplain in the army. A. LINCOLN. Dear Mr. Lincoln, He is not a preacher. E. M. STANTON. The following indorsements are dated a few months later, but come just below: Dear Stanton: He is now. A. LINCOLN. Dear Mr. Lincoln: But there is no vacancy. E. M. STANTON. Dear Mr. Stanton: Appoint him chaplain-at-large. A. LINCOLN. Dear Mr. Lincoln: There is no warrant of law for that. E. M. STANTON. Dear Mr. Stanton: Appoint him anyhow. A. LINCOLN. Dear Mr. Lincoln: I will not. E. M. STANTON.

The appointment was not made, but the papers were filed in the War Department, where they remain as evidence of Lincoln's friendship and Stanton's obstinate nerve. Lincoln's Last Pardon. The last official act performed by Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States was the signing of the pardon of George S. E. Vanghan, under sentence of death, charged with being a Confederate spy. Mr. Vanghan, now an old and broken man, lives in Maryville, Mo. The story of his arrest, sentence to death and final pardon an hour before Lincoln was shot by J. Wilkes Booth is one of the most interesting of the unpublished chapters of the Civil War.

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

The solutions to these puzzles will appear in a succeeding issue.

45.—A Queer Problem. A carpenter made a door. He made it too big. He cut it and cut it too little; he cut it again, and made it just right. How can this be?

46.—Six Beholdments. 1. Behold a kind of fruit and have a kind of fish. 2. To come into a collision with, and have the stroke of a whip. 3. A noose, and to change. 4. Timber, and have a brown pigment. 5. A hard wood, and have pertaining to bones. 6. A plant, and have a dart.

47.—A Novel Acrostic. All the words described contain the same number of letters; when correctly guessed and written out below the other, one of the rows of letters will spell the name of a celebrated astronomer.

48.—A Diamond. 1. A vowel in Profectum. 2. What every boy expects to be. 3. Part of a roof. 4. A snare. 5. A consonant in Semper.

SOLUTIONS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES. 41.—Six Pied Flowers—Anemone, labrum, aster, violet, tuberos, snuflower.

42.—A Diamond— V R I D V I X E N D E N

43.—A Riddle—1. Pea, are, oh, Dee, eye, gee, why—prodigy. 2. Skate. 44.—A Square— S I R E I R O N R O O D E N D S

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The need of nitrogenous manure for wheat-growing land has now resulted in a demand for 1,250,000 tons of nitrate of soda each year.

By means of electricity it is now possible to produce ozone in considerable quantities, and its utilization in the arts is constantly increasing.

The Pintsch system of gas lighting is now used on 85,600 cars and locomotives in the world, its use on locomotives, however, being almost entirely confined to 2955 such machines in Germany.

The comparative infant mortality between a rich and a poor district in the French city of Lille has been ascertained to be as one to seven. Most of the poor infants die of gastro-enteritis, a preventable disease due to injurious diet, especially bad milk.

The annual amount of vaccination default in England is now believed to reach 300,000 in 920,000 births. In other words, of 100 children born, and surviving at the end of the year, less than seventy have been vaccinated. In Scotland the default is less than three per cent.

The curious fact that corn, potatoes and other plants thrive better when placed in rows running north and south has been proved by Dr. Wollny, of Munich. This reduces the shading by each other to a minimum, more uniform and regular light, heat and moisture resulting.

Some manufacturers have begun to make ornamental bulbs for incandescent lamps, resorting for this purpose to various attractive patterns brought to pass by means of the sand blast, or rendering the lower part of the bulb white by the same method, in this way reducing the glare of the light thrown downward.

Phosphorus is now produced by means of the electrical furnace. The method consists in heating a mixture of phosphate of lime and coke, which are first reduced to a powder. When the mass becomes pasty, the openings of the furnace are sealed, except one, through which the vapor passes. The vapor is collected and distilled.

Wanted \$1000 For Saving Life. David Higley, a wealthy man, of Marion County, Ind., is defendant in a most peculiar suit. Last spring Higley, with his wife, was driving across a bridge that spans Pipe Creek. A storm was raging at the time, and a flash of lightning frightened his horse, which jumped off the bridge into the swollen stream, dragging Higley and his wife into the torrent.

Higley swam out and ran down the bank, where he found his wife lodged in the limb of an overhanging tree. From a house near by he secured the assistance of two men, who rescued his wife. The men claim that Higley offered them \$1000 if they would rescue his wife, and that he has never paid them. They now bring suit to recover that amount.—New York Times.

Could Have Gone Along. While some companies of the Tenth New York Regiment were returning to their armory in Albany a man on the curbstone said: "Why, they're all right! Look at them! They've been on a grand excursion to Honolulu." A private in the ranks heard the remark and turned to the young man and said: "Say, young fellow, the tickets to that excursion were free; why didn't you get in on it?"

WOMEN AS CRIMINALS.

They Will Tell About a Crime Quicker Than a Man Will. (Views of a Veteran San Francisco Detective.)

Women as criminals are very smart, but they cannot keep crime hidden so well as a man. A woman is more desperate in love affairs than in anything else. Men get desperate about money matters.

If a woman of the criminal type loves a man she will, as a rule, do almost anything to win him. It is difficult to convict women of murder; the jurors are men, and they sympathize. Men don't want to have women hanged, but a jury of women might go to the other extreme.

Women don't like women as well as men like men. A woman has no sympathy for another woman who has done wrong, but often a man has sympathy for a wrongdoing fellow and will help him out. If a man doesn't like a man he wants to have the other know it. It is just the reverse between two women.

A half-way decent woman will do anything to hide a criminal who is her sweetheart. Get a woman in a tight place and she will tell about a crime quicker than a man would. Men kill themselves when they are broke; women don't. The women can stand it better and are more used to it. Most of the suicides of women are on account of desertion.

A Chinaman's Idea of Life Insurance.

A New Orleans lawyer told the Times-Democrat this yarn: "I had a Chinese client who went home on a visit, leaving his laundry in charge of his brother. When he returned he was promptly ordered off the premises. His brother had coolly appropriated the business, and swore he would kill him unless he made himself scarce. The dispossessed gentleman called on me next day, and, after hearing his story, I advised him to get out a warrant immediately, but he shook his head at the suggestion, and said in pigeon English that he wanted to have his life insured for \$10,000. I was astonished. 'What on earth put that into your head?' I asked. 'So they make 'alle time some watch,' he replied. After a great deal of cross-questioning I got at his scheme. He had in some manner conceived the idea that insurance companies did everything possible to prolong the lives of their policy holders, and it followed quite naturally that if they had \$10,000 at stake they would take particular pains to see that he wasn't hurried into the hereafter by his wicked brother. In other words, they would 'make some watch,' and being a very frugal gentleman, it struck him as a cheap way of securing a bodyguard. He was greatly disappointed when I explained that the companies let their clients take their own chances, and it evidently impressed him as most unbusinesslike. He went away, and at last accounts the wicked brother was still holding the fort."

Snapshots at Egypt.

No region in the world presents a clearer and more distinct individual character than Egypt. Each village is a special world, each valley a universe that has developed its own life; and man has felt the special local impressions; and even in modern times, while all the Egyptian villages present a similar aspect, and, although the fellah appears to be the same sort of a man everywhere, each locality has its special individual characteristics. One who knows how to observe men and things critically will find considerable differences. These dissimilarities are as old as Egypt itself. They have always existed, and are as much more intense as the communications between district and district were formerly more difficult. They are due to physical conditions special to each village, to the prevailing winds, the form and character of the mountains, the extent of cultivable lands and the supply of water.

A study of the detail of the country is a very important preliminary to the examination of Egyptian history. Every village and every home had formerly its special divinity and its particular usages. Are we sure that the gods and customs were not imposed by local conditions? At Ombos two hostile gods were adored in the same temple. May we not see in this fact a recollection of the hostility which has always prevailed between the inhabitants of the two banks of the river, and still continues?—Popular Science Monthly.

Queer Friends.

Adolph Schmitt, a farmer at Beechwoods, Sullivan County, N. Y., on going to his hogan one cold morning recently was surprised to find a large rat perched on the back of one of his hogs. The rat made no movement when Mr. Schmitt appeared, and the hog being apparently satisfied, Mr. Schmitt did not interfere. The rat spends most of its time on the hog's back and a strange friendship has grown up between the two animals. The hog is restless when the rat is not on it. Several times it has angrily defended its friend when other hogs have snapped at it. The rat in return for the hog's protection scratches its friend's bristly back and nibbles lovingly at its ears. These attentions seem to afford the hog boundless pleasure, for the more active the rat the more hearty are its grunts of satisfaction.—New York Press.

Away With Chairs!

Sir James Crichton Browne is of the opinion that people ought to sit on the floor instead of on chairs, since sitting on the ground was once general with the entire human race, and is "both healthy and natural."—London World.

TWO VIEWS OF AGUINALDO.

(From a Manila Paper.) The following couplet of verses were taken from the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and shows the mistaken idea people at home have of Aguinaldo and his followers. We take the liberty of appending a concoction of our own, with apologies to the above estimable paper.

As it was written:

AGUINALDO. We rather like your style, Aguinaldo, You are at it all the while, Aguinaldo, You step right out and fight, And you hit with all your might, And you make the Dons a sight, Aguinaldo, And when all's said and done, Aguinaldo, We'll remember you, my son, Aguinaldo, You're the friend of Uncle Sam, And you'll find he's not a clam, When he hands around the jam, Aguinaldo.

As it should have been written:

We do not like your style, Aguinaldo, The Yanks are bound to rile, Aguinaldo, They'll make you look a sight, If you provoke a fight, You'll be knocked clean out of sight, Aguinaldo, And it's time for you to run, Aguinaldo, When Uncle "gets his gun," He will tell about a crime quicker than a man would, "he'll lay you out in state," If you do not "pull your freight," Aguinaldo.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"And what would you be now if it weren't for my money?" "A bachelor."—Puck. She—"I understand you proposed to Emily while out for a stroll last night?" He—"Yes; I won in a walk."—Yonkers Statesman. "Cook," said the suburbanite, "may be divided into two classes—those who resent criticism and those who ignore it."—Puck. "He has proposed to her a dozen times." "Has his persistency been rewarded?" "Oh, yes. She refuses him regularly."—Truth. Miss Quipp—"The idea of anything of coral for an engagement memento!" Mr. Quirk—"Why, isn't it a cause of many wrecks?"—Jewelers Weekly. Which was the handsomest on the grounds? Was really hard to say. But the hog that scored 1000 pounds. Had the most winning weight. —Chicago Tribune.

"I never give a book to a girl without reading it first." "Why not?" "If there was a proposal in it she might take it as personal."—Chicago Record. First Snake—"Won't you drop in at our cave this evening? There is to be a snake-charmer present." Second Snake—"I shall be charmed, I assure you."—Puck. The Young Partridge—"Aren't you afraid of the man behind the gun?" The Elder Partridge—"Not when he is rigged up in one of those fancy hunting suits." "How did you get such a pleasant expression on that ugly Miss Pansie's portrait?" "I got her to telling me about men she might have married."—Brooklyn Life. Papa—"Such a wedding as you want, my dear, will cost \$2000." "Then what is to be done, papa?" "You will have to be married without my consent."—Life. "So you've lost all your marbles, eh? Well, it serves you right. Boys always lose who play on Sundays." "But how about the other fellow, who won all my marbles?" Willie—"Say, pa, what does the paper mean by referring to Mr. Softleigh as an ornament to society." "Pa—"It probably means that his usefulness on earth is not apparent."—Chicago News. "Mudge is doing well. He came in and asked me for change for a twenty-dollar bill half an hour ago." "H'm. A little longer ago than that he came into my place and got small bills changed into a twenty."—Indianapolis Journal. Mrs. Younglove—"These women write about 'How Husbands Should Be Managed'—Do you suppose they manage their husbands any better than we do?" Mrs. Elders—"Do I. Why, pshaw! child, don't you know they haven't any husbands?"—Detroit Free Press.

Preferred a Solo.

A gushing, sentimental girl and her matter-of-fact aunt sat on a green hillside, the aunt endeavoring to enjoy nature, while her niece discoursed of things far and near without a noticeable pause of breath. At last she spoke of the beauties of the landscape, at great length. "I love to listen to the music of that brook as it bubbles on and on," she said, unwisely. "Yes," said the aunt, seizing her first opportunity, "the babbling of a brook is a pleasant sound, my dear, I think I prefer it as a solo, however, rather than with another part. I don't care so much for a babbling duet."

Then for a few delightful moments there was silence on the green hillside.—Youth's Companion.

Increasing the Size of Fruit.

A French agricultural journal gives the method by which a vine grower, of Touraine, is said to produce magnificent grapes. He dissolves two kilograms of sulphate of iron in 100 litres of water, and sprinkles it on the leaves and bunches of the vines. The first application is made when the grapes are about one-third of their full size; the second, about a month later, and the third, about twenty days before they are cut. It is claimed that corresponding results are obtained with pears, apples and cherries. The method is inexpensive, and the journal quoted recommends a trial, though it does not guarantee the success of the treatment in all cases.—London Times.