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The regularity with which the late Mr. Keely kept his victims signing checks was perhaps the nearest approach to perpetual motion on record.

And now Germany has decided to increase her artillery. That disarmament proposal is looking bluer and bluer. In fact, all the Powers are going ahead as if it had never been put forward.

American exports of every kind are increasing steadily, agricultural as well as manufactured. And there is no immediate likelihood of radical change in this respect.

It has long been remarked by certain physicians that the origin of cancer should be sought for in some widely spread condition effecting various animal and vegetable organisms.

Women show genius of a high order whenever they attempt to explain the causes of the ills which afflict most of mankind.

The girl's face fell. It was a dollar more than she could pay. "I am afraid it is more than mamma can afford this year," she said regretfully.

The oyster has just been the subject of an elaborate communication to the British Royal Society by Professor Herdman and Mr. R. Boyce.

half. Miss Prim had another good deal like it, only lots finer and more trimming, for three and a half that had been four dollars.

An Easter Incident.



BY ALBERT BIGELOW PAINE.

I AM going to give you the money, Nell, and let you buy it yourself," said Mrs. Thorne rather wearily.

Nellie had been hastily putting on her things as her mother talked, and was out the door almost before she had finished.

dar at the cheapness of the hat and speak of it in a way that would make her silence equal to a falsehood.

When she was dressed in her pretty new gown and ready to go to church next morning she certainly looked very sweet, though she was so pale that her mother said, "I'm afraid you are not well, Nellie."

And Nellie told her everything, dreams and all. "And then the sermon was about the Resurrection," she concluded, tearfully.

just as Miss Prim had said. She had not thought of this before, and it was of no use to think of it now, for though she had never been told not to spend the dollar, it was only because her mother believed she would never even dream of doing so.

But Nellie did dream of it, over and over, and each time she woke with a start and lay awake a long time.

When Nellie started with her purchase there was a feeling of triumph in possessing it that wore off as she walked along.

Christ is risen! Hear the song, Filling all the isles of air, Where the stars of glory throng.

When you see the streets alive with women radiant and fair, And eyes of every fashion, hue and ray.

When you tuck the blessed little 'uns in bed so snug and tight, And "Now I lay me down to sleep," they say.

Easter in Olden Time. Easter was at one time celebrated by feasts and games held in the churches.

said she would exchange the hat too. At first Mrs. Thorne thought it best not to do this, but after reflecting a few moments, decided that it would be too severe on Nellie to make her wear so long the hat she now hated.

As long as the high festival of Easter has been celebrated the custom has prevailed of removing all signs of mourning from the church, relighting the candles and unveiling the statues and crosses.

In the early days of this country flowers were seldom seen as decorations, and it is only within the last quarter of a century that they have been used with reckless extravagance.

Christ is risen! Evil powers flee like miste the morning sun, Truth descends in healing showers, God and Goodness shine as one!

When you notice during service, when the Lenten prayers are read, And every pretty woman kneels to pray,

The Mohammedan Easter. Bairam is the name of the Mohammedan Easter. It follows Ramadan, which corresponds to Lent, and lasts three days.

An Easter Superstition. It is curious, in view of the modern view of Easter and the "Easter parade," to find the superstition still extant in East Yorkshire, England.

MICKEY FINN'S EASTER EGG.

The Surprise Which the Lad's Mother Unwittingly Provided.



ASTER was speeding away and Mrs. O'Brien had run in to borrow a drawing of tea and to ask for the loan of a sand-rin.

"Will you stop goin' malvatherin' and tell me what it's all about?" said Mrs. O'Brien impatiently.

"So Mickey took the egg in his hand and gave it a slap with the spoon, and out came the head of a chicken that let a yelp out of him that 'nd waked the dead."

What Happened to Their Decorated Eggs. The Journal of Geology is authority for the statement that a new mineral has recently been discovered which as a fuel is far superior to coal.



The White House Lawn. Easter morning in Washington sees all the children marching to the White House. It looks as if a Kate Greenway and Little Lord Fauntleroy army was invading the home of the President.

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

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

1. Behold a single thread, and have a tune. 2. A portion, and have a small animal. 3. Put down and have to help.

71.-A Charade. My first is something that travelers need; My second is something for which men bleed;

72.-A Square. 1. To send away. 2. To conceal. 3. A thought. 4. A fruit.

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES. 65.-An Acrostic-Lad, and, fad, are, you, Eve, tap, top, ear-Lafay etc.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. Professor Zieckler recently found that a ray of ultra violet light transmitted as many as 200 metres (over 200 yards) will work a telegraph instrument.

An inventor in Newark, N. J., has found a practical way to embody alcohol in solid form. He boils the alcohol and adds to it a portion of a waxy substance that keeps secret, and the result is a paste in which the alcohol is suspended.

The borings which have been carried on for some time at the coral reef, or atoll, of Funafuti, have now been discontinued, a depth of 1114 feet having been reached.

Bogus Copper Coins. The ingenuity of the counterfeiters now appears to be chiefly devoted to the turning out of bogus copper and nickel coins, rather than those of large denominations.

The "Queen's Bounty." "Queen's bounty" costs Victoria an average \$1500 a year. The Queen, when she sent three sovereigns to a mother who had given birth to three children forty years ago, probably did not foresee to what vital dimensions the "bounty" would grow.

NOT FOR COOKING'S SAKE.

Our Mattie is a lady, But she never learned to bake; She never cared for cooking Just alone for cooking's sake.

Of course I am not hitting, Just to try your tempting cake; But I like the home-made cooking Cooked especially for my sake.

Our Mattie is a lady, But she weeps sometimes alone, And grieves that little wrinkles From her eyes have outward grown;

We pity the man with a mother-in-law, That he needs it may be true; But it might be well to think of his wife, For she may have one too.

"I didn't see the widow at the funeral." "No; her gown fitted so badly that she couldn't restrain her grief enough to be present."

"Then you regard marriage as a civil contract?" asked the Sweet Young Thing. "No," answered the Savage Bachelor, "it's rather a contraction of civility."-Indianapolis Journal.

His Attorney-"You'd better plead guilty. Your punishment would be merely a nominal fine." Prisoner-"That's all right; I'd rather run the risk of going to jail than to stand up before everybody and acknowledge I stole a bicycle the make of 1894."

Giants in Those Days. During the investigation the other day of the mounds in Pokago Township, Cass County, Mich., the bones of perhaps 100 persons were found in the center of one mound and under these, separated from his companions, were the bones of a man who in life must have been fully nine feet tall, occupying a sitting position, with his feet under him.

An Invention For Railroads. Railroad car journals are cooled while the train is in motion by the use of an Illinois man's invention, arrangement being made to suspend a water vessel over the bearing, with a tube leading into the latter, to discharge the liquid and reduce the heat.