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Mrs. M. GROVE, Plum, Penn'a.

DRESDEN POLICE.

They Are Permitted to Impose Small Fines on Offenders.

One advantage accrues to the respectable member of the community from the minuteness with which the Dresden police look into the affairs of every inhabitant of the city. If he is a careful man and always carries papers which may serve to establish his identity he is practically immune from the indignity of being arrested and marched off to the police station unless, indeed, he commits some especially heinous crime. Does he drive faster than the law permits, does he cross a bridge on the left hand side, he is stopped by the guardian of law and order and requested to give his name. If he has his papers with him the policeman may then and there impose a fine of from 1 to 3 marks. If then he admits that he is in the wrong and pays the fine the incident is closed. If, however, he wishes to appeal from the policeman's decision he may do so. Even in that case he is not arrested, but a day or two later he is notified to appear in court and answer to the charge against him. But then if he is found guilty the lowest fine that can be imposed is 3 marks. That this custom of permitting the policeman personally to impose small fines is little understood by foreigners is shown by a remark made to me by a gentleman who had lived in Germany the greater part of his life and in Dresden for a number of years. In reply to my inquiry as to whether there was ever any question of compensation in the police department he replied: "No; none whatever as far as the higher officers are concerned. The individual men, however, may be bribed occasionally. For instance, if I were to walk on the grass in the Grosseer garden and a policeman caught me at it I would give him a mark or two, and that would end the matter." Philadelphia Ledger.

their offspring are preyed upon by foes on every side. But it takes a sly monkey or snake to get ahead of the tailor bird, a small East Indian singing bird. She hides her nest so skillfully that her enemies cannot find it, no matter how hard they try. This she does by using her long, slender bill as a needle. With the tough fiber of a parasite plant abundant in the tropics as a thread she sews a dead leaf taken from the ground to a living one near the end of a slender and hanging branch, and between these leaves she builds her nest, where neither monkey nor snake can approach, because the branch will not bear their weight.

Growth of the Human Heart.
A scientific analysis of the growth of the human heart demonstrates the fact that the increase is greatest and most rapid during the first and second years of life, its bulk at the end of the second year being exactly double what it originally was. Between the second and seventh years it is again doubled in size. A slower rate of growth then sets in and continues during the period of maturity of other portions of the body. After the fifteenth year up to the fiftieth the annual growth of the heart is about .061 of a cubic inch, the increase ceasing about the fiftieth year.

The Deluge.
In answer to a correspondent a newspaper says: "The deluge mentioned in the Bible was threatened in the year 1756 B. C. and began on Dec. 7, 1656 B. C., and continued 377 days. The ark rested on Mount Ararat on May 6, 1655, but Noah did not leave it until Dec. 18 following." Any reader who imagines that it would be an easy task to figure these details from a Biblical account can find a basis for his calculations in the seventh and eighth chapters of Genesis.

An Even Break.
"She's a girl after his own heart, he says."
"Yes, and he's a man after her own."
"But you know it's whispered on the street that she hasn't any money."
"Well, it's a notorious fact that he hasn't any heart."—Houston Post.

TO COMPEL VOTING.

Assemblyman Wallace Introduces a Bill to Fine Electors Who Fail to Vote.

Albany, Jan. 19.—Assemblyman Wallace of New York introduced his bill to enforce voting by all legally qualified voters, at every election at which state or county officers or a member of congress is to be elected.
The bill creates the office of state election agent, whom the governor is to appoint in every assembly district at least 30 days before the time set for the registration of voters.
The appointment is to be for two years and the remuneration is through a half portion of all penalties recovered for non-voting.
Not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 is the fine for failure to vote, but no judgment shall be rendered against any person who proves to the satisfaction of the court that he was physically or mentally unable to vote or that he was continuously 20 miles or more from the polling place for 48 hours preceding the time of closing the polls.

To Regulate Use of Trading Stamps.

Albany, Jan. 19.—Assemblyman Newcomb has introduced the bill of the New York Merchants' association, designed to regulate the use of trading stamps throughout the state. The bill provides that all trading stamps or similar devices must bear upon their face a cash value in cents, and that they must be redeemed on demand in cash or merchandise at the option of the holder and regardless of the number presented. Further, any merchant giving such stamps to his customers is to be responsible to them for the redemption of them by the person or firm originally issuing them. The act is to take effect June 1, 1904.

New Automobile Bill.

Albany, Jan. 19.—Senator Hill of Buffalo has introduced a bill superseding all existing laws on the subject of automobiling. The measure is the result of an investigation of the subject by the committee on legislation of the New York State Automobile association. It generally permits such speed as shall be "reasonable and proper," with arbitrary limitations between eight and 20 miles an hour, dependent on the way being closely built up.

Shooting In Clash With Strikers.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 19.—Deputy Sheriff William Begley, John Long and Robert Saylor and an Italian striker were shot in a clash with striking coal miners at Donwell. Three Polish women had been held for court, charged with inciting riot, resisting an officer and assault and battery, and when a dozen officers started to lock up the two women the crowd surged in and shooting resulted. Saylor and the Italian are seriously hurt, while the injuries of Begley and Long are not so severe. The women were finally landed in the lockup. No additional arrests have been made.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.
New York, Jan. 18.
WHEAT—No. 2 red, 95c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.00 1/4.
CORN—No. 2 corn, 53 1/4 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 57 1/4 c.
OATS—No. 2 oats, 44 1/4 c; No. 2 white, 46 1/4 c; No. 3 white, 46c.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$2.10 @ 2.25.
PORK—Mess, \$14.25 @ 15.00; family, \$15.00.
HAY—Shipping, 60 @ 70c; good to choice, 85 @ 90c.
BUTTER—Creamery, extras, 22c; factory, 14 1/2 @ 15c; western imitation creamery, 18c.
CHEESE—State, full cream, small, fancy, 12c.
EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, fancy selected, 33 @ 35c.
POTATOES—State and western, per sack, \$2.10 @ 2.25.

Buffalo Provision Market.
Buffalo, Jan. 18.
WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 95 1/2 c; winter wheat, No. 2 red, 93 1/2 c.
CORN—No. 2 corn, 49 1/2 @ 49 3/4 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 50 1/2 c.
OATS—No. 2 white, 44 1/2 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 white, 44c.
FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent per bbl., \$4.90 @ 5.65; low grades, \$3.25 @ 4.00.
BUTTER—Creamery western extra tubs, 22c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 22c; dairy, fair to good, 17 @ 18c.
CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 12 1/2 c; good to choice, 11 1/2 @ 12c; common to fair, 9 @ 10c.
EGGS—State, fresh fancy, 32c.
POTATOES—Per bu., 70 @ 75c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.
CATTLE—Best steers on sale, \$5.00 @ 5.25; good to choice butcher steers, \$4.60 @ 4.90; medium half fat steers, \$3.65 @ 4.25; common to fair heifers, \$2.50 @ 3.00; choice to extra fat heifers, \$4.25 @ 4.60; good butcher bulls, \$3.00 @ 3.90; choice to extra veals, \$7.50 @ 7.75; fair to good veals, \$6.75 @ 7.25.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice lambs, \$6.00 @ 6.20; culls to common, \$4.00 @ 5.25; yearlings, handy weight, \$5.25 @ 5.50; wether sheep, \$4.50 @ 5.25.
HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, \$5.10 @ 5.15; medium hogs, \$5.15 @ 5.20; pigs, light, \$5.00 @ 5.10.

Buffalo Hay Market.
HAY—Timothy, new, per ton, loose, \$13.00 @ 14.00; hay, prime on track, new, \$13.00 @ 14.00; No. 1 do do, \$12.50 @ 13.00; No. 2 do do, \$11.00 @ 12.00.

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VIRGINIA COURTESY.

By His Operation Mr. Culpepper Came Into His Own.
It is the story of a polite and polished Virginia gentleman and his landlady. It rained on a day not long ago, and when Mr. Culpepper looked for his umbrella in the terra cotta tile in the hall it was not there. Mr. Culpepper was far too courteous to say that somebody had taken it. He didn't even say it was gone. He merely looked at the terra cotta tile and cherished regrets. It was raining, and he had no umbrella. The courteous landlady came upon him and divined his trouble.
"Haven't you any umbrella?" she asked. "Oh, that's too bad! You mustn't think of going out without one. Just wait a moment till I get you mine."
Mr. Culpepper protested, but when Virginia meets Virginia courtesy is bound to prevail in the end. The landlady went upstairs and presently returned with an umbrella.
"There," said she. "Take it. I shan't need it today, and you are perfectly welcome to it, perfectly welcome."
And the grateful Mr. Culpepper stepped out and unrolled an umbrella which was the very one he had lost. Courteous Virginia gentleman, courteous Virginia landlady, and you needn't ask me how the umbrella came to change owners, for I don't know. Neither does Mr. Culpepper.—Washington Post.

Diagnosing Under Difficulties.
Dr. Sundberg, former consultant to Bagdad, related with much gusto an adventure that befell him in a Mohamudan harem in Bagdad. One of the wives of a rich merchant fell sick, and Dr. Sundberg was called in to prescribe for her. With a paragon scientific interest the western physician waited. Enter a black eunuch. It is the patient. The doctor would like to feel her pulse. A white hand is slipped through an opening. Good. And her tongue—impossible! No man save her husband may see the face of a woman and live or, more accurately, no woman may unveil her face to any man save her husband and live. His professional interest aroused, the diplomat doctor insists. The difficulty is at length solved by the eunuch in chief. Though the woman may not lawfully unveil herself, the doctor under the circumstances might perhaps be allowed to crawl in under the gamsack and so examine the telltale tongue. "Delighted, I'm sure," says the doctor, and does so. Then after the most thorough diagnosis imaginable he prescribes, as did Abernethy before him, "A little sun and air!"

The Origin of Starching.
The course of history carries us back no further than the year 1564 for the origin of starching in London. It was in that year that Mistress Van der Plasse came with her husband from Flanders to the English metropolis "for their greater safety" and there professed herself a starcher. The best housewives of the time were not long in discovering the excellent whiteness of the "Dutch linen," as it was called, and Mistress Plasse soon had plenty of good paying clients. Some of these began to send her ruffs of lawn to starch, which she did so excellently well that it became a saying that if any one sent her a ruff made of a spider's web she would be able to starch it. So greatly did her reputation grow that fashionable dames went to her to learn the art and mystery of starching, for they gladly paid a premium of £4 or £5, and for the secret of soething starch they paid gladly a further sum of 20 shillings.

Byron's Fatted Goose.
One of the stories concerning the traditional dish of roast goose on Michaelmas day refers to Lord Byron, says an English newspaper. The poet always insisted in keeping up old customs in small things, such as having hot cross buns on Good Friday and roast goose on Michaelmas day. This last fancy had a grotesque result when he was in Italy. After buying a goose and fearing it might be too lean Byron fed it every day for a month previous to the festival, so that the poet and the bird became so mutually attached that when Sept. 29 arrived he could not kill it, but bought another and had the pet goose swung in a cage under his carriage when he traveled.

The Absent Jack.
The wife of a Washington street merchant is very fond of roses, especially of the brilliant varieties. By way of reminder she said to the husband the other morning before he started for business:
"I see, my dear, that Jacks are becoming cheaper."
"That may be true," said the husband absently, "but I have known men who would have been willing to pay \$100 for one to put with the two already in their hand."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

The Dictionary.
"Neither is a dictionary a bad book to read," says Emerson in his essay on books. "There is no cant in it, no excess of explanation, and it is full of suggestion, the raw material of possible poems and histories. Nothing is wanting but a little shuffling, sorting, ligature and cartilage."
Bound to Be Ladylike.
Ethel—What did you do when Gus proposed to you?
Mabel—I was so surprised I puckered up my mouth to whistle, but then I remembered that would be unladylike, so I hurried and pressed my lips against his to keep myself from whistling.

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A WHISTLER STORY.

The Climax of a Dinner in Honor of the Eccentric Artist.
At the close of the case of Whistler against Ruskin, the former, finding himself very much in need of rest and recreation, decided to make a southern trip. When he arrived in Venice his American friend thought to cheer him by giving a little dinner in his honor to which were bidden several friends of the artist, principally American and some few Italians. During the meal there arose a discussion which left an opening for Mr. Whistler to use upon his host one of those keen incisive, verbal thrusts peculiar to him which left wounds extremely difficult to heal. The whole company was startled, but the host merely smiled seeming to notice only the brilliancy of the attack. Presently, however, the dinner came to an end and the foreign guests took their leave. Then the host turned upon Mr. Whistler and, in a voice trembling with suppressed anger said:
"Jimmie, do you know that you brutally insulted me tonight?"
"Yes," replied the artist thoughtfully.
"Well," continued the host, "I held my temper while there were others than our own countrymen present, but do you know what I shall do if ever you speak to me like that again?"
"What?"
"I'll grab the nearest water bottle and smash it over your head."
The rest of the company sat quite still, horror and dismay in their hearts, while their angry host glared across the table at his antagonist. After a few seconds Mr. Whistler said in a tone of childlike innocence:
"Then I know what I'll do. I'll never say anything like that to you again."—London Academy.

Courtship in Caracas.
After the evening meal is finished the "padre" may go to his club or cafe, while the ladies betake themselves to the large, open bay window. Lamps are placed near them, and as you wander through the streets you plainly see everywhere at the height of your own eyes and quite near enough for a hand-shake long rows of these groups of women, now gayly and often brilliantly dressed, thickly powdered and bedecked with the quaint old jewelry of the country.
Then by and by a young man appears in front of almost every window and converses with those inside. In most cases he is the suitor for the hand of one of the daughters of the house. Evening after evening he thus pays his respects to her family, standing for hours on the sidewalk, till the day arrives when the mother of his adored one believes the fact of his courting her daughter sufficiently advertised to the neighbors as well as to the community at large. Then only the doors of the house are thrown open to him—Otto von Gottberg in Harper's Magazine.

Ruskin as a Gardener.
Fond as Ruskin was of flowers, especially wild ones, he had his own ideas as to what a garden ought to be, and in his practical gardening was quite a landscapeist. He liked making paths and contriving pretty nooks. When he first came to Brantwood he would have his coppice cut no more. It spindled up to great tall steps, slender and sinuous, promising no timber, and past the age for all commercial use or time, honored wont. Neighbors shook their heads, but they did not know the pictures of Botticelli, and Ruskin had made his coppice into an early Italian altar piece. Then he had his espalier of apples and a little gooseberry patch and a few standard fruit trees and some strawberries mixed with flowers. In one corner there were beehives in the old fashioned pent house trailed over with creepers. Here and there were little hummocks, each with its special interest of fern or flower.—Good Words.

Looking Under the Hat.
You seldom will find a brainy man with a round head. The head that contains lots of brains either is very long from front to back or else irregular. You can learn something of a man's mental ability by the hat he wears. If his head is so bumpy that it seems as if he never could get a hat to fit him he probably is a genius or a crack-jack in some particular line. If his head is long from front to back he is a clear thinker and smart as a whip. So if your hat costs more money than your friend's hat does and you are harder to fit be consoled by considering that your brain is worth more.—New York Press.

A Race of Masked Men.
The Tourages of the Sahara are one of the most curious races of mankind. The men never expose their faces to public view. They always wear a cloth mask, even when they are eating and sleeping. It is said that only one white traveler has ever seen a Tourag unmasked. They think they are dishonored if their faces are uncovered.
Impressive.
"Why did we arrive late and leave before the opera was over?" asked the youngest daughter. "It was very enjoyable."
"Of course it was," answered Mrs. Newrich, "but, my dear, we had to show people that we didn't care whether we got our money's worth or not."

The Proof of the Pudding.
"You can hardly persuade Miss Old-girl that marriage is not a failure."
"Why? She never did marry."
"But she tried to and failed."—Smart Set.
Every bird, sooner or later, comes down from its perch.—Schoolmaster.

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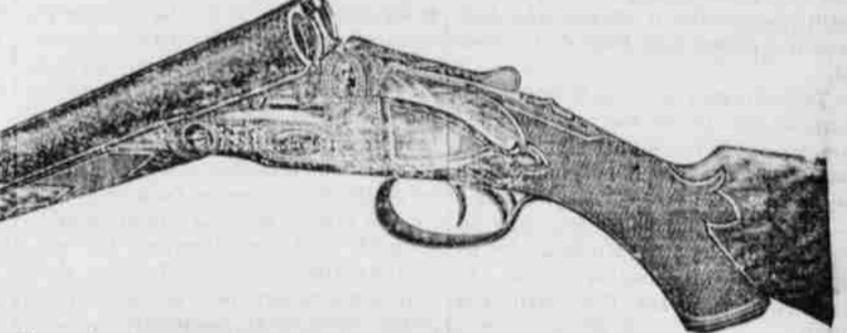
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