

A MAXIM writer in the West says: "If you do not saw wood you have no right to growl because there is no fuel."

A FRENCH newspaper thinks that a rash act on the part of Emperor William will disturb the peace of Europe.

MR. GEORGE W. CHILDS, of Philadelphia, states that since the introduction of foreign and native mineral waters as a table beverage, the use of wine has decreased nearly one-half at dinner parties and entertainments.

THE United States Labor Commission has decided that the collection of statistics referring to building associations does not come within the scope of the coming census.

WHILE the members of Congress are devising a plan of coinage to use up the products of American silver mines, they should incidentally consider whether they cannot find means to dispose of all the products of American iron and coal mines, which are just as much entitled to have a government market made for them as the silver mines of the West.

THE first quarter of the year, says a trade review, has passed without the financial disturbance which may have reason to fear, with fewer failures than in the same quarter of last year, and smaller by 12 per cent.

IT is now certain that a large percentage of ice consumed the coming season will be a manufactured article. While the price may be higher, the quality will be superior to that harvested in many localities from contaminated streams and ponds.

A strike inaugurated by the Central Labor Union, in New York, has some of the worst features of the combinations of employers that are so earnestly and rightly condemned by labor reformers.

THE farmers of Minnesota, in convention assembled, have resolved that the Supreme Court of the United States must be abolished.

WYOMING will doubtless become a State as soon as the necessary formality can be arranged.

BUFFALO BILL has attained an immense success among the sons and daughters of Italy, and we may soon see an eruption of dark-eyed demans of the sunny land bent on taking the scalps of countless Indian braves, and slaying unnumbered buffalos, and armed for the conflict with hand organs and little monkeys.

SPECULATIVE business enterprises in the South are organized on the principle that "man never is but always to be blest."

THE people of Jersey city, who are so independent over the frauds of the politicians, they talk of forming a Vigilance Committee.

WORTH HEEDING.

Married Life is a Failure.

The men say, according to an Atlantic City man who thinks more of his relatives than of his husband: "When a wife believes her husband loves her whether she deserves it or not."

When a wife fails to realize that patience and gentleness are more natural to her than with a man.

When a woman marries for convenience, and pretends that she marries for love.

When a wife pays too much attention to her husband's old raves, and not enough to the nature of the man she has actually married.

When a wife insists that her husband shall be as good as his mother, instead of being a man.

When a wife says that if her husband earns three dollars a day, he ought to pay a dollar and a half of it to her every night, as "her share."

When a wife insists that she is not expected to do any such work, in the presence of the neighbors, that she was not "raised" that way, and will not say the word.

When the wife blames all the trouble on her husband, instead of accepting her share.

When a woman imagines that all the women in the world are in love with her, and she is the only one who is not.

The women say—When a man says he cannot control his temper when with his wife and children, although they know he knows better when provoked by a large, muscular man.

When a man is a liar, and his wife knows it. When a man is liberal and fair and cheerful with every one except his wife.

When a man is fond enough to expect an angel will marry him.

When a man is patient and forgiving, with men who do not care if they should be as kind and patient with his children.

When a man expects that his wife ought to buy as much with one dollar as he himself can buy with two.

When a man frets because his wife did not do all the housework he wanted.

When a man expects the fountain to be higher than he is; when he expects a better home than he provides.

When a man smacks his lips in recognition of his wife's cooking, and forgets that he had a better appetite as a boy than he has as a man.

When a man believes that a wife should do all the housework, and then wonders that she never has any money of her own.

Indian Humor.

The Indian has a keen appreciation of humor, and is a good deal in his mirthfulness. No orator can see his weak points in his adversary's armor of silence a foolish speaker more quickly.

At a ball-sporting, the head chief of the Mille band brought a speech to defend Fort Ripley in 1862.

The Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor and Legislature of Minnesota had been brought to the attention of the Government and never removed.

A few years later, a special agent of the Interior Department looked at the Ojibwa to cede their lands and remove to a country north of Leech Lake.

The agent asked my help. I said: "I will not do it. I have captured on land. It is the most worthless strip of land in Minnesota."

The Indians are not fools. Don't attempt this. My friend, look at me. The winds of my mother's wigwag are blowing from the North, the South, the East and the West. When he saw me, he said: "This is the honest man whom I will follow."

Well, there is no rule like that of two and two makes four. The chief had down, and for one reason, the man often does not himself know his intentions.

Girls have changed as well as men. The old-fashioned honest boys, and a wise man before closing any bargain likes to be sure of his ground, and before paying down such a price as himself he likes to know just what he is getting.

What have you in your hand, Annie?—A button-hooker. I called the Indian in council, and said: "My red brothers, your great father has heard how you have been wronged."

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There are not two Thores. When at her first lesson Katie read quite glacially: "What have you in your hand, Annie?—A button-hooker."

MONEY AND MARRIAGE.

Can the Young Men of To-day Afford Matrimony?

The code of unwritten law regulating social matters in these "United States" has within the memory of man undergone a very extensive revision, and things are not as they used to be.

Old-Time Books For Children. There is an idea that there never was a time when there was not a book for children as now.

They are at once too simple and too sure of their own attractions. But again, a girl cannot love so strongly, cannot suffer so keenly, cannot be crushed by disappointment as the woman, and so it remains pretty equal after all, and both woman and girl had best try to value themselves so highly that "his intentions" matter very little, after all.

In the Firelight. The fire upon the hearth is low, and the firelight glows in my eyes. While like winged spirits, here and there, the fireflies about the guttering log, and as the shadows round me creep, I feel as though I were in a dream.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The number of patents, designs, trade-marks, labels and re-issues which have been favorably reported for issue on April 15, is 624.

The Philadelphia Mint force has been working night and day to meet the demand for silver dollars, of which it expects to turn out 1,800,000 this month (April).

It is estimated that only twelve per cent of the population of Russia can read and write. The number of primary schools is 38,000 for the population of over 100,000,000.

What is probably the largest cargo of petroleum ever shipped, arrived at Galatz, Romania, recently. It consisted of 1,100,000 gallons and was carried by a Russian steamer.

A new meteorological and volcanic observatory is to be opened near Bay of Pompeii, when there will be a congress of scientific men to celebrate the occasion.

Peter Snopson is said to be an inventor of a cheap and the cheap clay pipe is his special favorite. Now we understand what is meant by "piping his lay."

The development of Texas has but just begun, yet there are 2100 post-offices in the State, the receipts are more than \$1,000,000 annually, and the length of mail routes is more than 22,000 miles.

An engineer who has been examining the condition of the Panama canal predicts that it will be finished by the close of this century. One is glad to think of getting down to some definite time.

Senator Evarts is noted for his courtesy. Even in the bustle of a big city crowd he never fails to lift his hat and bow if by chance he runs into one of the fair pedestrians who throng the thoroughfares.

In Piedmont, while a peasant was engaged in digging the soil, he discovered a deep hole in which were found buried an immense collection of copper medals and coins of the Roman empire and republic.

An English naval officer has invented a pneumatic line throwing gun, very light and portable, which fires a hollow bullet containing a quantity of a wrecked vessel, or into burning buildings on dry lands.

David A. Wells, the greatest statistician of the United States, estimates that the additional cost to this country of the tariff during the ten years from 1878 to 1888 is consequence of the tariff was \$140,000,000.

Whenever Gladstone catches cold he at once goes to bed. This has been his rule for fifteen years. It is an interesting fact not generally known that he wrote his election address announcing the dissolution of parliament of 1874 in bed.

John Jacob Astor owned 270, high class dwelling houses, valued at an average of \$2,000 a year each. He owned besides tenement houses in untold number and no end of real estate devoted to business.

During the last two years the Italian army has been increased by 30,000 men, 200 field guns, and 6,000 cavalry. Never was the army so numerous or powerfully organized as at present.

A new stamp canceling machine is being tried in the Philadelphia post-office. It is operated by electricity, and is said to cancel the stamps on letters at the rate of 25,000 per hour, automatically registering the number cancelled.

Not every person knows that the sure test of genuine paper currency is to hold the bill up to the light, so that you can discern its fine running parallel across its entire length. These are a red and a blue silk thread. Inside the red thread is a blue silk thread.

Monuments have now been completed over the burial places of the English, French and Italian troops killed in the Crimea during the war of 1854-5. Russian monuments over the fallen soldiers on the same plains are on a grander scale, as she continues to hold the fort, Sebastopol.

In the medical museum, Washington, there are two skulls all crackered up like a man's skull. One is an interesting portion of the find consists of the bones of an extinct species of swan.

Minnie Madden, the well-known actress, has married Harrison Gray Fiske, the editor of The Evening Star. The ceremony took place at the Larchmont manor, with only a few relatives and immediate friends present.

Queen Victoria has written two books which have never been published. They are volumes of travel and recount her impressions of various places on the continent. She has been so annoyed at the criticisms of her published works that she has refused to have them reprinted into print.

It is claimed that wild paper can be made in such a way that the passage of low-tension electric currents will heat it moderately warm to the touch and fuse through; the room an agreeable temperature.

I don't see how a man can bring himself to open a pawn office," said Gilson. "Why not?" asked Bilson. "Because it's such a lewd business."

OLD-TIME BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.

There is an idea that there never was a time when there was not a book for children as now. No doubt infinite time, money and pains are spent on the getting up of new toys, new games and new books, but I do not very much mind the child of to-day is really as well off, especially in the matter of books, as the child of a generation ago.

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THE MODEL WIFE.

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THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

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