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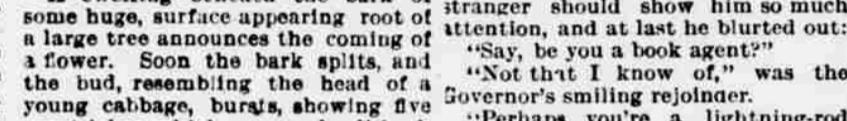
Subject: "The Quick Feet."

Text: "When Herod's birthday was kept, a daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod, &c."—Matthew xvii.

It is the anniversary of Herod's birthday. The palace is lighted. The highways lead to the banquet. Herod's guests are all of his nobles. The quick feet of the dancers are heard from all sides. The quick feet of the dancers are heard from all sides. The quick feet of the dancers are heard from all sides.

## CAMPHOR CULTURE IN JAPAN.

Many of the seeds of the camphor tree have been sent to the Department of Agriculture in the hope of affording to the United States a chance to add this valuable substance to its vegetable products. The tree is a species of laurel, and it grows in extensive forests in the mountainous regions of the south of Japan far from the sea. Large groves are owned by the Japanese Government, the wood being very desirable for shipbuilding. Many of the trees attain an enormous size, often measuring twelve feet in diameter and sometimes attaining twenty feet. The bark is thin, brown, and contains a resinous gum. To get the tree is necessarily destroyed, but by a stringent law of the land, another is planted in its stead.



A swelling beneath the bark of some trees indicates the presence of a large tree and the coming of a flower. Soon the bark splits, and the young cabbage, showing five deep lobes, is seen. The tree is then cut slightly on the edges. Then a circular ring appears, surrounding a deep cup, in the center of which is the ovary. Below the edges is a kind of gallery, wherein are numerous stamens. The remarkable feature of the flower is its colossal size, the largest species being thirty-nine inches in diameter. The central cup holds six quarts of liquid, and the total weight of the flower is over fifteen pounds.

## THE LOST BET.

Gov. Seward Verdicted Doubts of His Own Veracity.

The other afternoon when the shadows were growing longer on the streets and the day was taking on a somber hue, a group of politicians sat in the City Hall regaling each other with yesterdays of yesteryears. Among those regaled of was the following regarding an experience of William H. Seward, who was then Governor of the Empire State. It seems that while traveling around through the rural districts and making sure that his political fences had no very bad breaks in them he came one evening to the humble abode of a farmer. It is too far from the town where he was stopping to go back that night, and so he asked permission to stop there. This was cheerfully granted, and after partaking of a cold supper, he accepted the invitation and as they drove along in the gathering twilight he entertained the old farmer with all manner of campaign experiences and stories.

## A HUMPHING EPISODE.

It is not Always Wise to Calculate on Appearances.

"Speaking of hunting," said a punter, "reminds me of a little fun I had some four or five years ago. I was one of our more or less sportsmen and all jolly fellows were stopping at a small place on the eastern shore of Lake St. Clair. It was in November and the ducks were getting thick. We did some great shooting that season, I can tell you.

## THE TALE OF A COMET.

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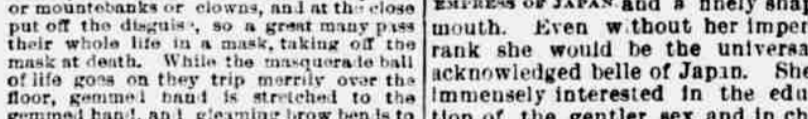
H. mamma! mamma! Come on quick! it's fast! look at it, papa! isn't it beautiful?"

"It is, my dear child," said the father, "but it is only a comet, and it will be here for a few days only. It will go on its way, and we shall not see it again."

## EMRESS OF JAPAN.

An Interesting Little Personage the Only Wife of the Mikado.

An interesting little personage is the Empress of Japan, who is the only wife of the Mikado. She is a young woman, about twenty years of age, and she is very beautiful. She has a very fair complexion, large eyes, and a very graceful manner.



## COLLETS FOR SHIP ARMOR.

Not only in our own country, but in France and Germany and other nations, the use of cellulose for ship armor has been introduced, and, as an illustration of its effectiveness, one of the Danish warships was equipped recently with a collar of the material, and a shell fired at it tore a hole away through the whole vessel, the action of water on the cellulose, however, closing the hole up very soon, letting in but a few gallons of water. In ordinary manufacture for railroad cars, the cellulose is in contact with the metal of the ship by a thick coating of paint—applied to the latter—as if dampened from leaks or otherwise the portion in contact with the metal will deteriorate.

## THE SENSE OF SMELL.

What a marvellously delicate machinery is set in motion when we smell the fragrance of a rose! Simple as that pleasurable sensation seems to us, it involves the activity of agencies and forces that the imagination can scarcely grasp. It has been shown that the minute cells at the ends of the olfactory nerves in the nose bear the most delicate little hairs, and it is believed that these hairs are the active agents in producing the sense of smell.

## GRIS AS HELP TO MEN.

Almost every man has his private accounts, which require constant recording, and which in many cases are transferred to a clerk in his office to attend to. Edward W. Bok is a man who has a very peculiar way of doing this. He has a book called "Gris" which he uses as a ledger. He writes down all his accounts in this book, and he finds it very convenient.

## Drying Damp Shoes.

One of the most fertile resources of colds and serious incidental ailments is the wearing of damp shoes. When shoes have been saturated with water, the attempt to dry them by exposing them before a stove or fire is obviously damaging to the leather, while it does not insure the expulsion of moisture from the inside. For accomplishing this a new invention has been brought out, consisting of a hollow stoneware shoe which is inserted in the damp shoe. The shoe is made in a variety of shapes and sizes to correspond to the inside of ordinary shoes. The hole at the top of the shoe is closed with the hot water being poured into the shoe, which is then covered with a rubber cap. The hot water is renewed if necessary.—Chicago Record.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

The sense of touch is duldest on the back.

Fanning his face was invented in China.

In Japanese seas the fish point to ward the islands.

Most of the fish that will cause high tides will go off.

The heat of animals which have been led to death keeps the best.

There is a fact in all Japan an average of two earthquake shocks daily.

Wasps rank next to the higher classes of ants in point of insect intelligence.

The highest peak of Mt. Rocky Moon, Tibet is Mt. Brown, British America's 15,306 feet.

The first book to have it leaves numbered was Esop's Fables, printed by Celsius in 1484.

China's soap duty is \$750,000,000.

The roar of Niagara has been phonographed and may be heard in any part of America for a small fee.

## GOOD FENCES.

There are a necessity, not only for the protection of crops, but to avoid the effect upon animals. As the Farmer's Home Weekly puts it, "have low fences if you want to teach the stock to jump; weak fences and soon there can hardly be any restraint. It is very noticeable how quickly an animal that has once found a weak place in a fence, and by rubbing or otherwise, broken it down so as to render it useless for the better for it. Some means to effect a breach: a few successful attempts in that line will greatly embolden to more exertion, and unless fences are strong and resistant, the stock will soon become uncontrollable in that direction. The same rules apply to jumping; if escape from one enclosure is effected by a small jump, a greater one will be made next time, and soon there can hardly be any restraint. There are important reasons why every farmer should have secure fences, and should never tempt an unruly animal to lead others into the bad practice of being unruly or, in other words, breaking a fence, which is one of the most serious of farm annoyances.

## THE POLICE.

Brooklyn—Your calling me an ass, it doesn't make me one. (Cries.) Of course not. It merely indicates the accuracy of my observation.—Truth.

A Pretty Compliment.  
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