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According to the last census there are 33,163 lawyers in the United States.

Improved roads furnish one of the most direct aids to agricultural development.

New York City has not furnished a United States Senator in more than fifty years. Nathan Sanford, elected in 1831, was the last.

A student in a Western college proposes to deliver a lecture on commencement day on "The Relation of the Wheelbarrow to American Elections."

The Indiana courts have a curious problem, relates the Washington Star. A man who was fined for profanity appeared on the ground that he was on his own premises when he spoke, and had a right to use any kind of language that he pleased.

Reports still come in, states the New York World, of the electrical impostor who appears in various localities with inventions greater than the Bell telephone or the Edison light, sells a little stock and then disappears. England is now infested with him, together with other and older electric frauds heretofore well known in this country.

Mrs. M. A. Dorchester, special agent for the Indian School Service, in her annual report refers to improvements in the school buildings in reference to comfort, safety, healthfulness and general respectability. She says that there has been a great improvement in the variety and quality of food furnished; the table service is more attractive, and there is a marked change for the better in the moral and social atmosphere of the schools.

The use of rubber tires on private carriages has become quite common in New York City, says the Scientific American. For invalids and nervous persons our physicians recommend their use. But the rubber tire is not only expensive, but lasts only a little while, owing to our rough pavements and street railway tracks. Why will not some one invent a cheaper substance than rubber, which will be more enduring, cost less, and be sufficiently elastic to meet the requirements?

One of the late Jay Gould's sons has ordered from a press-clipping bureau "all the comments and accounts about" his father which have appeared, or will appear, in "all the newspapers of the world." It will be a costly collection beyond the mere clippings, as it will require the employment of numerous translators to write out in our language the extracts from Chinese, Japanese, Egyptian, Russian, Turkish, Spanish, Italian, French, German and numerous other publications.

Says the San Francisco Examiner: The microscope recently revealed to a Rhode Island expert that certain blood stains were of human origin, and certain hairs found in conjunction with the stains were from the blond whiskers of a man. Detectives scurried hither and thither. They traced all clues faithfully, and ascertained that they centered in the limp carcass of a yellow dog, slain with a brick. The strides of science are often marvelous, none the less so perhaps because not always in the right direction.

The Japanese, if they believe in omens, will reject any more applications from French builders of war vessels, predicts the San Francisco Chronicle. The second French vessel accepted for the Japanese Navy has been lost in the inland sea, but this time survivors remain to tell the story of the disaster. The other vessel lost was the Uebekian, of which no word was ever received. It was assumed that she struck on a rock and foundered, but her fate is one of those mysteries that will never be explained until the sea gives up its dead.

The Atlanta Constitution remarks: "It has long been admitted that the business of the postoffice is a good test of the country's progress. Measured by this standard, the South is in the lead. According to the report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, there has been a net increase of 2799 postoffices in the United States over the year ending June 30, 1891. This showing surpasses all former records, and the most interesting feature is the fact that more than one-fourth of the new offices were established in the six States of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi and Texas, an unmistakable proof of our growing population, swelling volume of business and general advancement. Whether we take the assessed value of property, the number of new enterprises, the increase of population, the per capita increase in wealth, or these postal figures as a test, the fact looms up that the new South is forging ahead more satisfactorily than any other section of the country."

THREE KISSES OF FAREWELL.

Three, only three, My Darling, Separate, solemn, slow. Not like the swift and joyous ones We used to know...

The second kiss, My Darling, Is full of joy's sweet thrill; We have blessed each other always, We always will.

A QUAKER IDYL.

'T was a white painted elm shaded farmhouse standing back from the road. The well kept gravel walks led from the gates between rows of prim hollyhocks to the door-stones...

Hephzibah's greatest fault--for cleanliness was Sister Darius' greatest weakness. Even solemn voiced, methodical Stephen Darius was at times vaguely conscious of this failing on his wife's part.

For six generations the Carews had held the great farm, and Stephen often thought with almost carnal pride how blessed he was in having a son with whom he could trust the property when he should be gathered to his fathers.

The elder of these had showed plainly her indifference to the teachings and traditions of the Friends in her childhood; but until recently Ruth had always bowed with becoming docility to her parents' will.

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had always felt a soft spot in his boyish heart for pretty Ruth. As they grew older it was Darius who carried her books to and from the village school and in winter dragged her over the frozen snow drifts on his sled.

When Ruth was fourteen she was sent to the Friends school in a neighboring city, from which Benjamin had already graduated, and where Marion was then finishing her education.

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A BIG FORTUNE IN BONE.

Whales' Teeth Guarded Like Diamonds--Surrounded by Stone Walls and Watched Constantly.

LITTLE brick and stone structure on the Potrero shore of the bay contains a million dollars' worth of whalebone stored and guarded as jealously as if it were so many twenty-dollar gold pieces or its weight in precious stones.

An eminent authority has it that the death rate of the world is calculated to be sixty-seven per cent. In England, France, Germany and Belgium the number of births per thousand of population is steadily falling.

Dr. Morris Gibbs contributes to Science an interesting paper on the food of humming birds both old and young, but has never found anything to convince him the birds live on insects.

It has been found by Dr. Riley that the larvae of both the bean and the pea weevil when hatched have thoracic feet and other structures which admirably serve their needs of locomotion until they enter the bean or pea, when with a cast of the skin they are discarded, and the grubs assume the ordinary footless shape of larval weevils.

Electric heaters are found to be excellent for use in conservatories on account of the absence of all unwholesome gases or vapors which might injure the plants, simplicity of construction in the parts conveying the energy, perfect safety as regards heat, which can be regulated at will, cleanliness and convenience and rapidity in starting and extinction.

It would do those good who write passionate articles on Moorish slavery to see the well-fed, lazy slave of Wazan lounging in the sun, kiff pipe in mouth, and scarcely doing a stroke of work from week's end to week's end.

Thus all the necessities of life are found them without their having to work for them, which otherwise they would be obliged to do. Nor is it only the necessities of life that are thus supplied to them, but they are given each his room to live in and married at the expense of the shroffs to slave women.

"Potomato" is the name given a curious manufactured vegetable which owes its origin to Dr. B. C. Culver, of Atchison, Kas. For more than twenty years the Doctor has been experimenting with a view of crossing the potato and tomato vines.

A large lake has been found, it is said, on the ridge of the Olympic Mountains, in Washington, between the Duakah and Snohomish Rivers. It is situated in a deep basin of the mountains, at altitude of about five thousand feet, and the basin is claimed to be, in all probability, the crater of an extinct volcano.

COURSHIP UP TO DATE.

They were sitting close together In a pleasant, shady nook; They looked at one another With a loving, longing look.

Edwin's heart grew, oh! so joyful, For she always beat her frocks; And lightly strayed his fingers Over Angelina's locks.

A curling iron--The corkscrew. Plain sailing--The route of the prairie schooner.--Puck. The man rowing a boat is always backward in coming forward.

Kissing goes by favor, but it often comes by stealth.--Puck. We may not like pawnbrokers, but we have to put up with them.--Truth.

Traveling dresses are now made with vestibule trains.--Berkshire Courier. What the college freshman doesn't know he talks about.--Elmira Gazette.

Woman's face may be a poem; but she is always careful to conceal the lines in it. The man who fails in attaining other perfections can easily make a perfect fool of himself.--Puck.

The man who didn't fulfill the promise of his youth claimed that the notes of minors were not binding. The only man on earth who thinks twice before he speaks once is the man who stutters.--Aitchison Globe.

All women are "beautiful" in the newspapers until it comes to the printing of their photographs.--Puck. The Indians started for a whoop, but soon their faces fell. Some students, they who passed that way, And they gave a college yell.

Take your hard luck as you would a pill. If you grind your teeth over it, you will find it nastier than ever.--Puck. The man who objected to hiding his light under a bushel succeeded in displaying his darkness to the whole world.--Truth.

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"I understand that all you bagged on your hunting trip was a pair of trousers." "Well, the worst pair of trousers, anyway."--Indianapolis Journal. "I wish you would not take advantage of the relationship seemingly implied in your name to be so familiar," said the hen to the hatchet.--Washington Star.

The boy stood on the burning deck-- But who could blame him, please, The price of coal had gone so high It was either this or freeze.--Chicago Inter-Ocean. The making of a joke is a good deal like the making of a salad. We think we have struck a good thing, although it may only agree with our own personal taste.--Puck.

"How do I look," said the turkey as he expanded his gorgeous array of feathers. "Fit to kill," replied the sardonic old rooster who is so tough that he can't be eaten.--Washington Star. "Why didn't you keep the horse, Bertie, dear boy?" "Bertie! The howd creature had the impudence to tell me that the horse was broken, and I sent him back for a whole one."--Inter-Ocean.

Friend--"I suppose your wife often burns the midnight oil!" "Yes, I guess she does now and then; but you must remember that she hasn't had much experience in cooking yet."--Inter-Ocean. Wife--"Charley, dear, these are grammy genes that I made all alone. Now tell me what you think of them." Charley--"Any one who tried to eat them could tell they were precious stones."--Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Papa sat reading his evening paper when Tommy came up and leaned on his knee. "Pa," said Tommy, "may I ask you a question?" "Certainly, my boy." "Then tell me, pa, where the wind is when it doesn't blow."--Hartford Journal. Popular Similes. As wet as a fish--as dry as a bone.

As live as a bird--as dead as a stone; As true as the Gospel--as false as mankind; As strong as a horse--as weak as a cat; As white as a flint--as soft as a mole; As hard as a hill--as black as a coal; As plain as a pikestaff--as rough as a bear; As tight as a drum--as free as the air; As heavy as lead--as light as a feather; As steady as a time--uncertain as weather; As hot as an oven--as cold as a frog; As gay as a lark--as sick as a dog; As slow as a tortoise--as swift as the wind; As true as a promise--as false as a man's word; As thin as a herring--as fat as a pig; As proud as a peacock--as bilge as a grig; As savage as a tiger--as mild as a dove; As stiff as a poker--as limp as a glove; As blind as a bat--as deaf as a post; As cool as a cucumber--as warm as toast.

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