

The farmer in Japan who has ten acres of land is looked upon as a monopolist.

The New York World concludes that Philadelphians believe in life insurance; Wanmaker has taken out policies aggregating \$1,500,000.

In California, Vermont, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and Wisconsin days of grace on maturing notes, drafts, acceptances and bills of exchange have been abolished.

Professor Vambary has been lecturing on the "Fashion of Languages" before the Buda-Pesth (Hungary) English Club.

Chicago is now the fifth greatest seaport in the world, and yet, remarks the Farm, Field and Fireside, the trade of the great lakes is only beginning to show its possibilities.

The country's money circulation has increased from \$726,000,000 in 1873 to over \$1,600,000,000 at the present time.

Says the New York Sun: The report of the Civil Service Commission shows that women are going into civil service in larger numbers than ever.

At this time of year, when everybody is fretting about letters of credit and all the other makeshifts to avoid penalty in a foreign land, it occurs to the mind unskilled in questions of finance to wonder why we cannot have one single international coin.

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The statistics of crime throughout the country show a marked increase in the number of murders during recent years.

According to the Shoe and Leather Reporter, a convict in a certain penitentiary, whose crime was dishonesty, is compelled to spend his days cutting out pieces of pasteboard to be put between the outer and inner soles of shoes.

A statement recently published by the authorities of Munich, Bavaria, gives some startling information as to the increased consumption in that city of dog flesh.

"It has passed into a proverb that racing is the sport of kings; it can with truth be stated," declares Outing "that trotting is the international equine sport of the American people.

Visitors to the Columbian World's Fair at Chicago will find 500 guides ready to do their bidding at an expense of fifty or seventy-five cents an hour.

The New York Post says: The problem of the ultimate source of the Nile seems finally to have reached a solution through the recent explorations of Dr. O. Banmann.

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TWILIGHT.

Sing, sweet, it is the twilight hour— Thy voice brings rest and peace, And unto thee is given the power To bid all discord cease.

A SHOPPING EXPEDITION.

HE report started in Blake's store. To disbelieve a report that started in Blake's store was an unheard of heresy at the Corners.

Then it came out. With a bit of pardonable pride she let him know that she had no need to look at fall goods in Witham Corners or in Witham Centre.

The next afternoon, when she came in from her school, Hannah was more than surprised to find Mrs. Downing in the sitting room with her mother.

"I was just telling your ma," she began, when Hannah, flushed and expectant, was seated, "that I'd been down to Blake's to get my winter dress, and that there wa'n't a thing there I'd put on my back."

"Oh, not a thing!" Hannah assented quickly. "I'm going to New York for our winter things."

"So I heard, and I was telling your ma that, as long as you are going to town and going a-shoppin', buying one more dress wouldn't be no more trouble to you."

"Oh, no trouble—a pleasure!" Hannah cried, despite her mother's frown.

of her asking you to lug a dress up from the city for her! I didn't give her any encouragement when she spoke to me about it, I can tell you.

"I was down to Mrs. Downing's," she began, without a small prelude of a greeting, "for a dish o' tea an' a few minutes' set, an' she was tellin' me that Hannah was goin' to the city this week."

"I s'pose it won't be no trouble, as you're buyin', to buy me a black merino, too, at the same time?"

"So I heard, I don't get to York very often myself, and I'm afraid I'm getting a little behind the fashions. It don't pay, you know, for me to get behind," she simpered.

"I shall certainly study the fashions well for my own benefit."

"Pretty neighbors you are," was her greeting. "Pretty neighbors! 'Melie, sez she, 'what do you think?'

"Why, certainly," said Hannah, trying to call up a smile. It was only the ghost of one that responded, however.

"She's goin' to leave that to your judgment. Somethin' pretty and dressey and stylish, and that'll be comin' to you."

"The school where Hannah vainly strove each day to make the Witham young learned was some distance from her home, and she took her luncheon with her. She had just settled down to it the next noon, when a delicate, withered looking, long ago comely woman entered the room.

"There's that brown merino I got three years ago last fall," Mrs. Downing went on. "The wear I've had out of it just beats all. I've worn it steady wherever I went. I was telling your ma that I didn't know as I could be suited better than to have another just like it.

Mrs. Clark, the physician's wife, came in. This lady was well off, dressey, but economical and very fussy.

"I ain't no time for a set. Mary she's gone over to her grandmother's, and there ain't nobody to hum to get Moore's supper. Mrs. Downing was saying you was goin' to githa brown merino."

"I told you so—I told you so," said Mrs. Downing, as she lit a candle and went down cellar with the milk.

"I heard only just now that you're goin' to York," she said, as if to apologize for not coming sooner.

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"I can't say exactly how many patterns I'd like you to buy me."

"Washington's Narrow Escape. From an 'Unpublished Autograph Narrative by Washington,' in Scribner's Magazine, we quote as follows:

To Preserve Pictures. A new method of preserving pictures is being experimented with in London. It consists of placing the surface of the picture, be it canvas or paper, in a vacuum, thus protecting it from atmospheric action.

The oldest form of the name Britain is Ortanis, from which comes the adjective Ortanicus, which in Irish is Cruiteach.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Rubber is made from cotton seed oil. Flies sometimes infect estates with cholera germs.

Scientists are of the opinion that some icebergs last for 200 years. An electric railway will probably be built between Atami and Odalvara in Japan.

T. D. Curtis, the scientist, expects to see country roads lighted with electricity. Comb honey is said to be a remedy for dyspepsia.

Fourteen wind planets were discovered during last month, bringing the total number of small planets known up to 375.

Successful experiments have been made in stimulating the growth of such plants as wheat, corn and tobacco by means of electric currents.

The Chinese have bred a whole colony of goldfish, each having two well-developed tails and two sets of anal fins.

Edison, the great inventor, is hopeful of being able to generate electricity directly from heat.

As the ashes contain only about six per cent of potash and less than two per cent of phosphoric acid.

As everybody is learning now, boiling kills the microbes in water, and it was only when the authority of a law forbidding the use of the infected river water was put in force in Hamburg last autumn that the cholera was really checked.

There was an immense sensation created at the M— station the other day, just previous to the starting of the afternoon express for Paris.

"Wait a minute, will you, please, while I—"

"But you must wait!" cried the old gentleman, excitedly.

"Thank you!" said the old gentleman, excitedly.

"I said a man's leg was under the wheel, and so it was," interrupted the old gentleman.

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HORSE SENSE.

Main hoss sense'll pull yer through. W'en there's nothin' else'll do; You may still be poor and needy With your head a cycledy.

There are big men I expect Waller'n in intellect, Spontin' swimmin' in a sea Of their own philosophy.

With horse sense you'll never fail If you haven't been to Yale, Don't be scared, but use your head, Not some other man's instead.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A rank failure—Tilted imbecility.—Truth.

In contempt of court—The confirmed bachelor.—Truth.

Tunefully considered, the human neck is a pipe organ.—Dansville Breeze.

Women certainly have room enough, in these times, to laugh in their sleeves.—Puck.

Some housekeepers are so exasperatingly industrious that they give the dust no time to settle.—Truth.

In politics the coming man finds the roads badly blockaded by the going man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

People speak of the face of a note when it's really the figure that interests them.—Philadelphia Times.

A fashionable woman is one who has what everybody else has, but before anybody else gets it.—Elmira Gazette.

Only a man bearing a title can be considered a "real live" nobleman on the ample evidence that he merely breathes.

There is nothing especially irritating about an air of importance, provided it is being sung instead of being worn.—Puck.

The people who follow the fashion most religiously generally look as if they were trying to get ahead of it.—Somerville Journal.

A young man with pushing qualities can always get something to do, even if it is nothing better than engineering a lawn mower.—Buffalo Courier.

Hunger overcomes superstition. If a man is really hungry thirteen is no more unlucky than thirty, if the victuals hold out.—Dansville Breeze.

The dividing line between inquisitiveness and impertinence is largely imaginary. Few people can be inquisitive without being impertinent.—Troy Press.

"Hello, Charlie! Not at work? What's up?" "Oh, we're out on a strike." "What's the trouble?" "Don't know; but we'll not give in till we get it!"—Boston Beacon.

When a man speaks disparagingly of everybody, one of three things is true: He has the "big head," is on bad terms with himself, or has an intensely jealous and envious disposition.—St. Paul Globe.

"Poverty is a disease," howled speaker. "And yet," murmured the poor chap in the back of the hall, "we who are afflicted with it are arrested whenever we take anything for it!"—Vogue.

Mudge—"That waiter in there is entirely too smart for his business." Yapsley—"Why?" Mudge—"I told him to get me a rare steak, and he said it couldn't be done."—Indianapolis Journal.

He—"B'woath Chawley has the owin feval and he can't find a rase sigh or low." She—"Sit up with him yourself. There is no human possibility of your catching the disease."—Detroit Free Press.

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The tree measured three and a half feet at the stump, and was a beautiful curly walnut, curled from root to the topmost twig. There is a great deal of walnut in that State, and it is very valuable, single trees selling at from \$100 to \$500.—New Orleans Picayune.