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WHEN THE MINISTER COMES TO TEA.

Oh! they've swept the parlor carpet, and they've dusted every chair, And they've got the tidies hangin' jest exactly on the square;

Oh! the table's fixed up gaudy with the gilt-edged Chiny set, And we'll use the silver tea-pot and the comp'ny spoons, you bet;

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KENTUCKY WOES.

Man born in the wilds of Kentucky is of feud days and easy virtue. He fisheth, fiddlith and fighteth all the days of his life.

He riseth even from his cradle to seek the scalp of his grand sire's enemy, and bringeth home in his carcass the ammunition of his neighbor's wife's uncle's father-in-law who revengeth the deed.

Yea, verily, his life is uncertain and he knoweth not the hour when he may be fired hence.

He goeth on a journey "half shot" and cometh back on a shutter, shot.

He rises in the night to let the cat out, and it taketh nine doctors three days to pick the buckshot from his person.

He goeth forth in joy and gladness and cometh back in scraps and fragments.

He calleth his fellow man a liar and getteth himself filled with scrap iron even to the fourth generation.

He emptieth a demijohn into himself and a shotgun into his enemy and his enemy's son leth in wait on election day, and, lo, the Coroner ploweth up a forty acre field to bury the remains of that man.—Manila American.

At Edward White's sale in Franklin county a few days ago, three Durham cows sold, respectively, for \$109, \$122, and \$132. A Durham five-months old calf brought \$70, and a yearling bull, \$70.

OIL DISCOVERED AT HANCOCK

30 Years Ago. What Was True Then Is Equally as True Now.

From The Hancock Times. The following statement was received by a Director of the Graham Oil Company in reply to a letter which he had written for the purpose of satisfying himself and others interested, with the important fact that petroleum exists in these parts.

DEAR SIR: Your letter received, asking me to give a statement of the indications of oil at the oil well I worked at, located about one mile north of Hancock, Md.

"I was drilling the night the water arose to the top of the well and threw out a strong odor. Mr. Joshua Creager was running the engine, and so sanguine was he that we would strike oil on the next shift, which would come on at 12 o'clock, that he would not sell his shares without he got a big price for them.

In letting the tools down the hole they fell, striking the reamer with such force that it was driven through the shell or crevice of the rock. At that moment the water boiled up to the floor of the derrick. It continued to flow and recede for about eight hours, then it calmed down and dropped about 40 feet below the floor of the derrick. We then pumped water from the well and put it in a barrel and we could see globules of oil come to the top of the water.

There are other places beside Rouzerville where oil exists, and judging from the indications of oil, set forth in the above letter, it is to be believed that oil would eventually be discovered, should the abandoned well at Franklin Mills, be again operated.

Respectfully yours, JAMES P. MCCUSTER.

Interesting conclusions are drawn from a study of the different ways writers subscribe themselves. The curt "Yours" and "Yours truly" are found not only in business letters, but in personal notes as well, for there are plenty of correspondents who do not believe in gushing, and who think that "Your truly" or "sincerely" means about all they wish to convey.

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THE WAR TAXES.

The heavy surplus in the Treasury is composed in large part of the proceeds of the internal revenue, or war taxes, imposed to meet the special emergency of the Spanish-American war. The customs receipts also are increasing greatly, and are helping to swell the surplus.

The scientific and direct method of dealing with a surplus which must be thus manipulated, and which invites raids on the Treasury in the interest of extravagant, indefensible and fantastic schemes of spoliation, is to reduce the unnecessary taxes which are producing the tempting spoil.

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PETROLEUM SURE.

The well upon the farm of Isaac Monaghan, Rouzerville, was given another thorough test for oil Saturday by the lessees, Messrs. Amberson and Newcomer, in the presence of many interested spectators.

Before the water was pumped out there was over an inch and a half of the oil upon the surface of the water. A jug was let down with the cork in and when it reached the bottom the cork was pulled and into the jug ran a quantity of oil.

Into the creek at Roadside for 35 years there has been running an oil of about the same sort but no one ever knew whence it came. It is likely from the same field.

Youthful Precocity.

A little girl who had just entered school lately jubilantly announced to her father that she did better than all the girls above her in the arithmetic class and went to the top.

A DARING FEAT.

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The Potato Candle.

A nice young American girl who was engaged for service by a West Philadelphia family, being directed to leave a candlestick and candle in the lower hall for the master of the house, amused herself by paring a potato into candle shape and sticking a clove in it for a wick.

THE PAY OF ACTORS.

Franklin Fyles, writing of "The Theater and its People" in The Ladies' Home Journal, touches interestingly upon the earnings of actors and corrects the oft repeated reports of the enormous earnings of players.

Not more than ten actors in America, aside from the stars, receive as much as \$250 a week, and not more than five actresses are paid this amount. In fact, \$250 a week is exceptional, and \$100 will engage an excellent hero or heroine, a fine comedian or a delineator of eccentric character.

VARNISHED FOOT-WEAR.

"I have been experimenting with a new scheme, and behold the result!" exclaimed the practical mother, as she displayed a small pair of shoes, with dilapidated uppers but comparatively good soles.

One Against the Mean Man.

A capital joke is related of a man who positively made a fine art of meanness. When traveling, as he very often did, he would keep railway porters busily attending to his luggage, and then purposely defer the much-deserved perquisite till the starting of the train made its payment practically impossible.

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A WAYNESBORO MAN'S INVENTION.

An invention that is attracting considerable attention over the country and being commended by many firemen and builders, says Valley Spirit, is the production of a Franklin county man, James P. Lowell, of Waynesboro.

This chamber is formed of shutters of iron, or suitable non-inflammable material, their design being such that when the lower and upper shutters are respectively raised and lowered, and the side shutters folded in against them, a smokeproof chamber is formed.

Another Post Office Ruling.

The Post Office Department has authorized the issue and use of the mails of reply envelopes and cards without prepayment of postage. To the merchant or business man having an extensive mail business this measure will be of great importance.

Telephone and Telegraph Messages.

Telephone and telegraph messages were sent successfully over the same wire one day last week between Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tennessee. For some time the Postal Telegraph company and the East Tennessee Telephone company have been experimenting on the problem of sending telephone and telegraph messages over the same wires with a view of adopting the system.

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THE INDIAN

The annual agents which by the Commission Affairs will be in form of an report of the Commission show that the population is 297,679 wear citizens, 31,923 wear and civilized, who can read, 53,814 can converse in English, 25,236 dwell within the last, number of births, deaths 5,233, Indians were One Indian was Indians. The criminals were There were 31 members and ings on the amount of in the last year, other societies, \$261,515, work, \$119,407, New York for the school established

March 12.—A has been paying tives in Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. their nephew Mrs. J. W. M. L. Shaw attended preaching last Sunday. Mrs. James as having been Luther Biet Virginia to his mill, which he ed from Andrew The parsonage Baptist church, pleted and James in April 1. Miss Kate her sister, Mrs. day. Miss McCullough, burg, was visiting head Sunday.

March 15.—is still quite poorly Mrs. B. F. H. urday with her McEldowney, W. H. Hess with D. T. Hum During the there were 240 itors at Hess and store. The absence of head has not Mr. and Mrs. Waynesboro Sunday at B. F. Our friend Sa to Needmore a fine gal; is

March 14.—Is ed to Trough Some of our entertainment at day night. Scott and Scott Winegar 'possums Thursday. It is reported inger is going vale. William Knepper line. Venie Winegar recovering. Rev. Scheffer farewell sermon evening prior to Conference. Howard Barned ill for some weeks covering. Frank Knepper ion wrestler.

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