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Strutting about on a Colorado Springs ostrich farm is a big bird that is valued at \$1,000; \$100 for himself, and \$1,000 for his owner's diamond stud, which he swallowed the other day.

The bilious, tired, nervous man cannot successfully compete with his healthy rival. Dewitt's Little Early Risers the famous pills for constipation will remove the cause of your troubles. Trout's drug store.

The attorney general of Massachusetts has decided that, under the law relating to the hours of labor for women and miners, women and girls employed in restaurants and hotels can work but eight hours a day. This is not a bad precedent for other states to follow under similar conditions.

"Can you lend me five dollars?" asked the new subscriber, entering the sanctum. "No," replied the editor, gruffly. "Paper not doing much, eh?" retorted the baffled borrower. "Well," said the editor, pointedly, "we are holding our own."

An Iowa man has invented a machine that will fasten pearl buttons on cards. The buttons are affixed by wire staples, which are made by the machine which does the carding. Buttons are now carded by girls, and it is said the machine will do the work of ten operatives.

"The Doctors told me my cough was incurable One Minute Cough Cure made me a well man." Norris Silver, North Stratford, N. H. —Because you've not found relief from a stubborn cough don't despair. One Minute Cough Cure has cured thousands and it will cure you. Safe and sure. Trout's drug store.

A mammoth black walnut tree on the farm of E. P. Gaus in Williams county, Ohio, has just been sold for \$4,000. Several lumber dealers have examined chips from this tree, and all have declared it to be the finest specimen of that kind of wood they ever saw. The tree was eight feet in diameter, 40 feet above the stump and extended 73 feet from the butt to the first limb.

A Scotchman was once advised to take showerbaths. A friend explained to him how to fit one up by the use of a cistern and a colander, and Sandy accordingly set to work and had the thing done at once. Subsequently he was met by the friend who had given him the advice, and, being asked how he enjoyed the bath. "Man," he said, "it was fine! I liked it rale weel, and kept myself dry, too." Being asked how he managed to take the shower and yet remain dry, he replied: "D-d ye dinna surely think I was sae daft as stand below the water without an umbrella."

16 Day Excursions to the Sea Shore via Cumberland Valley R. R.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad has fixed upon Thursdays, June 20th, July 5th and 18th, August 1st, 15th and 29th, and September 12th for their Annual Mid-Summer excursions to the Sea shore, the time allowed on these excursions being sixteen days.

Excursion tickets to Atlantic City, Cape May, and other South Jersey resorts will be sold from all stations on the Cumberland Valley R. R. on above dates for train No. 4 leaving Mercersburg at 8.00 a. m. at \$5.00 for the round trip, and will be good to return on any regular train (except the Penna Limited) within sixteen days, including date of issue. For full information call on Local Ticket Agents.

How to Pack a Trunk.

As regards the packing of clothing in a trunk, it is well to bear in mind the following simple rules:

Turn skirts, unless much trimmed, inside out. Fold all skirts in three or four from the straight seam. Stuff all bodice sleeves with paper. This prevents crushing. Stuff all hat bows with tissue paper for a similar reason. Tulle, net or feather boas should be packed in a separate cardboard box, which may be placed on top of the dress basket tray.

Don't fold fur coats inside out. This rubs and spoils the fur. Roll all ribbons or sashes tightly and secure them with a small pin.

Saves Two From Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and to-day she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by W. S. Dickson. Trial bottles free.

An English journal with the symposium habit has been seriously considering the advisability of doing away with the honeymoon. It is noticeable in the opinion printed that honey cloy upon the masculine palate much more quickly than upon the feminine. "Must we sacrifice yet another leaf from life's book of romance," wails one of the fair sex. She allows that under some circumstances the honeymoon may prove a failure, but thinks this could be prevented by a little forethought, a choice in the nature of the holiday. The men who discuss the subject do not enthuse over the honeymoon. There is one who contends that the honeymoon engenders "ennui," which produces indifference, is the destruction of all poetry and true happiness in married life. The men throw out many more valuable theories. Summarized, the women are for the preservation of the romantic institution, and are prone to burst into poetry and sentiment at the very word honeymoon. The men are different. Either they have less sentiment or they lack courage of their convictions; for, one and all, they hand in a verdict which in substance amounts to "the longer the moon the shorter the honey."

"A few months ago, food which I ate for breakfast would not remain on my stomach for half an hour. I used one bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and can now eat my breakfast and other meals with a relish and my food is thoroughly digested. Nothing equals Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for stomach troubles." H. S. Pitts, Arlington, Tex. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. Trout's drug store.

As in every trade in life, there are bad tuners among the piano tuning fraternity. A bad tuner can spoil a piano by springing the tuning pins and tampering with the action. They make levers of the pins, serging them back or forth to increase or lessen the tension of the strings instead of turning the pins in the proper manner. A majority of so called tuners, sad to relate, perform their work in just that way, so that when once a family gets a first class piano tuner they should rivet him to their appreciative service with considerate remuneration and beware of the newly hatched piano tuner.

Dyspeptics cannot be long lived because to live requires nourishment. Food is not nourishing until it is digested. A disordered stomach cannot digest food, it must have assistance. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests all kinds of food without aid from the stomach, allowing it to rest and regain its natural functions. Its elements are exactly the same as the naturally digestive fluids and it simply can't help but do you good. Trout's drug store.

Served For \$2.00 a Day.

A short time ago, office-holders in particular and the public in general, in and about Monroe county, this State, were surprised by the announcement that one of the county commissioners had returned to the county treasurer \$140 of his salary.

When Mr. Pipher was an independent candidate for county commissioner, he was asked by several if he would serve in the office for \$2.50 per day and he agreed to do it.

At that time Mr. Pipher was not aware of the law on the subject of commissioner's compensation which makes it \$3.50 per day—no more or no less.

There was no help for it and Commissioner Pipher had to take \$3.50 for each of the days served in the office by him. He could not accept any less but he has presented the county with \$140 of his own free will. Mr. Pipher is said by those who are familiar with him, to have made an excellent official, being economical and conscientious in his duties to the county.

County Commissioner Pipher not only turned into the county treasury the extra dollar for every day he was in office—117—but his traveling expenses as well, \$23. This made the \$140 check.

This action of Mr. Pipher has caused much criticism, but mostly of a favorable sort.

Replying to a question from a representative of the Hawkeye, Mr. Pipher, who owns and manages an extensive flouring mill at Minni, and who is looked upon as one of the solid business men of the county, said: It has been the habit in our county for a candidate to spend more or very near the amount of his salary in order to secure the office desired.

When my friends took me up and asked me to run independent, I did not go over the county spending a lot of cash for cigars and whiskey and then cheat the county or some one else out of it to get it back again. And I want to tell you right here that my election did not cost me one penny. I was running independent of all of them.

Our county has a debt of from \$65,000 to \$67,000 and there is no necessity for owing a dollar of indebtedness, for a careful and concerted management would have lifted it out of debt long ago.

Our county is full of poor iron bridges that have cost the taxpayers one-third to one-half more than they are worth.

As to our former commissioners accepting boodle, I cannot say, but all the same I do know they were very keen to let out the contracts for poor bridges at very high prices.

Now I'll go further and say this much that it is common practice for bridge agents, (and I suppose it is the same with all jobbers) to offer big bonus to the commissioners as a bribe to secure the contracts.

I have had bridge agents approach me in just this manner and explain carefully and thoroughly to me just how to lift a good fat sum out of the taxpayers' pockets for my own. This in return for a contract. They want the commissioners to give them a bridge at a big figure and when the bridge is built and paid for by the county commissioners each will get \$100 or 200, just according to the size of the bridge and the amount paid.

Mr. friends know that I am not the sort of a man to sell my honor and that is just why they elected me. As I told you I am independent of everything and everybody. I have never taken a dollar nor made a questionable deal so you see I can afford to hit straight from the shoulder without getting back to me.

The stand you took in your poorhouse affair is in line with my own position in Monroe, and while I like to see every man prosper in business and get good prices for his work, I do not believe a public servant should squeeze or even rob the taxpayer as so many of them are doing.

It is very evident Mr. Pipher is not afraid to speak out in meeting and as he knew he was speaking to a newspaper man, and knew also that his voice would reach in every direction.

The beauty of checks and women are judged from the same standpoint—face and figure.

Doctors and Editors.

The doctors are all friends of ours. We expect them to stay with us until death. Yet at the risk of incurring their displeasure, we publish the following:

We don't know where it came from, anymore than we know whose rainspout the doctor's medicine came from. We find it in a paper credited to "Ex." If we knew the author we would gladly give his name, because the article is really good. Here it is:

The doctor from Algona said that newspapers are run for revenue only. What in thunder do doctors run for anyway? Do they run for glory? One good healthy doctor's bill would run this office for six months.

An editor works a half day for \$3.00 with an investment of \$3000; a doctor looks wise, works ten minutes for \$2.00, with an investment of 3 cents for catnip and a pill box that costs \$1.37.

A doctor goes to college for two or three years and gets a diploma and a string of words the devil himself cannot pronounce, cultivates a look of gravity that he pawns off for wisdom, gets a box of pills, a cayuse, and a meat saw and sticks his shingle out a full-fledged doctor. He will then doctor you until you die, at a stipulated price per visit, and then puts them in as thick as your pocket-book will permit.

An editor never gets his education finished. He learns as long as he lives and studies all his life. He eats bran, mush and liver; he takes his pay in triumph and hay, and keeps the doctor in town by refraining from printing the truth about him.

We should like to live in Algona and run a newspaper about six months and see if the doctor would change his mind about running a newspaper for revenue only.

If we didn't get some glory out of it we would agree to take one of his pills after first saying our prayers. If the editor makes a mistake, he has to apologize for it but if the doctor makes a mistake he buries it.

If we make one, there is a lawsuit, tall swearing and a smell of sulphur, but if the doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and a smell of varnish. The doctor can use a word a foot long, but if the editor uses he has to spell it.

If the doctor goes to see a man's wife he will charge the man for the visit. If the editor calls on another man's wife he gets a charge of buckshot. Any medical college can make a doctor. You can't make an editor; he has to be born.

The editor works to keep from starving, while the doctor works to ward off the gout. The editor helps men to live better, and the doctor assists them to die easy.

The doctor pulls a sick man's leg, the editor is glad if he can collect his at all. Revenue only? We are living for fun and to spite the doctors.

Seven Years In Bed.

"Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Pease of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction guaranteed. Only 50c at W. S. Dickson's.

The Wisconsin Legislature has voted to submit to the electors next fall a prohibition Constitutional amendment.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat. Artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps and all other results of imperfect digestion. Price 50c and \$1.00. Large size containing 3 1/2 ounces. Small size 1 1/2 ounces. Prepared by E. C. GERRY & CO., Chicago. Trout's drug store.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Intelligence of Maggie, the Mare Who Hauls the Mail.

Maggie is a dark gray mare driven by J. S. Dresser of Dekalb, Ills., who delivers mail on a country route out of that city. For six months Maggie has drawn the light mail wagon over the course (35 miles) every day except Sundays, and she has come to know every turn and every stop almost as well as her master. Mr. and Mrs. Dresser have constructed a mail wagon built especially for country driving. Among other features it has a glass front, to enable the driver to see ahead, and below the glass is arranged a set of pigeonholes, where the carrier can classify the mail matter. Maggie has learned a few things about mail carrying, too, for she is of an ingenious turn of mind. When she hears a box on the route, she looks back through the glass to see if the carrier is fumbling in the boxes. If he is, she pulls the wagon up to the box by the roadside. If there is no movement back in the wagon, that fact to the faithful animal is equivalent to "no mail," and she lifts her nose in the air and jogs down the track as if there were no such thing as a mail box near her.—Chicago Record.

This Boy Was Shrewd.

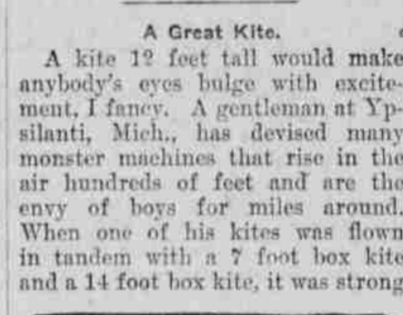
Tommy, aged 5, had a pony and a dog, and, while he liked them both, he liked the pony best. One day a visitor, to test his generosity, asked him if he would not give him the dog. "No," replied the little fellow, "but I'll give you the pony." This surprised his mother very much, and she asked him why he didn't give the dog instead. "Don't say a word, mamma," whispered the little schemer. "When he goes to get the pony, I'll sick the dog on him."—Exchange.

The Elephant's Mouth.

The elephant's mouth is one of the queerest sights in the whole of the animal kingdom. Its size alone makes it sufficiently remarkable, but its construction is more remarkable even than its size. It has no front teeth, for elephants never eat flesh or any food which requires tearing apart. They have only eight teeth altogether, four large yellow molars on each side, two above and two below. These teeth are about two inches thick and the width of a man's hand.

A Great Kite.

A kite 12 feet tall would make anybody's eyes bulge with excitement, I fancy. A gentleman at Ypsilanti, Mich., has devised many monster machines that rise in the air hundreds of feet and are the envy of boys for miles around. When one of his kites was flown in tandem with a 7 foot box kite and a 14 foot box kite, it was strong



FLYING A MONSTER KITE.

enough to lift a man into the air. When the big kite was flown near a farmhouse, the chickens and turkeys, seeing the monster in the air, rushed for their sheds and coops. The women, seeing the commotion, but not its cause, shouted, "A hawk, a hawk!" When the farmer came out with his gun and saw the great kite staring over his buildings, he decided not to shoot.

Mr. Everts' Wit.

When a popular young author came to see the late William M. Everts while he was secretary of state in behalf of a consulship for which he was an applicant—so at least they tell the story in Washington—Mr. Everts congratulated him on the fame which he had acquired, but hastened to add, "Although you have laurels on your brows, I suppose you can't browse on your laurels."

A Natural Boy.

Don't want to be a stationary; Don't want to study hard; Sooner spin my fine new top And play around the yard. Don't want to be a Webster; Don't want to be a Baines; Sooner play at "Indian" And tomahawk the slain. Sooner be "Just Willie," With kites and games and toys; Sooner be allowed to run And make an awful noise. —Corinne L. Bartlett.

Electricity is reported to have proven an effective remedy for frost bite. Circulation is set up and continues for a considerable time after current has been passed between poles applied to opposite sides of the affected member but several applications may be necessary to complete the restorative process.

A kiss can't be described by the tongue, but it can be expressed by the lips.

NEW GOODS

—AT—

J. K. JOHNSTON'S.



WITH twenty-five years' experience purchasing goods in the East, I have never bought a lot of goods with which I am so well pleased as those for this spring's trade. I am prepared to offer you goods both in quality and quantity that cannot be surpassed, and at prices that will astonish you for their cheapness.

CLOTHING

For boys 3 to 5 years of age, we have those beautiful Vestee Suits; from 5 to 15, two-piece suits; and for men, suits all sizes and prices. We have only space to mention Black Diagonal cotton-worsted suits, nice and dressy, at \$2.50. Men's and Boys' Overalls, cotton pants and jumpers; also, a fine line of Madras and Silk-front Dress Shirts of 48 cents.

Hats

We have all the latest things in Wool and Fur—all colors. Straw Hats for Men and Boys—Dress and everyday. Children's Fancy Skull Caps at 5 cents each.

SHOES

Men's good Buckled Creedmore for \$1.00. Buckled Creedmore—Tap sole and Iron heel for \$1.19. Men's Fine Shoes in Kidgo, Ione Cal, Tan and Patent Leather. Ladies' Kidgo and New Style Patent Leather for \$1.50. Children's Shoes from 25 cents, up.

Fishing Tackle

The Trout season is now here, and we have split bamboo rods, single and multiplying reels, cotton, sea grass, and oiled silk lines, plain and snooted hooks and 3-foot leaders.

J. K. Johnston, McConnellsburg, Pa.

PHILIP F. BLACK,

Manufacturer of

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Doors 2 : 8 x 6 : 8; 2 : 6 x 6 : 6; 1 and three-eighths inches in thickness.

Sash 12 x 20; 12 x 24; 12 x 28; 12 x 30; 12 x 32; 12 x 34; 12 x 36—inch and a quarter thick—always on hand.

Sash—four lights to window—from 45 cents to 70. These sash are all primed and ready for the glass. Both the doors and the sash are made from best white and yellow pines.

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J. B. HUTCHISON, Gen. Man. J. B. WOOD, Gen. Pass. Agent

Pan-American Exposition Now Open.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad Company has now on sale regular Summer Excursion tickets to Buffalo on account of Pan-American Exposition and to Niagara Falls. The rate from Mercersburg is \$18.70. In addition special excursion tickets to Buffalo, good to return within ten days from date of issue, will be sold every day until October 31st, at rate of \$14.85 from Mercersburg.

For the accommodation of visitors to the Exposition the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has put on two new trains in each direction, between Harrisburg and Buffalo, with which Cumberland Valley trains make close connection at Harrisburg. Nos. 4 and 10 reaching Buffalo at 8.00 P. M. and 7.35 A. M. respectively. Returning leave Buffalo at 8.00 P. M. and 8.30 A. M. connecting with trains 1 and 9 respectively.