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STALLINGS WAS UNABASHED.

Representative Stallings of Alabama has the reputation of being able to turn a corner quicker than any other politician in the south, but he found himself in a very close corner the other day. It so happened that a gentleman living in one of the most prominent towns in Stallings' district got on the train for Washington one fine morning to see about his appointment as postmaster which Stallings had promised him. To his pleasure he found another prominent citizen of that place a fellow passenger.

Before they had traveled 50 miles confidences were exchanged, and they discovered, to their indignation, that both were bound on the same errand. Stallings had promised the postoffice to both of them during the last campaign and had told them to come to Washington shortly before the term of the present incumbent expired. At first they were inclined to turn back home, but after discussing the subject awhile they concluded that they would go on to Washington and confront Stallings with his duplicity.

Losing an Arm in Battle.

Some one asked Captain Lucius D. Creighton of Missouri the other day how it felt to have an arm shot off. Captain Creighton served during the war between the states in a Confederate regiment, and his left sleeve hangs empty at his side.

"It doesn't feel at all," the Confederate veteran answered. "It is chiefly in the lack of feeling that you know you have been hit. I lost my arm at Gettysburg, and when the bullet struck me I couldn't imagine at first what had happened. There wasn't the slightest pain, only a slight tickling sensation, which soon gave way to numbness. In a few minutes my arm seemed to be an enormous weight hanging to my shoulder, but it was not until after the amputation had been made that I suffered actual pain. The after effects of losing an arm are not altogether pleasant. You sort of come to miss it in time, but so far as suffering is concerned I would much rather a bee would sting me."—Washington Post.

Teaching the Indians Politeness.

A teacher in an Indian school in Michigan writes as follows: "It is very interesting to study these children, especially as we have them from four different tribes, and I should very much like to write up my impressions only that I can scarcely keep up with my work as it is. These boys have a sense of humor. In my flag drill last Friday the pursons were a boy and a girl, and when the lines finished to form a cross I taught the boys to let their partners go first, and find trouble I had to do it too. After the exercise Isaac Crane came up to me and in his solemn way said, 'Miss B., in letting the girls pass in front of the boys you have struck at the root of an Indian national custom.' I said, 'How so, Isaac?' and he answered, 'It is the custom for the man to go first, carrying his dignity, and for the woman to follow, carrying everything else.'"—Washington Star.

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

The Cumberland Valley Railroad has fixed upon Thursdays, June 20th, July 5th and 19th, 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.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Mingpan and Gin Make the Best Cement For a Glass Fracture. Broken glass, china, bisca-bisac and picture frames, not to name cements, require each a different cement—in fact, several different cements. Glass may be beautifully mended to look at it, but seldom so as to be safely used. For clear glass the best cement is isinglass dissolved in gin. Put two ounces of isinglass into a clean, wide mouthed bottle, add half a pint of gin and set in the sun until dissolved. Shake well every day, and before using strain through double lawn, squeezing very lightly.

Spread a white cloth over the mending table and supply it with plenty of clean linen rags, strong rubber bands and narrow white tape, also a basin of tepid water and a clean, soft towel. Wash the broken glass very clean, especially along the break, but take care not to chip it further. Wet both broken edges well with the glue, using a camel's hair pencil. Fit the break to a miter, then slip on rubber bands lengthwise and crosswise—every way they will hold. If they will not hold true, as upon a stemmed thing, a vase or jug or scent bottle, string half a dozen bands of the same size and strength upon a bit of tape and tie the tape about neck or base before beginning the gluing. After the parts are joined slip another tape through the same bands and tie it up above the fracture, thus, with all their strength, the bands pull the break together. The bands can be used thus on casts or china—in fact, to hold together anything mendable. In glass mending the greater the pressure the better, if only it steps short of the breaking point. Properly made, the isinglass cement is as clear as water. When the pieces fit true one on the other, the break should be hardly visible if the pressure has been great enough to force out the tiny bubbles, which otherwise refract the light and make the line of cleavage distressingly apparent.

Household Linen. Buy household linen of the best quality and commence housekeeping with a good supply. No part of the furnishings of a home marks the refinement of a woman's character as does the quality of her household linen.

The best linen is the most economical, for, though its cost at first is greater, the extra expense is paid for in wear and appearance. It should hardly be necessary to say that table linen should receive the best of care, yet very often beautiful damask is spoiled long before it has had even a short reign. Carelessness in folding is accountable in part for this, and the neglect of stains accidentally made during a meal and not infrequently when the table is cleared is as fatal as the faults of the laundry. Vegetable, wine and fruit stains should be removed as soon after they are made as possible with warm chlorine water and then rinsed well in ammonia water or warm soapuds. Almost every sort of stain can be removed if treated properly and at the time it is made.—Jessie Shipman in American Queen.

Summer Luncheons. With the broiled spring chicken, which is the best possible meat for a summer luncheon, have fresh peas in little cups made either of butter or of puff paste and small new potatoes, with a rich cream over them. The sherbet is made after a new fashion. The juice of three lemons is put on two cups of granulated sugar and the whole thoroughly beaten, after which a quart of milk is poured over all, mixed and frozen. This may be served either in tall glasses or in little baskets cut from the skins of lemons and tied with ribbons to match the flowers.

The summer salad is most delicious made of fruit. Large dark California cherries are selected, stoned and laid in French dressing for half an hour. They are then laid on lettuce which has been sprinkled with the same dressing, and finely chopped parsley is scattered over the whole.—Harper's Bazar.

Too Cozy For Summer Home.

For the summer home nothing is prettier for the tea cozy than white linen, which admits of no end of variety in decoration. The rose, flower-de-luce, cornflower, thistle or shamrock, according to the nationality of the owner, embroidered on one side, with the monogram on the other, is a favorite mode, says the New York Tribune. Dainty drawn or lace work or lace insertions may be let into one side to form square, triangular or diamond shaped spaces, in which the monogram may be worked. A hemstitched or lace frill may be used on the edge. Honiton lace covers made by their owners are favorites. These are used over cozies of delicate colored satins.

Sterilized Money. Owing to the existence of a scarlet fever epidemic in Keena, N. H., the local bank now sterilizes all the money which passes through its hands. The notes and coins are placed in a galvanized iron oven lined with asbestos and heated by means of a Bunsen burner. A thermometer is provided to show the interior temperature at all times. The oven is heated to 300 degrees when in use.

MYSTERY OF 17,000 CANS.

"We had a salvage sale of groceries a few weeks ago," said one of the largest auctioneers in Cincinnati, "and among the things offered were 17,000 cans of assorted vegetables, fruits and preserves. The labels on the cans had been destroyed, and there was no way of telling what each contained. The contents were guaranteed to be all right, but it seemed like a pretty hopeless collection to sell.

"To my surprise, one man bid off the entire lot. I wondered what he expected to do with it, and a week ago he came in to show me what he had done. He had revarnished all the cans and put on new labels, with the following inscription: 'I am a can of something good, I'll tell my name if I but could. For I was made upon a beat And lost my name and pretty coat, but still I'm sound and very sweet, fit food for kings and queens to eat.'

"The purchaser told me that he had sold nearly all of his cans at a good profit and the very uncertainty about the contents was a temptation to women to buy. He is a young man on the lookout for an opportunity to make a fortune, and I think that I am safe in prophesying that he will succeed."

Beating the Slot Machines. The slot machine seemed groaning with a wealth of nickels when the collector came to the cigar store to open it. As he turned out the coins a bystander remarked, "See all the money!" "Not on your life!" replied the collector. "The game isn't what it used to be. Nearly half of these are no good. See?" And he deftly separated the coins into three piles. One, and not much the larger, represented the quota of bona fide nickels. Another was composed of coins recently issued by a department store as a souvenir of an anniversary. The third pile was simply a lot of lead disks cut exactly in the size of a five cent piece.

"That's the work of the printers," explained the collector. "They have facilities for making these things out of waste metal from the typesetting machines, and they beat every slot game in town. So, you see, our business isn't what it is cracked up to be."—Philadelphia Record.

Human Nature.

"My recreation is studying human nature," said the busy marketman as he superintended the arrangement of his immense stock of fresh vegetables in the early morning. "This asparagus," he explained, "is all out of the same garden, cut the same day, shipped the same day and delivered the same day. It cost me 18 cents a bunch. I am leaving 1,000 bunches in the store and setting 500 out on the sidewalk. That inside I will charge 25 cents for, while what is outside will go for 20 cents. The 1,000 bunches at 25 will be all sold before 200 of the other at 30. That's human nature."—New York Press.

Mr. W.'s Troubles.

A.—Did you hear about Watson's whiskers? B.—No; what was it? A.—Why, they looked so ugly that all the neighbors signed a petition asking Watson, as a matter of public policy, to shave them off. B.—Well, did he do it? A.—Yes, he did. B.—Well, what then? A.—Why, the very next day the neighbors signed a petition asking Watson, as a matter of public policy, to let them grow again.—Tit-Bits.

Caught Napping by Paderowski.

A lady visiting Paderowski's villa in Paris recently noticed a cherry stone on the mantelpiece. She took possession of it, and had it set in pearls and diamonds as a relic of the master. A few weeks later Paderowski met this lady, who, in the course of conversation, showed him the cherry stone with its elegant setting. "But, madam," said Paderowski, stroking his locks, "I never eat cherries. The one you found on my mantelpiece must have been left by my servant."—Ledger Monthly.

Wine Speculation.

A Howard man has been trying a novel experiment during the last year. He watched the stock markets and made supposititious investments, of which he kept a careful track. At the end of the year he found that if his speculations had been real he would have been out of pocket just \$300,000. It is a fine illustration of the fate which lies in wait for the amateur on the stock market.—Kansas City Journal.

True to His Word.

"You know you said before election that you were a friend who would divide his last dollar with me." "That's right," said Senator Sorghum bluntly; "that's right. But it's going to be a good many years before I go down to my last dollar."—Washington Star.

Mean.

"Tess—When I met May today, I had my new gown on. Naturally I expected her to say something about it, but she pretended not to notice it."

Jess—Yes; she's an awfully tender hearted girl.—Philadelphia Press.

The Fruits of Perilous Effort.

"Do these north pole explorers ever accomplish anything?" "Oh, yes; they often come back and start out again."—Detroit Free

COUNTRY POLICE OF MEXICO.

The rurales are the country police of Mexico, and their like does not exist in any other country. Their organization was a stroke of diplomacy on the part of President Diaz. It was in the seventies, when the country had been infested for years with banditti, that he offered amnesty to all these highway robbers who would enlist in his service, and guaranteed them a salary larger than that received by cavalrymen in any other part of the world. They knew every nook and corner of the country, were fearless and expert in horsemanship and the use of firearms.

The president wisely discerned that such qualities could be of peculiar value to him if rightly directed. The bait tempted them, for it was more reliable than their precarious way of gaining a livelihood, and offered honor instead of the constant danger of imprisonment and death that had been their portion. They accepted the proposition unanimously, and have served the administration so zealously and efficiently that brigandage throughout Mexico is almost entirely a thing of the past, and crime in general is much less frequent than before.—Overland Monthly.

The New Mint.

"There is no danger that any one will carry away Uncle Sam's money stored in the new Philadelphia mint," says J. K. Taylor, the supervising architect of the structure. "The vaults are built on the solid rock underlying the city. Fortunately it came to the surface here and extends under the building and clear across the street. We found early in our work that there would never be any danger of tunneling, as the rock is so full of springs that the smallest opening is immediately flooded. The vault would be tunneled if the vaults were built of solid steel, the gold vault being seven inches in thickness, while the silver vaults are an inch thick. It is not necessary to take so great precautions with the silver, as it is so bulky and heavy it could never be carried away except with drays. Even now there are big ingots of silver lying about the hallway just covered with tarpaulins. But we have no fear of its being stolen."

Yanko Island.

That there should be room for discovery of an island in the sea of Japan at this time of day seems hardly credible. It would almost be as much expected to make a discovery of the kind in the Caribbean sea. Yet, according to the Nichi Nichi, a Japanese paper regarded as reliable, it appears that an island was discovered at a point between Ul-long-do, island of Korea, and the Oki archipelago, about 30 miles off. No maps heretofore have the island referred to. It is described as two miles long and about the same in width. Trees and grass are there, and it contains many inlets, affording good anchorage. The island was discovered by a fisherman about a year ago, he finding the waters about it fairly alive with sea horses. The new island is called Yanko by the fishermen of Japan and Korea.—Montreal Star.

A Piscatorial Pun.

It is delightful to be able to quote what is perhaps a new fish story from the New York Times Saturday Review. It is one which Mr. Frank Stockton tried on "John Paul." A gentleman asked a question of a boy who was fishing. The boy mumbled an indistinct response. "Why can't you speak plainer?" said the gentleman. "What have you in your mouth?" "Wums, wums, for bait," answered the boy.

Coeducational Matrimony in Russia.

In Russia if a girl desires to study at either of the universities etiquette requires that she should be married. Accordingly she goes through the civil form of marriage with one of the men students, whom she may never have seen before and perhaps may never speak to again. These marriages are perfectly legal, and if the contracting parties like each other they are united for life, but otherwise the marriage is dissolved when their university course is finished and both are free to marry again.—London Globe.

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CONDENSED STORIES.

Wanted Nate Salisbury to Salute His First Advance Agent.

It was raining cats and dogs when Salisbury and Major Burke of the Buffalo Bill Wild West aggregation left the transport at Barcelona, and the latter, when half way down the gangplank, removed his hat, says the New York Press. "Put on your hat, Burke. Your head is getting wet," urged the manager. "Look



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there," said the major. "Where? I don't see anything." "There, there, man!" "I don't see anything but rain. Put your hat on." "What, keep my hat on in the presence of that?" "But you're getting soaked, man. Don't stand there like a fool. Put your hat on." "Never! No while in that noble presence!" "Now, John, you're going crazy!" "But, man, don't you see it? Can't you recognize it?" "The only thing I see is a statue of Columbus. What of it?" "My dear fellow, can you ask 'what of it?' Why, he's been your advance agent for 400 years!"

Butler's Clincher.

"I think General Butler was the best posted man on all questions before congress I ever saw," said an ex-congressman to the New York Sun. "Now and then some congressman inferior to him in brains and information got the advantage of him, but he more often came off victorious in that arena. He and Sam Cox once got into one of those long running debates on the floor of congress, each often putting questions to the other in the most pertinent and brilliant way. It was Damascus blade against Damascus blade. At last Cox put some wounding question to him, leaving his seat to do so, with a gleam in his eye as if saying, 'Now, old fellow, I've got you where you must confess or surrender.' Butler, being tired of the badgering, turned on him as a lion does on its prey and said, 'Shoo fly, don't bother me.' From the very manner in which it was said and coming upon the house so unexpectedly the house burst into one prolonged laugh. Right there and then, as Uncle Remus says, Cox lost his money bag, and he wilted as if an ice shower bath had fallen suddenly on his little person. Butler walked over and congratulated him upon his defeat. Both had a good laugh over it, and both retired at once, as if hunting some place that Mrs. Norton would smash with a hatchet."

Mark Twain's Discount.

A good story is told of Mark Twain and a bookseller's clerk. Twain was formerly a partner in a publishing firm, and one day he went into a bookstore, and, picking up a book, he asked the clerk the price of it. He then said that as a publisher he was entitled to 50 per cent discount. The clerk told him that was all right, and then Twain said: "And as I am also an author I am entitled to 50 per cent discount for that reason, am I not?" To this also the clerk assented.

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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 \$18.00. 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.