

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

At present the longest single submarine cable is 2,700 miles. A new adulterant of coffee is dough, molded in the shape of coffee beans.

If you were on the moon the earth would appear to be 64 times larger than the sun does to residents of this planet. A scientist has calculated that the eyelids of the average man open and shut no fewer than 4,000,000 in the course of a single year of his existence.

A battery of modern German artillery, using the new quick-firing guns recently supplied to them, can fire 80 shots a minute at a range of over five miles.

A lawyer in Danville, Ill., gave a spurious decree of divorce to a female client, and she, believing it genuine, married again. She has sued the lawyer and recovered \$5,000 damages.

An old clock three feet high is one of the ornaments of a schoolroom in Warren, Ill. It lately stopped, and Miss Mary E. Gloss, one of the instructors tried to set it going. In the works she found a wad of greenbacks amounting to \$242.

Before and After Vaccination.—It is stated, in support of vaccination, that in Austria, prior to vaccination becoming general, out of every million inhabitants, 38,541 died of smallpox within a period of 30 years; a figure reduced to one-tenth, namely, 3,745, in the corresponding time after the general adoption of vaccination.

The smallest perfect watch ever made is owned by a Russian princess. It was first placed in an exquisite gold case, covered with the most minute but literally perfect Watteau scenes in enamel; then at the princess' desire the works were removed and placed inside a splendid diamond, scarcely two-fifths of an inch in diameter.

Paris journals declare that dolls are being out of vogue, and one philosophical writer explains why. In the good times, he says, dolls were sold un-reared, and it was the pleasant task of little girls to make dresses for them. Now they are bought dressed in the latest style, and the children, after playing with them a short time, throw them aside.

COPPER-LINED STOMACHS. Remarkable Gastronomical Feats of an Englishman and an American.

John Collins, who has lately distinguished himself by swallowing 91 pebbles and has come out of Peterborough infirmary, where he has been in confinement as the consequence of this feat, no doubt thinks he has beaten the record. He is mistaken, however. A much more remarkable feat is recorded in the museum of Guy's hospital, where they have some scraps of pocket knives that have been swallowed by one John Cummings, an American sailor.

John Cummings, an American sailor, he and his mates went to a fair and saw a mountebank doing some wonderful things in the way of swallowing knives. Most of them were greatly impressed by the performance, but Cummings made light of it, and declared he could do the same if he liked. On being dared to do it, he took out his own pocketknife and bolted it. His shipmates were naturally delighted. They plied him with grog and affectionately encouraged him to still further achievements. Cummings boldly declared his readiness to swallow all the pocketknives on shipboard. Three were instantly offered him, and he actually swallowed them all. One of the four he seemed to have permanently appropriated, and for six years he experienced no more in this way. Eventually, however, he tried a few more of these somewhat indigestible articles of diet, and, it was said, would swallow a knife with the utmost indifference.

When Cummings told his story to the doctors, as, of course, he had to do in the end, they thought him a monomaniac and were inclined to pay no attention to it. External examination, however, showed that a metal point had perforated the wall of the stomach and induced the hospital authorities to administer powerful solvents in order, if possible, to get rid of the obstructive fragments of this singular dietary. Perhaps the stomach which had held out against pocketknives gave in to the doctors' strong medicine. At all events, the man died, and they have on show at Guy's some 40 or 50 scraps of metal blades and bits of handles and other component parts of pocketknives all testifying to the truth of the story the man had told and proving indisputably that he had long been in the habit of amusing himself or astonishing his friends or perhaps turning an honest penny occasionally in this original way. Collins certainly has beaten him by coming out of the infirmary alive.—London News.

Out of Place. A rather disastrous wager that of the man who made a bet with his sweetheart that he could dust the sitting-room before she could throw a stone that would hit the fence. At the end of an hour she had broken three window panes, hit a small boy and destroyed several rose bushes; while he had smashed four vases, knocked down two pictures and brushed some bric-a-brac into the fire. And yet there are people who maintain that the spheres of the sexes are one and the same.—Denver Mecca.

Eggs in St. James. Remove the outer skin of some green peppers by means of hot fat, clean out the seeds by cutting off the stalks. Make a garnishing of onions, green peppers, mushrooms and fresh tomatoes, sliced and fried in oil. Put a portion of the garnishing in the bottom of the green peppers, place one raw egg on top, season well, bake to a color in oven and serve hot.—Albany Argus.

PLANTED A GRAVEYARD.

The Novel Scheme of an Ice Company to Head Off a Northern Indiana Railroad.

A fact leaked out recently which indicates the bearing some of the seemingly harmless bills passed by a general assembly have on large interests. One of these bills, which passed at the last session without any discussion, prohibited the building of any railway lines through any graveyard. Little was known of its purposes, but at that time of the session bills for the pensioning of civil war veterans and their widows and such other benevolent measures were being passed more or less regularly along with patriotic resolutions, and what little was said about the bill was thrown out in such way as to appeal to the sentiment of the solons.

In an effort to prevent the desecration of graves, however, the legislators took a step, the importance of which they never realized, and the facts alleged in the case follow: Ever since the Chicago & West Michigan railway was built, its western terminal was at New Buffalo, where it formed a junction with the Michigan Central, over the tracks of which it entered Chicago. As the business of the road developed, it was found that the trackage charges made inroads into the income of the company to the point where it was deemed desirable to do away with them. Accordingly the heads of the road decided to build their own line into Chicago, and accordingly, through their agents, began to purchase rights of way wherever desired. Most of the proposed route ran through the sand dunes along the upper end of Lake and Porter counties, and here the Knickerbocker Ice company, of Chicago, owns vast tracts of land from which it takes sand for its ice houses and for building purposes in Chicago.

The new route of the railway will cut through their most valuable sand deposits, and the Knickerbocker company steadfastly refused to sell. Only a few weeks before the opening of the legislature the railway company announced that it proposed to bring condemnation proceedings to secure possession of the land, and then was hatched the bill which has rendered it impossible for the railway to complete its line. First of all, the company secured a collection of what is known in medical colleges as "stiffs," to the number of 40 or 50, and these were buried at intervals, properly marked, all over the tract. The next step taken was to prepare the graveyard bill, which was introduced by Representative Patterson, who was innocent of the motives back of it, and passed without discussion by both branches of the general assembly, under the supposition on part of the members that it was designed to thwart the attempt of some cold-blooded railway corporation to desecrate some old-established burying ground around which clustered historical associations. The graveyard is still there, and the people in the northern part of the state are wondering what move the Chicago & West Michigan will next take in its endeavor to reach Chicago.—Indianapolis Journal.

Hard to Get Acquainted With. A young couple called at a fashionable boarding house in the West end a couple of weeks ago to engage board. They were from Chicago, and the husband had recently secured an appointment in one of the departments. The landlady, an amiable and pretty, if a trifle faded, little woman, showed the couple the vacant rooms, and one of them was finally accepted.

"Now, you'll want references, of course," said the young wife, after the terms had been fixed. Then she mentioned the name of a Washington man of some prominence.

"You know him, or of him, I presume," she inquired. "He is my husband's uncle."

"Well," replied the landlady. "I cannot precisely say that I know him. Nobody ever really knew him. He's something of a mystery. Now, I was married to him 12 years, and at the conclusion of that period, when I secured my divorce, I don't think I could have conscientiously placed my hand over my heart and declared that I actually knew him. Some men are so difficult to get acquainted with, you know."

The situation was a bit embarrassing, but the young couple took the room they had decided upon, anyhow.—Washington Post.

Filbert Culture in Italy. It will surprise many to hear that in certain districts of Italy the filbert crop rivals the produce of the vine in commercial importance. These delicious nuts are grown on bushes or shrubs, which are arranged in groups that are from 15 to 25 feet apart, so as to insure the access of plenty of light and air. They thrive best in a deep clayey soil, and the planting takes place during November and December of slips from the mother plant. Seeds could be used, but the growth would be too slow to be profitable. As it is, the shrubs do not bear fruit until the third year, and blossoms appearing before that time being removed, so that the plant shall not be impoverished. The plants are periodically pruned, when any slips which have fallen to sprout are removed and replaced by others; so that there are plantations which remain in full growth, although nearly a hundred years old. The filbert is not subject to the diseases common to other crops, but it suffers severely from hailstones and from cold winds.—Chambers' Journal.

A Sure Sign. Hotel Manager—I see you have given our finest suite of rooms to a man named Bilkins. Are you sure he can pay the charges? Clerk—Yes; he's rich enough. "How do you know?" "He is old and ugly, and his wife is young and pretty."—Tit-Bits.

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Small Boy Speaks. I don't want to be an angel, and with the angels stand; I'd rather be a drum-major, and lead the village band.—Chicago Daily News.

Her First, Last and Only. Perkins (facetiously)—That is a picture of my wife's first husband. Smith—Heavens! what a brainless-looking ass! But I didn't know your wife was married before she met you. Perkins (dryly)—She wasn't. That is a picture of myself at the age of 20.—Judge.

She'll Say the Best. "It's awfully late," I remarked to my friend, after a long whist bout at the club. "What will you say to your wife?" "Oh, I shan't say much, you know," was the reply. "Good morning, dear," or something of that sort. She'll say the rest.—Roxbury Gazette.

A Lesson in Etiquette. Mrs. Black (on her return home)—I've ashamed of you, Sammy. Sammy—What for, mammy? Mrs. Black—When you go to dinner at a pusion's house you mus' nebba ax whar dey done stole de chieking.—N. Y. World.

Where the Fault Was. Landlady—Is there any fault with my beefsteak, Mr. Grimsby? Grimsby—Oh, no; the fault is with my teeth. They are too dull to go through anything much stronger than leather.—Boston Transcript.

How He Manages Her. "How is it that your wife is so tractable?" "Why, I told her when we were married that she could do exactly as she pleased, and so, of course, she finds no pleasure in doing it."—Chicago Post.

A Rapid Method. "It seems to me that you have been a long time writing that short note," said Mrs. Winebiddle, who had been waiting for her husband. "Yes, my dear. I wrote it on my typewriter."—Detroit Free Press.

Fraternity's Fling. Claude—They say that Miss Justine is going into a convent. Jack—Yes; she has promised to be a sister to so many of us that she is going to adopt it as a profession.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Real Financier. "Stimpurse is a great financier." "Financier?" "Yes. He can make two silver quarters rattle in his pocket so you will think he has five or six dollars."—Columbus State Journal.

Filling a Deficiency. "The literary life is not a path of roses." "I don't know; lots of authors are eternally throwing bouquets at themselves."—Chicago Daily News.

The Way She Heard It. He—Did the minister talk politics as usual to-day? She—I guess he did; he took his text from the Epistle to the Philippians.—Town Topics.

Revised Version. Palmer Coyne—Put not your trust in riches. Byrne Coyne—No; put your riches in trusts.—Philadelphia Press.

Working for Himself. Bill—Gill says he's doing the work of a mule. Jill—Then he must be doing his own work, now.—Yonkers Statesman.

No Wonder. "Winkle grows smaller every day." "I should think he would. His wife sits on him so often."—Detroit Free Press.

Understanding. "How did you sleep last night?" inquired the hostess. "Not very well," responded the guest. "I was kept awake all the latter part of the night by somebody running a lawn mower." "That wasn't a lawn mower. That was my husband snoring."—Chicago Tribune.

A Clean Record. In pleading for the release of her son, who had been taken in the toils of the law, a Georgia mother said: "That's never been nuthin' ag'in' him, yer honor; he's allus shrunk from the public gaze. He never has run fer congress, he never wuz in the legislature 'an' has allus worked fer his livin'!"—Atlanta Constitution.

They Must Have It. Men may live and be happy, The claimed, without books, And some day fair science May banish the cook! But never while people Still labor and hope Will men agree to Dispense with soft soap.—Chicago Times-Herald.

PUNISHED FOR HIS HONESTY. "So your boy is in the house of correction?" "Yes, I'm sorry to say! He was always so honest, and when he stole anything he always brought it home, and that's how he got caught!"—Helter's Well.

Could Not Resist It. Doctor—Hospital ward. Doctor, administering a dose of brandy to male patient, passes the remark: "Ah, Sandy, do you know every drop of this stuff?"—looking at the bottle—"you take is a nail in your coffin?" Sandy, eyeing the bottle wistfully, exclaims: "Weel, doctor, as lang as ye hae the hammer in yer hand, ye might jist knock in anither ael!" Collapse of doctor.—Answers.

Asking Too Much. "I wish men were like pianos." "Why?" "Because pianos are either grand, upright or square." "Well, most men are a great deal like pianos." "How?" "You can buy them at a big discount from their list price."—Chicago Tribune.

The Summer Girl. Her papa notes how fast his money's going: She costs him more and more each year for dress. Despite the fact her bathing-suit is growing small by degrees and beautifully less. —Judge.

DREADFULLY HAD COMPLIMENT. Miss Keene—Do you know, Mr. Tubbs, that vawze always reminds me of you? Mr. Tubbs—Of me? How's that? Miss Keene—Oh, it's so large and shapely, and— Mr. Tubbs—Ahem! Yes? Miss Keene—And there's never anything in it, you know!—Jeweler's Weekly.

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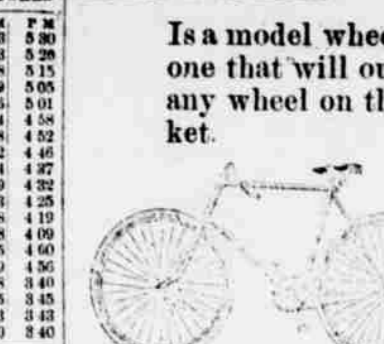
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