

Congressman Loud, of California, has charge of the bill introduced in Congress providing for an increase of pay for letter carriers. We hope the Congressman will report in favor of the bill. If it is worth \$5000 a year to deliver speeches in Congress, it is easy to figure out what the man ought to have who delivers them to the long suffering constituents. By all means raise their pay.

A strange, almost wierd case is reported from Philadelphia, that city of serene somnolence and curious contradictions. There Mildred Chambers, being beautiful and having the desire that is inherent in all beautiful women to permit the photographer to exercise his art in connection with her features, was, because of her moneyless condition, reduced to the necessity of claiming falsely to be the daughter of a prominent citizen in order to obtain a dozen portraits of herself.

Where else on earth would a beautiful girl—a ravishingly beautiful girl, as we are told Mildred is—be permitted to suffer the pangs of poverty? The world owes every pretty woman an easy living, or thinks it does, at least; but Philadelphia is apart from the world.

Philadelphia, therefore, slept on while beautiful Mildred Chambers walked up and down in front of the photographic studio and sighed to the "taken." Finally she succumbed to temptation, as has been said, and gleefully took the photographs of her beautiful self to her humble home, where she was busy admiring them when a rude officer of the law arrested her for obtaining goods under false pretenses. She was found guilty in court and sentenced to six months in jail, the judge, when the verdict had been announced, addressing these words to the jury:

"I am glad to see that you have resisted the fascinations of a pretty face."

Then all hands, save the members of the political gang that rules Philadelphia, fell asleep again. The adherents of Mr. Quay went on helping themselves to the people's offices. Philadelphia presents an interesting study to the seker after that which is extraordinary and inexplicable.

Washington News.

Washington.—The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the case of E. Bement & Sons, a corporation of Michigan, vs. the National Harrow Company, a New Jersey corporation.

The proceeding was instituted by the harrow company to collect damages on a contract for the manufacture of a patent harrow owned by the company. The suit was resisted on the ground that the harrow company is a member of a combination to control the price of harrows in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. The New York Court held that this contention was not justified and the opinion delivered today supported that view of the case.

Justice Peckham delivered the opinion of the court, saying that a careful examination of the contract had failed to reveal any reason for declaring the contract void. The contracts had served, he said, to prevent much litigation for violation of contract, and it also was appropriate for the owners of the patent to make conditions as to the price in their licenses to sub-manufacturers. On this point he said:

It tended to keep up the price of implements manufactured and sold, but that was only recognizing the nature of the property dealt in and providing for its value as far as possible. This the parties were legally entitled to do.

With reference to the objection to the clause in the contract prohibiting Bement & Sons from manufacturing other similar harrows, Justice Peckham said: The plain purpose was to prevent the defendant from infringing upon the rights of others under other patents and it had no purpose to stifle competition.



"Algy, dear, do you believe in the saying 'Out of sight out of mind?'"
"No. Take, for instance, a bolt on the back of one's neck."

Virginia News.

Louis Morris, a prominent citizen of Portsmouth, is dead.

Gen. James G. Field is very ill at his home in Orange county.

M. C. Myers of Lynchburg, died in Denver, Col., Saturday, of consumption.

The store of P. A. Phillips, at Gloucester Courthouse, was destroyed by fire.

Gen. Eppa Hunton has sold his residence in Warrenton to Mrs. Sarah Hoge for \$10,000.

William M. Short, of Staunton, was run over by a train at Bluefield, W. Va., and killed.

W. E. Tibbins, of Rockingham county, was recently drowned in Hampshire county, W. Va.

Charles Tobias, a Norwegian sailor, was drowned in the Mattaponi river at Waterfence wharf.

At the colored Baptist convention in Petersburg a letter was read from Senator McComas, of Maryland.

Options have been obtained on 9000 acres of land near Moorefield, W. Va., and borings for oil will be made.

Hon. Edward W. Pott, of North Carolina, will be the orator on Confederate Memorial Day, May 23, at Front Royal.

Mr. Milton Zimmerman, a well-known merchant of Landmark, Fauquier county, died suddenly a few days ago.

The Pacific Mail liner Korea will be turned over to her owners today by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company.

The reconstructed portion of the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, was opened to the public Thursday under flattering auspices.

At Norfolk the L. W. Davis Tobacco Company was granted a charter by Judge Hanckel. The company's capital is \$100,000.

Virginia political leaders are seeking to advance the claims of certain prominent men for places on the Corporations Commission.

Rev. Father Burke, priest in charge of the Academy Villa Maria at Abdingdon, died Thursday of fatty degeneration of the heart.

The 14-year old son of Philip Kessel, living near Moorefield, W. Va., was struck and instantly killed by lightning Tuesday evening.

At Roanoke Judge Woods rendered a decision holding members of a co-operative store liable as partners for debts of the concern.

Jacob Bumgardner, a native of Augusta county and a brother of Capt. James Bumgardner, of Staunton, died Friday in Allentown, Pa.

John B. Neill has been elected cashier of the Bank of Clarke County, at Berryville, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Capt. J. R. Nunn.

The Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Railway Company has raised the wages of conductors and motormen from 12½ cents an hour to 16 cents.

Little Ellen Snodgrass, of Hershaw, W. Va., who was bitten by a dog a few days ago, is dead of hydrophobia. Two other children bitten are in a dangerous condition.

John Quivers, a driver, was thrown from a wagon near Westover and killed.

S. S. Miller, an aged citizen of Bridgewater, Rockingham county, is dead.

The house of Fred Hill, near Huffman, Barbour county, W. Va., was burned with its contents and Hill had a finger cut off while trying to save some property.

Col. James W. Brown, formerly sheriff of Preston county, W. Va., is dead at Kingwood, from paralysis. He belonged to an old family and leaves a large estate.

The annual convention of the United Commercial Travelers' Association of West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky was held at Wheeling, Covington, Va., was selected as the next place of meeting.

Mrs. Sarah Courtney, mother of Dr. D. H. Courtney, the well-known oil operator, died in Morgantown, W. Va., yesterday very suddenly of heart disease. She was about 70 years of age, but had been in the best of health until a few moments before her death.

J. C. Rawn, who lately resigned the

position of manager and engineer of the Roanoke Gas and Water Company, has been appointed chief engineer of the Pocahontas Coal and Coke Company, with headquarters at Bramwell, W. Va.

James Cline, of Culpeper county, died Saturday in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He was a native of the Valley of Virginia, but removed to Culpeper county 25 years ago. He was the father of Messrs. C. L., A. B., T. L., Henry A. and Rev. Mr. Cline, a Lutheran minister.

Maryland News.

A fire on the Frederick Fair Grounds destroyed 90 of the stalls for horses.

Postmaster Joseph H. White, of Easton, was severely injured in a driving accident.

Dr. E. E. Stonestreet, of Rockville, has been elected Health Officer of Montgomery county.

George W. Johnston, of Spesutia Island was run over by his farm wagon and killed.

John W. McKenzie, 64 years of age, dropped dead at his home, near Narrows Park, Cumberland, while kindling a fire.

The Elections Supervisors of Garrett county elected Edmund P. Jamison president, Thomas Flanagan clerk and William R. Offit, attorney.

John F. Hickey has been re-elected town clerk of Hyattsville, L. C. Wissman inspector of buildings and plumbing and George M. McFarland baliff.

First Memorial Methodist Church, near Rush, Allegany county, was dedicated Sunday, Rev. W. S. Beake, of Washington, D. C., preaching the dedicatory sermon.

The engagement of Mr. Peyton Gordon, of Washington Grove, Montgomery county, and Miss Evelyn Birley, of Cambridge, Md., is announced, the marriage to take place in June.

The Annapolis Business Men's Association was organized with the following officers: Frank A. Monroe, president; W. L. Child, vice-president; Julian Brewer, secretary, and George C. Barton treasurer.

Stewart Leister, of Brummel, Carroll county, was severely injured while cutting down a tree in the woods belonging to his father. A falling tree turned the blade of an ax in his hands against him, cutting through his skull.

Gen. William P. Roberts, who is out as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the First District, says one of the planks in his platform is opposition to the education of negroes by the State.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Frederick County has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. S. C. Thomas; secretary, Mrs. A. T. Nicodemus; recording secretary, Miss Lillian Keller; treasurer, Miss Katharine Bartgis.

The old wooden bridge over the Gunpowder river, on the Jerusalem turnpike, below Kingsville, which was erected in 1827, is being pulled down preparatory to the erection of a new structure by the United Railways and Electric Company. The petition for an extension of the trolley line to Kingsville has so far received 50 signatures.

Relative to the new wheat crop in Maryland the Daily Produce Report, issued by the Chamber of Commerce, had the following to say yesterday:

"There seems to be no doubt that wheat has deteriorated during the past three weeks in Maryland. Complaints of small heads, short straw and lack of color are generally made. This refers to some of the very best wheat districts, such as Baltimore, Kent, Cecil and Carroll counties. If present conditions prevail much longer two-thirds of a crop will be an outside expectation."

Kid McKoy Beaten.

Philadelphia—Kid McCoy was twice saved by the bell in a six-round bout with Kid Carter at Industrial Hall. He was knocked down five times, and was much the weaker at the finish, although Kid Carter was badly punished.

During the first round McCoy had all the advantage, but in the second he was floored by a blow on the jaw and would have been stopped but for the bell.

In the third round he was knocked down three times, but again escaped a knockout. He recovered in the fourth, and although Carter again succeeded in putting him to the floor, McCoy, in turn, had his opponent almost out.

In the fifth and sixth rounds McCoy kept away from Carter's vicious swings, but he was "groggy" at the finish, and Carter, though showing more evidence of rough usage, had considerably the better of the bout.

J. C. Rawn, who lately resigned the

NEWS ITEMS.

The death list from the recent tornado at Goliad, Texas, is now 95.

Good rains have fallen in all parts of the State, and have ended all fear of drought.

A cloudburst caused havoc in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington, Ky.

The German Baptist Brethren, in convention at Harrisburg, decided to allow members to insure their lives.

Judge Grosscup, in Chicago, issued an order restraining the beef combine. Several Baltimore affidavits were presented.

The New York coroner's jury in the case of Walter Brooks acquitted Florence Burns, who will not be prosecuted.

President Roosevelt was the principal speaker at the centennial of the Presbyterian Home Mission Society at New York.

The Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows has adjourned its annual session at Charlotte and meets next year at Wilmington.

Independent oil operators have begun suit in Pittsburg against several railroads for damages, alleging discrimination in freight rates.

According to a Chicago report the Northern Securities Company will alter its charter, and the Government will withdraw suit against the company.

The First National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, has bought Asheville's \$250,000 water bonds at par, on condition that it pays for them on the monthly installment plan.

Nearly all the 400 operatives in the R. J. Reynolds Plug Tobacco factory at Winston, who struck for higher wages, have returned to work. The firm decided to increase all wages 10 per cent.

News from Raleigh says: The anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was observed, here by the closing of public buildings, banks, etc., and a display of flags. At Charlotte there was the usual extensive celebration, the most notable incident of which was the unveiling of a monument to the memory of Lieut. W. E. Shipp, Tenth Cavalry, who was shot dead in the assault on San Juan Hill, at Santiago.

The exercises were very impressive. Rev. E. A. Osborne, who was colonel of a Confederate regiment and chaplain of the Second North Carolina Regiment in the war with Spain, and who is a brother-in-law of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, offered the opening prayer. Earl Sloan, of Charleston, S. C., introduced Col. John Peyre Thomas, of Columbia, S. C., who delivered the address. The monument was unveiled by William E. Shipp and Fabius Busbee Shipp, the little sons of the dead officer, with whom was their mother, Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp; their grandfather, Fabius H. Busbee, of Raleigh, and Capt. W. F. Forsyth, United States Army; Mrs. Shipp, the mother, and Misses Kate and Mary Shipp and Mr. Bartlett Shipp, sisters and brother of Lieutenant Shipp. There was a large parade, composed of many companies of the State Guard, Confederate Veterans and Spanish War Veterans.

Horses and Horsemen.

There is a wonderfully fast 2-year-old colt at the Readville track in Heron, by Arion, 2.07 3/4, dam Mrs. Jack, by Athanio, 2.10. He has only been in training two weeks, yet has stepped an eighth in 17 seconds.

The last mare to be mated with Heirat-Law, 2.05 3/4, before his death was Rachel, 2.08 3/4, by Baron Wilkes, dam Willie Wilkes, 2.28, by George Wilkes, and she is in all probability the best mare ever mated with the black son of Mambrino King, and the produce, if a colt, should make both a race horse and a sire.

Green B. Morris has leased the running qualities of the following horses for the season of 1902 from J. B. Haggin: Watercure, Kickumbob, Duckoy, Janice, Sombrero, Cunard, Old England, Homestead, Minati, Serge, Avignon, Minucia, Gravina, Venetia, Karnac, Gold Van, Durazzo, Savond, Can Nell, Lajara, The Golden Princess and Melcara.

George Campbell Brown, the Tennessee breeder, who owns the famous sire, Brown Hal, 2.12 3/4, owns a sister to Star Pointer, 1.59 3/4, that is now in Orange county, and is expected to produce a foal by John R. Gentry, 2.00 3/4. Mr. Brown says this year she will be bred to Gentry again, and the next two seasons she will be mated with Joe Patchen, 2.01 3/4. The foals will be taken to Tennessee to go into the stud and add to the Tennessee racing strains the blood of the two greatest trotting-bred pacing stallions the world has known.

FACTS AND FIGURES

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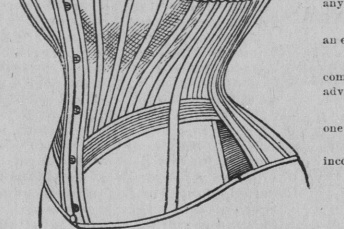


Figure No. 2—UP-TO-DATE FIGURE. Acquired by fitting Figure No. 1 with the "Century."

Pelee Puffing!

No Cessation in the Fury of the Volcano. Destruction and Death in her Shadow.

The Great Tragedy at St. Pierre.

Fort de France, Martinique, May 25.—Destruction is again being done by Mt. Pelee, the volcano having resumed an activity even greater than that exhibited just before St. Pierre was wiped out of existence.

For twenty-four hours the volcano has been in constant eruption, and explosions have been frequent. All in Fort de France are filled with panic.

The island has been shaken by the workings of the forces within the earth, and everyone awaits in fear a cataclysm perhaps even worse than that which only recently filled the world with horror.

The earth seems to have lost its foundations. Up through the crater of Pelee poured a storm of death. The culmination came at an early hour in the morning, when there occurred an explosion so terrible that walls in this city were shaken down and the people fled to the open country.

It is said that the force of the explosion was much greater than that which accompanied the rain of fire upon St. Pierre.

Smoke fills the air, darkening the sky. Ashes are falling steadily. When the heavens are filled with lightning, as frequently happens, it can be seen that Pelee has not ceased to throw out a great column of lava and stones.

The waters of the Caribbean are lashed to a fury, indicating that the same forces which caused the volcano to labor are working tremendous changes at the bottom of the sea.

Lieutenant McCormick saw a column of smoke and fire belch from the volcano, down the side of which a stream of molten lava flowed. Directing his men to make all haste back to the Potomac, the Lieutenant turned aside to give warning to the party which was carrying away the body of the American Consul.

"For heaven's sake, boys, get to the boat quickly, if you would save your lives," he gasped. "The volcano has exploded, and destruction is upon us."

At that instant there was a crash in the sky. It seemed as if scores of thunderbolts had been forced into one. As it died away, the loud siren of the Indefatigable, which was in the roadstead, screamed a warning. The British cruiser almost immediately put out to sea with all speed.

Without cessation the whistle of the Potomac was soon blowing. There was another rumble, and the sky was filled with lightning. Then as we looked backward Pelee cast upward a vast column, a mile or more high. By a fortunate turn of the wind the lives of all in the party were saved. The ashes, gas, smoke and stones, instead of pouring immediately upon us, were carried out over the sea.

Stiffing head preceded the last outbreak of Mount Pelee. Not a breath of air stirred for two days. Rain fell and the thunder that accompanied it found a deep response from the depths of the volcano. Finally there descended upon the island an almost overpowering sulphuric vapor.

Many of the refugees and a large proportion of the inhabitants of Fort de France sleep tonight at the water's edge, ready to swim out to the ships should that be necessary to escape from the terrors of the volcano.

Many believe that the worst is yet to come. Previous eruptions are referred to as proof that the first explosions are always followed by others of greater strength.

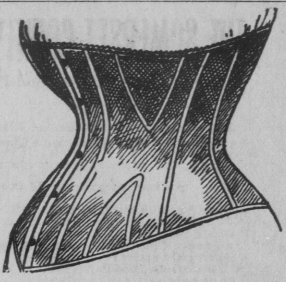


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Farm Notes.

Why the Farmer Plows Deeply.

In spading up beds go deep. A foot is much better than a less depth, as the soil at some distance below the surface is richer in nutriment than that which is on top. This is one reason why the farmer plows deeply. Another reason is that the turning up of the soil to a considerable depth loosens it so that plant roots find it not at all a difficult matter to make their way through it in their search for the food which is absolutely necessary for their development.

Use the Green Vegetables for Salads.

Such dishes as kale or cold slaw, cabbage served with a cooked dressing, take the place of succulent vegetables, but do not in any way fulfill the dietetic value of salad.

A salad is simply a conveyor of oil. The green succulent vegetables are always to be preferred. A mayonnaise dressing is really a dressing for meats which are deficient in fatty matter—as the white meat of chicken, white-fleshed fish—and is not suitable for such meats as mutton, which have more or less fat mingled throughout the lean flesh; nor with the red-fleshed fish, such as salmon. It is not an unusual thing to hear of an immediate sickness after a salmon salad dressed with mayonnaise dressing. The salmon, rich in oil, has been heated to a high degree for the sake of preservation; when added to a rich oil dressing like mayonnaise, it must necessarily provoke acute indigestion. The white-fleshed fish and the dry meats are deficient in carbon, which may be supplied by the addition of mayonnaise dressing.