

WONDERFUL MAINE WOMEN.

Octogenarian Milker, Veteran Organizer and Champion Potato Raiser. Mrs. Eliza Ann Riggs of South Casco, Me., celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday by picking ten bushels of apples and milking eight cows. Having served sixty-three years as organist of the Congregational church in Norridgewock, Me., Mrs. Maria Hopkins has just resigned. Mrs. Hopkins believes she is the oldest organist in point of service in the United States. Probably the most successful woman farmer in Franklin county, Me., this year is Mrs. Benjamin Powers of Farmington Falls, who on a half acre has just raised 232 bushels of potatoes. She did all the work of raising them from planting to harvesting.

TAFT WOULD PAY MILITIA.

Goes on Record in Favor of Bill Now Before Congress.

President Taft has gone on record in favor of the militia pay bill. In a letter to John W. Kirby of New York the president said:

"I am heartily in favor of legislation along the line of the bill now before congress, for I believe it will result in greater efficiency of the organized militia as a national asset. I am advised that practically all differences between the war department and the representatives of the national guard with respect to the legislation have been satisfactorily adjusted."

At 92 Rides Horse 24 Miles.

A horseback ride, possibly the longest on record for a man of his years, was taken at Hot Springs, Va., by Frederick Ayer of Boston, aged ninety-two. With Miss Katherine Ayer, his daughter, Miss Dorothy Wilmet and Major William E. Horton he rode to Passifera farm, twelve miles distant, and returned.

Here is a strange yet absolutely true story, in which a clock plays a mysterious part: It was a small American timepiece which stood on a mantelpiece in a sitting room in a Liverpool builder's home. At 11:30 one morning the timepiece fell from the mantelpiece to the floor. When picked up it was found to be quite uninjured and still going, as if nothing unusual had happened. There seemed to be absolutely no reason why it should have fallen, but an hour later when the builder came home to his midday meal he remarked that at 11:30 he fell from the top of a building, but happily without sustaining any injury. His wife then described how the clock had fallen at the same time and the couple ponder in vain over the curious and utterly inexplicable coincidence. — Liverpool Post.

The Retreat From Moscow.

Napoleon's army for the invasion of Russia numbered over 400,000. Only 20,000 returned. During the retreat thousands of horses lay groaning on the route, while thousands of naked wretches were wandering like specters who seemed to have no sight or sense and who only kept reeling on till frost, famine or the Cossack lance put an end to their power of motion. In that wretched state no nourishment could have saved them. Innumerable fogs crouched by the bodies of their former masters, looking at their faces and howling their hunger and their loss. Besides their suffering from the cold and for the want of food, they were assailed on all sides, not only by Russian soldiers, but by peasants through whose country they passed. Altogether, Napoleon's retreat from Moscow was a complication of misery, of cruelty, of desolation and of disorder that can never have been exceeded in the history of mankind.

Broken China Roused Him.

When Canon Rawnsley was collecting information in the lake district about Wordsworth, he came upon an old man who had been a servant at Rydal Mount. This whilom retainer told many interesting stories.

Wordsworth, it seemed, was very absentminded. He always forgot the dinner hour.

"I'd goa," the old man remarked, "to study door and hear him a-mumblin' away to 'sself."

"Dinner's ready, sir! I'd ca' out, but he'd go a-mumbling on like a deaf man, ya see. And sometimes Mrs. Wudsworth 'ud say: 'Gon and break a bottle, or let a dish fall, just outside his door in passage.' Eh, dear, that maistly wad bring him out, wad that. It was nobbut that as wad, howiver. For, ye kna, he was a very careful man and he couldn't do with brekking t' china." — Pearsons.

The Second Foot of Water.

"Second foot," as defined by the United States geological survey, is an abbreviation for cubic foot per second and is the unit for the rate of discharge of water flowing in a stream one foot wide, one foot deep, at a rate of one foot per second. It is generally used as a fundamental unit in measurements of stream flow.

"Second foot per square mile" is the average number of cubic feet of water flowing per second from each square mile of area drained, on the assumption that the run off is distributed uniformly both as regards time and area.

An "acre foot" is equivalent to 43,560 cubic feet and is the quantity required to cover an acre to the depth of one foot. The term is commonly used in connection with storage for irrigation work. One second foot flow equals 7.48 United States gallons a second 448.8 gallons a minute, or

Orphan's Court Sale.

By virtue of an order of Orphan's Court of Wayne County, made this 24th day of October, 1912, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Court House, Honesdale, Pa., Friday, November 22, 1912, at 2 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate, being the property of Angeline H. Masters, late of Sterling township, deceased.

All those two certain parcels or pieces of land situated in the township of Sterling, County of Wayne and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

The First—Beginning at a stone corner in line of land of Abram Hazelton; thence north forty-seven and three-fourths degrees west eighty perches to a stone corner; thence to land of C. & G. Cliff north forty-two and one-fourth degrees east two hundred and four perches to a stone corner; thence by land of Nathaniel Martin south forty-seven and three-fourths degrees east eighty perches to a stone corner; thence by land of Daniel Martin south forty-two and one-fourth degree west two hundred and four perches to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred and two acres, be the same more or less. And being the same land which John Hazelton by deed dated March 16, 1894, and recorded in Wayne County Deed Book No. 78, page 293, granted and conveyed to Angeline Hazelton.

The Second—Beginning at a corner of public road between Sterling and Dreher townships and running from Edward Hazelton's place to North and South Turnpike; thence along land of Angeline Hazelton Masters north forty-four and one-half degrees west fourteen hundred feet to a stone corner; thence south forty-five and one-half degrees west sixteen hundred and eighty feet to a stone corner; thence south forty-four and one-half degrees east three hundred feet to a stake in the center

One of the Family.

James Seymour, the artist, was born in London in 1702. He displayed a fondness for drawing and painting in boyhood and subsequently gained celebrity by his skill in designing horses. Once the proud Duke of Somerset employed Seymour to paint a room at his seat in Sussex with the portraits of his running horses. Having admitted the artist to his table, he one day drank to him, saying:

"Cousin Seymour, your health." The painter replied, "My lord, I really believe that I have the honor of being of your grace's family."

This hurt the pride of the duke so much that he rose from the table and ordered his steward to pay Seymour and dismiss him. Finding, however, that no one in England could complete the pictures begun, he condescended to send for his cousin. The painter responded to the message in these words: "My lord, I will now prove that I am of your grace's family, for I won't come."

Declined Her Own Medicine.

There is always more or less talk current about abolishing position and dispersing pelf. The trouble is to know just where to begin the destructive reconstruction and to find reformers who are willing themselves to be reformed. An English great lady was once entertaining the Labor member of parliament, Henry Broadhurst, the Duke of Argyll and others at her country seat. She was a strong Liberal, and one evening inveighed against the house of lords. It would be swept away if it did not reform, she said with fervor.

"Yes," agreed Broadhurst, "and how will you like that, Mrs. P.?" "Lady P., if you please, sir," instantly corrected Broadhurst's hostess, drawing herself up haughtily.

Sporting Notes.

Counting odd distance events, nearly seventy-five world's records in all lines of sport were established during 1911.

It has been definitely decided that no British polo team will be sent to America during 1912 to attempt to recover the international cup. It is understood that the reason for not challenging is due to difficulty in procuring capable ponies.

George Moriarty, third baseman of the Tigers, is a great booster of "Slim" Caldwell, the tall Yankee Colt. Moriarty declares that Caldwell has more stuff than Russell Ford and that he should prove one of the most sensational pitchers in the American league the coming season.

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