

#### Against Gambling.

Antivice crusaders have resorted to many startling expedients to arouse and hold public attention, but the unique, if not the most practical, movement toward the suppression of vice (this time that of gambling) made its appearance in this city on Friday.

Then a car bearing on its side the legend, "John Philip Quinn's Antivice Crusade," drew into the West Philadelphia yards of the Pennsylvania railroad and was shifted close to the freight station at Thirtieth and Market streets, where it stands in full view of passersby.

John Philip Quinn, as will be remembered by many, is a gambler who was converted in prison about five years ago, and has since been devoting his life as a lecturer to the suppression of the vice of which he was for over twenty-five years a victim.

Mr. Quinn carries around with him in the car a complete outfit of gamblers' implements—over sixty in all. One of these he will explain every hour during the day in the reception room of the car, and once, in the morning probably, he will speak of the evils of gambling from the platform of the car. His evenings will be given to lecturing in the city churches.—Philadelphia Record.

#### Where a Man Was Needed.

A teacher in a Canadian school, a young lady, committed suicide because she could not control some of the refractory boys under her charge. She attempted to thrash one young rascal, and some other boys of his own kidney flew to his rescue and gave the teacher a black eye. She closed the school, went home and swallowed a dose of morphine. How such a story makes a man's hand itch to get among those boys with a stout switch! It is undeniable that a group of rebellious boys of fourteen or fifteen years of age are little better than a band of savages. In most schools in cities, there are men about the building, but in some country places, where there is only a woman to conduct a school, she has a hard time of it.

This poor girl in Canada told her pitiful story in the few words she had scrawled before swallowing the poison: "I am tired trying to teach bad boys. What a pity she had not some brother or lover to go to her assistance and thrash the young blackguards within an inch of their lives. The life of a brave girl, who had evidently tried hard to do her duty, was too valuable to be sacrificed in such a cause.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

#### About These "Equinoctial Storms."

There is a popular delusion that a three day storm is inevitable at about this time of the year, and also when the "sun crosses the line" about the 21st of March. The unsettled state of the weather at about this time, as well as at the time of the vernal equinox, is always spoken of as "the equinoctial storm."

Now the facts are the equinox has little or nothing to do with these storms; and, excepting that the weather is in a general unsettled condition, caused by the changes that are taking place in the atmosphere, there is no more sense in expecting a series of storms at the time the sun "crosses the line" than at any other season of the year. Meteorologists and weather experts in general, who have worked for years to uproot this popular fallacy, deserve the greatest credit; in fact, there is hardly a standard by which we can measure our indebtedness to these men who work untiringly to discover and root out popular errors and establish scientific truths in their places.—St. Louis Republic.

#### A Handy Summer Girl.

Judge C. G. Butt enjoys the nice distinction of which few men can boast—viz., that of being rescued from what was at least a remotely possible watery grave. While out bathing on Ormond beach with two Orlando young ladies Wednesday afternoon he was seized with an adventurous fit, disengaged himself from their hold upon him and went out into the surf beyond his depth. After vainly endeavoring to regain the shallows he yelled for assistance and Miss Maggie Fitts, who is more than his equal in height as well as in many other respects, boldly waded out and towed the judge to the shore. Beyond being externally and internally saturated with salt water he suffered no inconvenience. Miss Fitts should be attached to the life saving service.—Orlando (Fla.) Reporter.

#### Some Bright Old Men.

It is remarkable how many great men are still alive and active, though over eighty years of age. Kossuth, who has just celebrated his ninetieth year, is busy with his memoirs, besides being employed in preparing a collected edition of his works. Lesseps is hale and hearty at eighty-seven. MacMahon is a year older than Mr. Gladstone, and has also written his memoirs. Pope Leo XIII is eighty-three, and though rumors of his ill health are constantly being circulated, he is still able to be one of the busiest statesmen in Europe. Belgium has a G.O.M. in the person of M. Frere Orban, a veteran parliamentarian, who has just entered his eighty-first year.

#### Deserved Punishment.

A man in Kirkintilloch, Scotland, was fined ten shillings the other day for playing the bagpipes on Sunday. Whether because it was Sunday or because it was bagpipes is not stated, but neighbors of the man who spends his Sabbaths now in practicing campaign march atrocities on a bugle will readily see the wholesomeness of the Covenanter blue laws.—New York Sun.

The French actor Got has amassed a fortune of 6,000,000 francs during his long professional life at the Theatre Francaise. When he retires from the stage in 1894, he will have been connected with that theater for fifty years.

The county commissioners of Carbon county, Pa., recently sold 10,000 acres of unredemmed mountain land. Some of it was sold for less than three cents an acre.

#### What American Painters Earn.

Less than twenty years ago a member of the National Academy of Design declared that he knew positively that there were but ten artists in New York who were making as much as \$5,000 a year by their art. Times have changed. We hear a good deal about the craze for foreign pictures and the neglect of native painters, but all the same there are not a few of the natives who are making a good living, and by the sale of their pictures too.

Several are reputed to make \$25,000 a year, and a good many live at a rate of at least \$10,000 without falling into debt—belonging to clubs, owning country houses and yachts, paying exorbitant rents for studios and furnishing them with splendor. Some of the best paying commissions that local painters receive are those for panels, ceilings and other decorative work for New York houses.—New York Sun.

#### A Remarkable Swan.

One of the most novel wedding presents which Princess Marie of Edinburgh is to receive will be from the poetical queen of Roumania—Carmen Sylva—and will be a pleasure barge in the form of an immense swan. It will not only be built to imitate a swan, but it is to swim like a swan and be like a swan in every particular of motion. The feet are to be so contrived as to take the place of oars. The neck and head will rise to a height of eighteen feet and the body will form a cabin large enough to hold ten persons.—Exchange.

#### If the Lesson Be Learned.

If the suggestive contrasts of quality in the buildings of the exposition should serve no higher purpose than as an object lesson to our legislators, teaching them that their responsibilities in respect to our national architecture are not properly discharged by maintaining a costly architectural factory in Washington, the unsubstantial pageant of Jackson park will not have been in vain.—Century.

#### Electricity in Drowning Cases.

An account of electricity as a life saver comes from Scotland, where a man, while bathing, was seized with a cramp and sank, being two minutes below water. When rescued he was thought to be dead, but after two applications of the electric current animation was restored. The current was passed between the nape of the neck and the heart.—Exchange.

An obelisk of red granite, seventy-one feet in height, with a pedestal of black porphyry, is shortly to be brought to Austria from Alexandria, where it has been lying in the garden of the Austrian consulate since 1847.

#### The Unkindest Cut of All.

"I understand your new paper is not to come out again," said Miss Cynicus. Young Renfield bowed his head in assent. He had come to her for sympathy, and his grief was too deep for words. When his paper suspended the day before he felt that he had had the chance of his life and failed. Only an author filled with youthful ambition could realize how he had burned the midnight oil when at last the chance came for him to make a strike for honest fame. But it was of no avail, and after a few weeks his little sheet went the way of many a better paper. After the first great pangs of his sorrow were over he had come to her he loved the best in the world, feeling sure that she could ease his pain.

"It isn't for myself alone I feel so bad," he went on. "The publisher was very good to me. He sank a great deal of money in the venture, and while I did my best I can't help feeling that I was the cause of his misfortune. What I lost in comparison was nothing."

"Of course it wasn't," she replied. "I understand just how it was your loss nothing. You put in the brains."—New York Evening Sun.

#### To Communicate with Mars.

An English man named R. J. Crowley has taken out a patent in Great Britain for opening up direct communication with Mars. He writes to The St. James Gazette, giving a delightfully vague hint of what his secret process is. There is no difficulty but expense in the way, he says. He has had much expense in heliograph signaling, and his plan consists in the arrangement of a series of mirrors to collect and reflect the light, these to be connected by electricity and operated by a telegraph key. He proposes to establish communication with "parts of the universe that even photography has not shown us." Mars, he says, is doubtless in communication with other planets, and the Martial people are tearing their hair because they can't "raise" us, as telegraphists say.

#### The Total Vote This Year.

The federal census of 1890 returned the adult white male population of the United States at 16,949,311. Deducting the aliens, of whom there are more than a million, and the electors resident in the territories, the total number of qualified electors was 15,583,313. Fully 10 per cent. of these, for a variety of causes, do not vote. This would give as the probable total of the vote cast for president 14,000,000, the same result as derived by comparison with previous elections.—New York Sun.

A Chicago newsboy has been fined for crying sensational "news" that did not appear in the paper he was selling.

#### Comfort and Progress.

"I think that man gets less comfort out of life than does any other animal," said George McDonald, a guest of the Southern. "Life for him is a continual battle from the cradle to the grave. What happiness he finds in the companionship of loved ones is more than counterbalanced by the pain of the inevitable parting. Poverty, ambition and greed are scorpion whips, goading him ever to exertions beyond his strength, until at last he sinks, worn out and weary, before he reaches what should be life's high noon. His very diversions are taken in a feverish, hurried manner, as though he begrudged the time thus stolen from business cares. And the higher the position of a people in a scale of civilization the less of poetry and pleasure do they appear to find, the more stubborn and unrelenting the battle for existence. With the lower animals life is a luxury—simple existence a pleasure."

"The barbarian makes holiday while civilized man slaves all day, and then outwatches the bear. True it is that only by constant endeavor is progress possible, but of what value is that progress which makes of man an unhappy slave, toiling always beneath a lash more cruel than ever fell across the back of Lacedaemonian helot or African bondsman? Of what benefit are triumphs that we cannot pause to enjoy? Our pace is becoming too rapid. We are trying to crowd the labor of centuries into decades."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### The Color of the Eyes.

A famous optician has discovered that women have a larger proportion of brown eyes than men. If in parents the mother has brown eyes and the father blue the chances are eighty-eight to twelve that the girls of the family will be brown eyed, the percentage in favor of the boys having blue eyes being seventy-two to twenty-eight. If the parents have eyes of like color the chances in favor of the children, both male and female, having eyes of the same color is ninety-two to eight.—Exchange.

#### Ammonia Colors Hair.

A few drops of ammonia added to peroxide of hydrogen is what gives the beautiful golden color to hair. Without the ammonia one or two applications of the bleach to brown hair imparts a reddish bronze tint to it.—New York Journal.

#### Durability of Paper Teeth.

Among the most remarkable inventions at the recent paper exhibit at Berlin was a set of paper teeth made by a Luebeck dentist in 1878. They have been in constant use for more than thirteen years and show absolutely no wear whatever.

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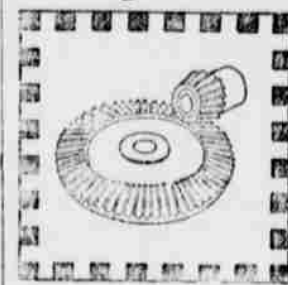
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