

RAISED FROM A DEATH-BED.

Mr. Pitts, Once Pronounced Incurable, Has Been Well Three Years.

E. E. Pitts, 60 Hathaway St., Skowhegan, Me., says: "Seven years ago my back ached and I was run down that I was laid up four months."

10,000 PORCUPINES KILLED.

And Demands for Bounty Have Almost Swamped State Treasurer.

Although only seven days have passed since the close of the State porcupine year, November 30, the returns of porcupines killed and paid for by the towns and plantations under the bounty act of last winter, are beginning to swamp the State treasurer's office rapidly.

Of the towns and plantations which have reported thus far, Whiting, in Washington county, shows the largest number of bounty paying porcupines, 646, which, at 25 cents each, will cost the State \$161.50.

The appropriations to pay the bounty for the year is \$500, and it is thought the returns already in will nearly use this up. It is hinted that one of the first acts of the next legislature may be to repeal the porcupine bounty law.

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Map Making. Map making has kept pace with the progress of other arts though its steps are not so loud and are heard oftenest in the school room.

Map making is now at the height of its excellence and popularity. The man with land to cultivate, houses to build or land to sell must have everything set down on his map for reference.

Major George W. Evans, disbursing officer and chief of the division of finance in the Interior Department, has just reached the fortieth year of his service in the department, during which time he handled more than \$1,000,000,000 without an error.

Talking About Shakespeare.

In my own opinion bookish people do not go to the theater with a tendency to overestimate the desirability of more frequent representations of the Shakespearean plays than at the present time.

Some of the old Nile lakes, which were formerly dry salt plains in summer and covered with a few inches of alkaline water in the wet season, have been reclaimed by the British government and are now worth from \$200 to \$300 an acre.

French Gulch, Cal., has no jail or city prison.

C. A. Hereschoff Bartlett, of York, has sailed from Paris for this country, bringing with him a number of relics of Admiral Paul Jones, including the admiral's sword and pistol.

Deaware of Ointments For Catarrh That Contains Mercury.

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SUGAR FROM WATERMELONS.

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It takes an enormous quantity of melons to produce even a very ordinary amount of syrup.

It is horrible to contemplate the thought of being caught by this awful black quicksand and relentlessly entombed in its depths.

FROM TEXAS.

Some Coffee Facts From the Lone Star State.

From a beautiful farm down in Texas, where gushing springs unite to form babbling brooks that wind their sparkling way through bowery meads, comes a note of gratitude for delivery from the coffee habit.

Benjamin Slade, of Thorpe Farm, Aston Upthorpe, Berkshire, England, whose will was proved lately, was a member of a family which has occupied that farm in unbroken succession since 1553.

The Niam-Niam expedition, which has returned to Khartoum after putting down the revolt of the Bah-el-Gazal, has brought back a curious trophy in the shape of the sultan's great war drum.

What is probably the smallest of foreign possessions belongs to the French, and is near Calcutta.

Cloves are unopened flowers gathered in a green-bud stage, smoked by a wood fire and dried in the sun.

VAST LAKE OF ASPHALT.

VISIT TO THE SOURCE OF MUCH OF OUR STREET PAVEMENT.

Queer Mining Carried On in West Indian Island The Lake's Bottom Not Yet Reached A Negro's Experiment—The Lake Dreary, but a Valuable Asset.

We visited Pitch Lake, one of the natural wonders of the world, but rarely visited and little known, writes Brighton (Trinidad) correspondent of the New York Sun.

The Trinidad lake of pitch and the Bermudez lake in Venezuela supply the bulk of the asphalt of commerce, and since the recent nullification of the Bermudez concession by President Castro, backed up by the Venezuelan supreme court, the Brighton lake has taken on added importance.

Brighton has no claim to existence aside from the bituminous pitch that nature here sends bubbling up from the bowels of the earth.

But as a natural curiosity and as a commercial enterprise the lake is of absorbing interest.

Three great sweeps next come along and carry the hay to the stacker, sometimes nearly a ton at a load.

It is necessary to shift the scene of operations only along the line, never toward the center.

Bottomless it may well be called, for soundings have been made until with no bottom at 140 feet the pipes and sounding apparatus have been crushed and swallowed up.

The center of this huge volcanic crater is the source of supply.

It must not be supposed, however, that the labor saving-machinery has driven all the Mamie Mullers out of the hayraking business.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Alderman Charles Kaltenhouse of Pittsburg, is probably the world's heaviest justice of the peace.

Lullington Church, near Eastbourne, England, is said to be the smallest church in England.

Everett E. Parri, connected with the Maine Island States coast survey, is the tallest man in the state.

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The New Trinidad Asphalt Company.

An American concern, controls both this concession and the recently abrogated Bermudez concession in Venezuela.

The possibility for exhaustion of the former seems more remote—the Venezuelan lake, although ten times the area, is but 30 feet deep.

For the preparation of paving and roofing materials the Trinidad variety has been found the better adapted, but the purer Venezuelan article is used largely in the preparation of varnish.

The Trinidad manager of the asphalt company and the clerks in the offices, all Americans, live in comfortable quarters down on the pier.

MAUD MULLER'S NEW RAKE.

Haymaking as Conducted on the Great Ranches of the West.

Haying now on the big ranches of the west is a very different proposition from what it was in the days when Maud Muller and her wooden rake caught the eye of the poet.

Where circumstances permit half a dozen mowers are used, one behind the other, each drawn by three horses and cutting a seven-foot swath.

Everything is done as by clockwork. The head mower lays out the land to suit the stacker, and in this way the entire crew is kept busy.

"Our company," said the life insurance agent, "is one of the richest in the world."

"Have you any reason to believe that your sister likes me, Willie?" "Course she does. Just yesterday, I heard her say 'Nobody could help liking the dear old easy mark!'"

"Why does that millionaire boast of his ancestry?" "Because he can't very well boast of his posterity, when his daughter eloped with the coachman and his two sons are taking the gold cure."

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SOPHISTICATED.

Once the horse of the road shied and tumbl'd his load.

Once the clumsy balloon as it soared to the moon.

JUST FOR FUN.

A young girl should remember that it isn't rings that make the belle.

Dolly—"He knows how to kiss." Molly—"Who told you so?" Dolly—"I had it from his own lips."—Cleveland Leader.

Maude—"And so they are married?" Madge—"Yes; he fell in love with her figure." "How much was it?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Penelope—"Did you have a nice season?" Perdita—"Not a bit. I was engaged to a lot of men I did not care for."—Town and Country.

John, I simply must have another gown." "For what occasion?" "The new cook is coming tomorrow, and I have nothing decent to receive her in."—Cleveland Leader.

"Do you believe in accepting tainted money for foreign missions?" "Not I; I don't believe in spreading infection when it can be confined to the infected district."—Baltimore American.

"Willie, will you tell your sister I am here?" "She knows you're here. She told me to say she wasn't home, but I knew you wouldn't give me a dime if I told you that."

"Snoobs says he would never wear ready-made clothes." Possibly. But he spends ready-made dollars. If his father hadn't left money to him he wouldn't have enough to buy a second-hand suit.—Detroit Free Press.

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FROM GIRLHOOD TO WOMANHOOD.

Mothers Should Watch the Development of Their Daughters—Interesting Experiences of Misses Borman and Mills.



Every mother possesses information which is of vital interest to her young daughter.

When a girl's thoughts become sluggish, with headache, dizziness or a disposition to sleep, pains in back or lower limbs, eyes dim, desire for solitude; when she is a mystery to herself and friends, her mother should come to her aid.

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