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Now that the holiday season is almost upon us, those who are unable to properly provide for themselves should be substantially remembered by those who have plenty.

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One of the results of the distress among the poor in New York city has been the establishment by the Industrial Christian Alliance of a restaurant which provides hot meals for the nominal sum of five cents each.

The revelation that Professor Tyndall's death was due to an unfortunate error of his wife, who mistook a bottle of chloral for one containing magnesia, should emphasize the demand for some device for the conspicuous marking of vials that would render such mistakes almost impossible.

The sentence of twenty-seven years imprisonment imposed on Friday by Judge Clayton, of Chester, Pa., on Thomas Rodgers, the youthful paricide, who in January last murdered his father and attempted to kill his mother and sister, was none too heavy a retribution for a crime so utterly revolting and atrocious.

During last winter's football season in Great Britain—from September to March—there were 26 deaths from "accidents" in playing. The previous year had a death-roll of 22, and the year before that 23.

The Democratic members of the present congress will decide, to a large extent, the fate of their party at this session. If the Wilson tariff bill is allowed to be amended in any direction, except to increase further its free trade features, the voters can again be depended upon to overthrow the cowards who will not follow the platform upon which they were elected.

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TABLE FOR INVALIDS.

An Unfailing Convenience for the Patient and Nurse.

How an Old-Fashioned Light Stand Was Made Over into a Valuable Piece of Furniture—Go Hence and Do Likewise.

The following sketch from the Household shows how a large old-fashioned light stand was made over into a convenient and pretty table to stand close by the side of an invalid's bed, to serve as a repository for many little conveniences and necessities to which she could often help herself if only they could be kept within her reach.

As there was no one "handy with tools" to call upon, the nurse, who knew nothing about wood-work, hurriedly arranged the table herself, for temporary use.

The following particulars regarding its arrangement may be helpful to others with similar needs:

The top of the stand was enlarged an inch or two in width and several inches



IMPROMPTU INVALID'S TABLE.

In length at each side by the addition of a smooth board top, which was secured by tightly-drawn cream-white rubber cloth, which was turned under the edges and tacked around on the under side.

Into the under side of the shelf, close to each table leg, was turned a strong screw—almost, but not quite, through to the upper surface of the board—so that the heads projected like four legs, each nearly an inch long.

A square, round or oblong shelf may be adjusted to any four-legged stand or table in this way. They make convenient sewing or reading tables or commodes.

At the end of the table, close to the pillow, a row of roomy pockets were suspended by cords or ribbons from little brass screw-eyes, and, to keep them from swinging out of place, each lower corner was secured to a similar screw-eye inside the table leg.

When the table was pronounced a success and a fixture it was made more attractive and still more convenient by the addition of back boards to the top and shelf—see dotted lines—which, like the rest of the woodwork, was then given two coats of prettily-tinted enamel paint, the brass drawer-pull was polished and tiny ornamental brass hooks were placed wherever they were needed for the suspension or safe-keeping of any little article; wash silk or linen scarfs were draped over the back boards, their fringed ends falling gracefully at the sides, and the result was a piece of furniture which was as dainty and neat to look at as it was convenient to use, which is saying a great deal for its appearance.

Sewing in the Public Schools. The course of study in sewing in the Boston public schools is interesting for an amateur of sewing to consider.

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THE SENATE PAGES.

They Have Easy Duties and Get a Very Good Salary.

Of the one hundred and ten appointments under the sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate, those of the pages only can be said to be non-political. No boy can be appointed a page of the senate who is not twelve years of age; and no boy can continue as a page who is sixteen years of age at the beginning of a session of congress.

It is a lucrative position, and few of the boys are not sorry when their term has ended. Usually, four of the boys who are graduated from the page's position at the beginning of a session are appointed riding pages. Their selection depends on their records for efficiency and faithfulness.

The page on the floor of the senate draws \$3.50 a day during the session of congress. The riding-page receives \$2.50 a day the year round, and has a horse to ride. His duties keep him out of doors a great part of the time, carrying messages between the capitol and the departments.

THE WATERY WALTZERS.

An Amusement Which Has a Tinge of the Mysterious About It.

There is nothing that so greatly enthralls the interest of the American boy and girl as an amusement which has a tinge of the mysterious about it.

In the present suggestion we will utilize a new motive power, independent of steam, electricity, weight or spring, evolved out of materials so readily found that it might be said they are already to be had at hand in every household.

Procure some cork, two needles and some ordinary household gum camphor—such as is used for moths. Cut five pieces out of the cork, all of the same

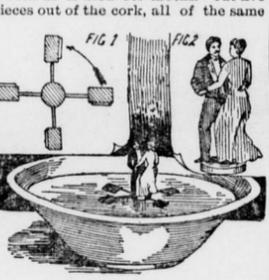


FIG. 1. FIG. 2.

thickness, slightly larger and in the shapes (one round and four oblong) as shown in Fig. 1. Pierce the round pieces of cork with the needles, so that they will intersect in the center at right angles, and fasten firmly on each end of the needles the four oblong pieces of cork. On one side of each piece of cork thus placed—and all ways on the same side—fasten four pieces of camphor of equal quantity, as shown in Fig. 1.

Sealing wax will be found a good means of fastening of the camphor. Great caution should be taken in having the hands, as well as the material used, perfectly clean, as the slightest amount of dirt will spoil its efficiency.

A very interesting and amusing toy can be had by cutting out of this paper two figures in the attitude of dancing; with the use of a pencil they can be made more effective in appearance. Then fasten them upon the circular piece of cork, as shown in Fig. 2.

These figures should be made as light as possible. If proper care is taken you will thus obtain tireless, indefatigable waltzers who will continue in their lifelike movement for three days at least.—Once a Week.

Amusing and Instructive. Did you ever think that the same syllable is often used in a great many words? If not, suppose you learn it by playing the following game: Write several words on a long slip of paper, leaving the space of half an inch between the syllables, assort them, and let each player draw three syllables at random. From these three, or from any two of them, he must try to construct a word. If unable to do so he must return two to the pack, and wait until his turn comes again, when he may draw three more slips and try again.

The Ruling Passion. The other day the kittens were pawing a sphere of yarn all around the library, and Ruthven was greatly delighted to see them tumbling about in a heap. Finally he called to his mother who was upstairs:

"Oh, mamma, just come down quick! What do you suppose the kittens are doing?" "Are they eating that fish in the butler's pantry?" she asked. "No, mamma; they are only playing football in the library."—Harper's Young People.

Was This Judge Duffy?

A New York police judge who has never married proposed to a Harlem widow.

"I feel very much honored—but I cannot return your love," replied the widow. "Have you anything else to say in your defense?" asked the judge, forgetting that he was not on the bench.

"No, your honor, there are no mitigating circumstances," she replied, laughing.—Texas Siftings.

Narrow Escape. "Yes," said Mr. Smawell to one of the guests, looking at his watch and then gazing dreamily off into vacancy, "it was exactly twenty-five years ago at this moment that I led—ah, my dear, I was just observing to Mr. Spoonmore that exactly twenty-five years ago by the watch you led me to the altar."—Chicago Tribune.

KIDNAPPING.



Tempora Mutantur.

In our grandmother's days women used to declare that they couldn't go out when they'd "nothing to wear!" But fashions have changed in the matter of clothing, and costumes de rigueur are now next to nothing.

ABLE TO KEEP A SECRET.

Principal—I have to send you on a very important errand—one demanding the greatest secrecy. Say, Mr. Meier, can I rely upon you? Are you able to keep a secret?

Clerk—Oh, certainly (whispering in principal's ear) I have been secretly engaged to your daughter for the last couple of years.—Foerposten.

Telling the Good News.

Mrs. Youngma—And so my baby got the prize at the baby show? I knew he would. It couldn't have been otherwise.

Old Bachelor (one of the judges)—Yes, madam, we all agreed that your baby was the least objectionable of the lot.—N. Y. Weekly.

The Sagacious Porter.

Palace Car Porter (out west)—Don't gab me no fee, sah, till we get to de end ob de trip.

Passenger—Very well. Just as you prefer.

Porter—Yes, sah. You see, dese train robbers always goes for me first, an' if I ain't got nuffin, dey say de passengers ain't got nuffin, an' goes off.—N. Y. Weekly.

Violating Her Name.

"In making choice of a wife," said Mr. Brassie Pompus, addressing Miss Keene. "In making choice of a wife, I am afraid I shall be rather exacting as to good looks."

"Indeed," said Miss Keene, "but won't it interfere with your plans if the lady whom you select should be of the same mind?"—N. Y. Press.

The Age of the Precocious.

Mrs. Jhones—Ethel, you might tell me who the young man is that called last evening.

Ethel (just seventeen)—Certainly, mamma, if you're curious about it; that's the young man I'm engaged to.—Chicago Record.

Large-Hearted Man from Jayville.

"If you don't look out," said the excited stranger, catching the policeman at the crossing by the arm and jerking him toward the sidewalk. "You'll get run over! You're standing right in the middle of the street!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Stander.

Mrs. Muggs—That horrid Mrs. Frills old Mrs. Neebord that I was a regular old cat. What do you think of her?

Mr. Muggs—I think she never saw you in the same room with a mouse.—N. Y. Weekly.

The Eye of Love.

"But, Ethel, how do you know that his young man loves you? Has he told you so?" "Oh, no, mamma! But if you could only see the way he looks at me when I am not looking at him!"—Life.

A Failure as an Alchemist.

"I understand Crankles, the inventor, is terribly disappointed over his new mishap."

"Yes. He made a trial of it the other day, and the thing rose clear off the ground."—Chicago Record.

A Poet.

"What is your idea of a poet?" she asked. "A poet," replied he, "is a man who is long on hair and short on cash."—Washington Star.

One Motive Short.

She—I may sue you for breach of promise. I can establish a motive.

He—Yes—for the breach, but not the promise.—Life.

How Those Girls Love One Another.

Penelope Pert—What makes you think he is in love with me?

Constance Colver—He asks you to sing.—Truth.

No Credit.

You say that to get out of debt the hardest thing may be, but I find to get into debt a harder one for me.—Brooklyn Life.

Money Out of the Question.

Burglar—Your money or your life? Victim—Certainly. Take a seat while I make my will.—Judge.

RAILWAY STATISTICS.

The total number of railway corporations on June 30, 1892, was 1,823.

The total railway mileage of the country on June 30, 1892, was 171,553.53 miles.

The freight revenue during the year ending June 30, 1892, amounted to \$799,316,042.

The total number of passengers carried during the year ending June 30, 1892, was 560,958,211.

The passenger revenue for the railways of the country during the year ending June 30, 1892, was \$286,805,708.

The number of tons of freight reported by the railways as carried during the year ending June 30, 1892, was 706,555,471.

The receipts from mail service for the year ending June 30, 1892, were \$36,801,143, and from the express companies were \$23,148,968.

The total number of employees in the service of railways on June 30, 1892, was 821,415, being an increase of 37,180 over the previous year.

The average journey per passenger for the year ending June 30, 1892, was 23.82 miles, and the average number of passengers per train for each mile run was 42.

The number of passengers carried per passenger locomotive during the year ending June 30, 1892, was 63,899, and passenger mileage per passenger locomotive was 1,510,275.

The capitalization of the 161,307.80 miles covered by the report was, on June 30, 1892, \$10,928,748,134. Of this amount \$4,633,108,703 were represented by stocks and \$6,058,089,050 by funded debt.

The gross earnings from operation of railways during the year ending June 30, 1892, were \$1,171,407,343. The operating expenses were \$780,997,896. From this it appears that the net earnings from operation of railways were \$390,409,347.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

THOMAS SLINGLAND, of Paterson, N. J., shot himself well-nigh fatally and then asked for a cigarette. He was determined to die.

SENATOR WILLIAM V. ALLEN, of Nebraska, who recently broke the record for long speeches, is forty-six years old and is serving his first year in the senate.

MISS MATTIE TODD, a niece of Abraham Lincoln, is postmistress at Cynthiana, Ky. She was appointed by President Hayes and has held her place ever since.

MRS. GRANT, widow of Gen. Grant, has decided upon making Washington her permanent home. She has spent some time recently searching for a suitable house.

THOMAS MURPHY, the son of Francis Murphy, has taken up the temperance work of his father, and recently held a series of large and successful meetings in Waterbury, Conn.

HENRY MILLER, of Annyville, Pa., has a plate that is over one hundred years old. It contains on the outer edge the names of the thirteen original states, and is highly prized by the owner.

PUNISHMENTS FOR CRIME.

Of the 1,400 prisoners in the Illinois state prison at Joliet, one-third are reported to be suffering from consumption.

The Salfie law had in all 843 penal articles: 150 relating to robbery, 74 of which referred to the stealing of animals; 113 relating to crimes against the person.

The rack, thumbscrew and other modes of torture were used by European courts until 1850, not only as a punishment, but also as a means of obtaining evidence.

SOME tribes of North American Indians punished malefices by hanging them by their hands to the limbs of a tree at a height just sufficient to permit the wolves to reach them from the ground. They were left to be eaten alive.

THE ORIENT.

THE Chinese have an academy of manners that prescribes etiquette for the whole empire.

THERE are over six thousand persons fed three times a day at Dolma Bagch palace while the sultan of Turkey is there.

The ordinary folding fan is supposed to have been invented in Japan, in the seventh century, by a native artist, who derived the idea from the way in which the bat closes its wings.

It has hitherto been the law in Japan that if a woman was not married by a certain age the authorities picked out a man and compelled him to marry her. The mikado has just abolished this usage.

NOTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

ROSE-LEAF jam is a common dish in Roumania, where roses are grown by the million.

MANITOBA is encouraging the emigration to its own borders of farmers from Iceland.

THE roofs of Egyptian temples are composed of huge blocks of stone laid from column to column.

THE smallest republic in the world is Franceville, one of the islands of the New Hebrides. The inhabitants consist of forty Europeans and five hundred black workmen employed by a French company.

IMPERSONAL BREVITIES.

TWO FIFTEEN-year-old girls have passed the entrance examination to Yale college.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—No. 163, June 25th. Letters of appointment as Auditor of Luzerne county, in re annexation to the borough of Freeland of adjacent territory. The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the court of quarter sessions of the peace of Luzerne county to ascertain and adjust the indebtedness of Freeland borough, township of Freeland and the school districts thereof, and make report to the said court according to the provisions of the act of general assembly of Pennsylvania, approved first day of June, A. D. 1887, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at the office of John D. Hayes, Esq., attorney at law, No. 26 Centre street, Freeland, Pa., on Friday, December 23, 1892, at 10 a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear if they see proper. Edward A. Lynch, auditor.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CHILIZENS' BANK OF FREELAND, of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, at the close of business, November 23, 1892. RESOURCES. Cash on hand.....\$ 21,377 74 Checks and other cash items..... 373 81 Due from banks and bankers..... 18,822 78 Loans and discounts..... 60,210 08 Investment securities..... 92,845 51 Real estate, furniture and fixtures..... 1,080 17 Overdrafts..... 694 33 Current expenses and taxes paid..... 113 91 \$106,189 23 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in.....\$ 50,000 00 Surplus fund..... 3,000 00 Undivided profits..... 887 82 Deposits subject to check..... 133,416 70 Cashier's checks outstanding..... 202 24 Due to banks and bankers..... 6,604 07 Dividends unpaid..... 98 75 Miscellaneous liabilities..... 919 62 \$106,189 23 Report in detail of above securities has been made to C. H. Krumbhaar, superintendent of banking, as called for. J. B. R. Davis, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. B. R. Davis, cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this seventh day of December, 1892. John D. Hayes, Notary Public. Correct—attest: John M. Fowell, John Burfoot, H. U. Koons, Directors.

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