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Dying anarchists are very brave in their utterances—by cable.

Insurance Fraud Holmes seems to have adopted a very bad policy indeed.

A dispatch from Austin, Texas, says that a train robbery was looked for there but failed to materialize.

The authorities of Indian Territory complain that they can not hire good Indian policemen to be shot at by the Cook gang for less than \$15 per month.

The French government has decorated Kate Field for her eminent literary abilities. By some strange oversight it always overlooked Emerson, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Whitier, Holmes, Lowell and others of the lesser literary lights of this country.

The Government of France has bestowed upon Kate Field the decoration of officer of public instruction in recognition of the service she has rendered to literature and art.

The late Robert C. Winthrop came near holding the position of our national orator. He officiated a greater number of times than any other American as speaker at patriotic events of national importance.

It must be evident to every educated and thoughtful Russian that Russia cannot continue to be the anomaly in Europe that she now constitutes and has for a century constituted.

Unrecognized Languages.

Young people are prone to form languages for their own use; and of 150 specimens of the kind published by the 'Am Tr-que'.

LOVE'S PARTING.

'Farewell, farewell!' We breathe the word That tells us where our paths must part.

We have so twined the sigh and song, So closely wreathed the thorns and flow-ers.

AN ODD NEIGHBOR.

BY CHARLES C. ABBOTT.

HERE was a strange silence everywhere, as is not uncommon in the month of August.

I had heard of an oaken chest, with huge brass clamps, and to-day set out to find it.

The man and his house were not unlike the cottage was a long, low building, one and a half stories high.

While the day was yet young, I passed by, and Silas was sitting on the porch.

The hall-way of the Crabtree cottage was neither short nor narrow, but you got that impression from its low ceiling and the dark wooden walls.

'Oh, I was only passing by; were you asleep?'

'Sleepin' or not, I was thinkin' of you. Come in.'

'Why, what do you mean?' I asked, purposely interrupting the old man.

'Before all this happened,' the old man continued, after a long pause.

'Worse and worse, with your long words; but let me do the talkin'.'

'I mean to be complimentary,' I replied, but with some confusion.

'I kept my seat. I could not do otherwise. The Silas of to-day was not he whom I had known in years past.'

Many minutes passed, and then, as I made a slight movement, merely to change my position.

I was not surprised to learn, immediately after the funeral, that I had been left the sole legatee of the man whose death I had witnessed.

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'As a boy,' said Silas, in softer tones than I had ever heard before.

'I was prepared now for revelations of any kind. To look quietly over papers, one at a time, was too prosy an occupation, and the suggestion that there might be more secret drawers.

Silas, in anticipation of just an occurrence as I have described, had placed a roll of papers so prominently in the desk that I naturally took it up with a serious purpose.

'Don't see!' I exclaimed: 'Uncle Silas, you're a poet, a regular poet.'

It was a sad story; too sad to contemplate this dreary August day.

Though not half explored, I went from the house to the porch, that I might return from the past to the present.

Seymour Allan, a resident of Sydney, has invented a submarine torpedo boat, which, he claims, is capable of sinking to any depth, and of traveling rapidly under water without revealing its presence.

Dancing by the Mile.

An average waltz takes one over three-quarters of a mile, a square dance makes you cover half a mile, and a galop equals a good mile.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Schnellie, the new explosive, is composed chiefly of chlorate of potash.

Hiram S. Maxim has already expended \$85,000 upon his flying machine.

Astronomers claim that there are over 17,500,000 comets in the solar system alone.

General Mercier, French Minister of War, has authorized the use in the French army of the recently discovered anti-diphtheric serum.

The width of the Atlantic could be reduced one-half by lowering its depth 6664 feet.

A scientist proves that typhoid and cholera bacilli or germs will live many weeks in a vacuum, and can endure some five or more months of complete dryness.

There are ten miles of pneumatic tubes in the streets of Chicago. They are used to deliver messages from the telegraph offices and office of the Associated Press to the newspapers and City Hall.

Simultaneous photographs at points distant from each other have already yielded information as to the height of meteors above the earth's surface.

Professor Agassiz indicates the growth of reefs at Key West, Fla., at the rate of six inches in one hundred years.

Of the hundred thousand plants catalogued by botanists only one-tenth part have appreciable odors.

Any one living exclusively on potatoes would consume forty grammes of potash salts per day, which explains why we always require salt whenever we eat potatoes.

The 'cut' and the 'pig' books, designed to record people's impressions of those interesting animals (each person to draw his own without being allowed a glimpse of any one else's work).

In this one's friends are to record, in a rapid, off-hand drawing, their best recollections of certain very familiar outlines, such as the coast of Massachusetts, or Italy, or England, or North America.

I have known more than one person to stop short at a mere 'round O' for the first lake which seemed to lead nowhere, the other four having neither shape nor substance in the puzzled artist's vision.

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THE SAND HILL CRANE.

A GREAT GAME BIRD IN THE NORTHWEST.

Shy and Pugnacious, It Affords Much Sport to the Hunters—An Unequaled Table Delicacy.

NO member of the feathered kingdom is keener of sight, scent or hearing than the sand-hill crane.

The newly settled prairie regions of the great Northwest, where he makes his home, he ranks in the estimation of sportsmen above the wild goose and duck, not only in delighting the eye and heart of the hunter, but as a provider of a table delicacy unequalled in excellence by either duck or goose.

The hunter either for sand hill cranes or wild geese and ducks may always be sure of a warm welcome among the prairie farmers of the Northwest.

When the corn is ripe and the nights grow crisp and frosty, toward the end of October, sand hill crane shooting is most enjoyable.

The cranes do not plump blindly and unconcernedly among the corn, as the geese and ducks do, but alight on the further edge of the mown stub, between the field and the prairie.

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Frequently a sand hill crane will be wounded so that he cannot fly, being otherwise uninjured.

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The collar has become almost as much an objective point of the waist as the sleeves.

Queen Victoria will use electricity for cooking purposes. The necessary apparatus has been installed at Osborne, in the Isle of Wight.

A woman of Calais, Me., has won renown by mending a broken door hinge with a hairpin.

NEWS & NOTES FOR WOMEN

Women's work in India has made great progress.

There are now 711 women missionaries—foreign and Eurasian—in India.

The average age at which women marry in civilized countries is said to be twenty-three and a half year.

Mrs. Emma Scott, of Birmingham, was elected enrolling and engraving clerk by the Alabama State Senate.

Opalescent colors are again coming into favor, and garnitures of opalescent beads are in the very height of fashion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Selons are now making a wedding tour in tents through Asia Minor, attended by five servants.

In Paris hair dye is considered so detrimental to long life that one insurance company refuses to insure the lives of women that use it.

Black and yellow are a favorite combination. Fine, soft black net over lemon-colored silk is specially becoming to a spirited brunette.

Miss Francis E. Willard says that good cooking is essential to human happiness, while bad cooking has driven thousands of men to drink.

Bluet blue, cerise and magenta pink are the three colors now most favored by modistes and milliners and the majority of the fashionable feminine world.

The Georgia Senate passed a bill making it a penal offense for any person to make remarks or write articles that reflect upon the good name of a woman.

Among the members of the class '95 in the Chautauqua Reading Circle is a young Japanese girl, who expects to graduate with her class at Chautauqua next term.

Opera cloaks with big sleeves are vexing problems to women. One of the new models is so voluminous that the owner is obliged to go sidewise through an ordinary door.

Miss Emma Frances Dawson, one of the best women writers on the Pacific coast, is a Maine lady by birth, and her most notable poem is 'Old Glory,' a song in honor of the American flag.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in its recent convention again passed resolutions condemning vivisection, and deprecating the slaughter of seals for women's garments.

Dr. Y. May Kin was the first Chinese lady to receive a medical degree in America. She has now a large practice in Kobe, Japan, and was the first scientifically educated female practitioner in that country.

Says the Drapers' Record: 'Artificial whalebone is now made from leather strips, by means of chemicals, high temperature and heavy pressure. Originality, even in whales, promises to be at a discount soon.'

Miss Florence Maryat, the novelist and daughter of the famous Captain Maryat, is to deliver a series of lectures in this country on the following topics: 'The Mistakes of Marriage,' 'The New Woman' and 'Can the Dead Return?'

A peachy complexion, like that of a young girl, was possessed by the Marquis de Creguy even to the close of her long life. She died at the age of ninety-eight, and for the last forty years lived almost entirely on oranges. She often ate a dozen of them for breakfast.

A lady in South Kensington, London, has found a new use for dogs. One muddy day lately she was seen in the street with a parcel in one hand, an umbrella in the other and an Irish terrier holding the tail of her dress in her teeth. He never let the dress touch the ground.

The neglected women of India have now the prospect of skilled medical treatment. There are sixty-five hospitals and dispensaries now affiliated to the Countess of Dufferin's fund for supplying medical aid to them, ten of these having been built, and kept up by native Princes.

Mme. Casimir-Perier has received so many disgusting and insulting letters since her husband became President of France, and has been so upset by the many ugly drawings inclosed, that her correspondence is now opened by a secretary before being handed to her for perusal.

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