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TWO LOST LETTERS.

How Postal Officials at Times Are Compelled to Use Their Wits.

An English merchant was advised by his agent that a check of six hundred pounds sterling would be sent to him by the next mail...

Teacher Won't Pay the Bill.

Miss Tucker, a school teacher at Excelsior, Coal town ship, Schuykill county, has been arrested on a warrant sworn out by Stanislaus General...

Handy Man on the Committee. From the Wilkesbarre Leader. The substitution of Alvan Markle for the late Daniel Cox...

Weiss Beer Not Intoxicating. The Northampton county grand jury has decided that weiss beer is not intoxicating.

Beeware of the Strolling Dentist. A few days ago a large stylish woman calling herself Dr. Alberta Oberlin...

How to Get a Rebate on Road Tax. The legislature last winter passed an act that all persons who shall hereafter use wagons with tires not less than four inches wide...

Schuykill County Democrats. Schuykill county Democrats have nominated the following ticket...

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together...

DEGENERATION IN BOSTON. Time-Honored Spots Being Ruthlessly Wiped from View.

The process of displacing the public garden and the common goes merrily on. The old burying ground on the common, wherein rested the bones of many soldiers...

Seven peanut and balloon peddlers and two astronomers who used to cater to the wants of Bostonians have shut up shop...

LITTLE DAMES AND MEN.

We all must remember when We were little dames and men; When each sorrow tugged away with all its might...

How we'd weep, How we'd creep To our little beds to sleep; With wet lashes on flushed faces...

We must all remember when We were little dames and men, When we met the little ones from day to day...

If you knew How a few Gracious acts and words from you Were planted in their souls...

M'GHEOGHAN'S LAPSE

BY WILLIS CHAMBERLAIN.

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wrong, and that Sullivan was rejoicing in his lapse from virtue. To maintain his dignity he considered it necessary to impress Sullivan with the fact that the McGheoghan was people to be respected...

He opened her eyes and gasped; "Kitty," Sullivan had thought that of course the child was saved with its mother, but now the fear struck him that this was not so...

"Mowreechey," he cried, "God bless ye!" "Kitty?" roused an idea in his head. The McGheoghan of Galway had noble blood in their veins...

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"Papa!" He threw both arms round the pair, and two soiled and bruised faces met in an Irish embrace.

Steel heels or spurs for gamecocks. Steel heels or spurs for fighting cocks to take the place of the natural spur are made in twenty or more varieties in shape and length...

Strange and Rare. "How Strange a Thing is Man." This was the title of her graduation essay.

Senior Partner—I think this new clerk is getting used to our ways, don't you? Junior Partner—I think so. He was twenty minutes late this morning.

The Long and Short of It. "I hear Donaldson is short in his accounts." "Well, he may be short in his accounts, but he is long enough in his payments."

A Cold Weather Joke.

A business man came down to his office on a winter morning when it was bitterly cold.

Consentuous. Wife—If I thought a thing was wicked, I'd die before I'd do it. Husband—So would I.

Criminal Note. "Whaffor has dey got Jim Webster in de Astin jail?" asked Uncle Moses of Sam Johnsonag.

Safe and Soporific. Physician—You must not occupy your time with anything which requires the slightest mental attention.

Deciphering an Abbreviation. "Here's a letter for Dugout, B. K." said one postal clerk to another.

Even Up. Ethel Singleton—But tell me, dear, does a man get really angry every time he comes home and finds dinner isn't ready?

That Ended the Dream. At midnight in his guarded tent The Turk was dreaming of the hour When Greece, her knee in suppliance bent, Would tremble at his power.

The Modern Daughter. "I wish to ask your permission to pay my addresses to your daughter," said the old-fashioned young man.

Foor, Blind Papa! Peremant—Hattie is such an affectionate daughter. This morning I received such a tender, appreciative three-page letter from her at school.

Travels of the Pafr. Oldboy—I wonder where these big puffed sleeves are going to end? Gufty—I don't know; the bicycle girls just now seem to wear them between the waist and the knees!

A Mean Lover. I love to make my Mabel cry. By jealous taunts and jeers. For then I get a chance to try And kiss away her tears.

FORCE OF (RIDING) HABIT.



She stood ready, dressed for cycling. In her latest costume, sweet: And her husband, charmed, enraptured, Could have worshiped at her feet.

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FOREIGN PERSONAL GOSSIP.

CHRISTINE NILSSON has just revisited Sweden, after an absence of eight years, to attend her nephew's wedding.

M. DE PARIS, DIEHLER, the executioner, was recently before a Paris police judge for libeling the wine sold by one of his neighbors.

Mrs. LESTER, who recently shot her husband in India, and was condemned to ten years' imprisonment, is a granddaughter of John Brahm, the tenor, and a niece of the famous countess of Waldgrava.

Cardinal Ledochowski, who bore the brunt of the government persecution during the period of the Kulturkampf, is to celebrate his sacerdotal jubilee in a few days.

Two twin brothers in Paris, M. Jerome and Isidore Franck, recently celebrated their eightieth birthday together.

Three persons were recently saved from drowning at Hythe, England, by the courage and skill of Miss Evans, a girl of twenty-one.

As the English law officers are no longer permitted to retain their private practice, Sir Edward Clarke, who was solicitor general in Lord Salisbury's last ministry, has refused to again take the office, though the salary is \$30,000 and fees, averaging \$12,000 a year, and it is a sure step toward the lord chancellorship.

MULTUM IN PARVO. SLANDER is the solace of malignity. —Joubert.

By searching the old learn the new.—Japanese.

No LEGACY is so rich as honesty.—Shakespeare.

THE sea drinks the air and the sun the sea.—Anacreon.

THE truest self-respect is not to think of self.—Beecher.

UNREASONABLE haste is the direct road to error.—Mollere.

DEAR weeps but once; cheap always weeps.—Hindoo.

HABIT is too arbitrary a master for my liking.—Lavater.

SIN is a basilisk whose eyes are full of venom.—Quarles.

SOFT is the music that would char forever.—Wordsworth.

WANT TWO SMOKESTACKS.

Kuslan Jaws Refuse to Travel on a Vessel Equipped with But One. A steamship ticket agent on the East side whose business is chiefly with Polish and Russian Hebrews who are about to return to their homes tells of a peculiarity of his customers, says the New York Tribune.

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RAVAGES OF GRAIN SMUTS. Means of Prevention Outlined by the Agricultural Culture.

The ravages of the grain smuts are reviewed and the means of prevention outlined in a report of the agricultural department. The oat smut, which is found throughout the United States and is known on every continent, probably has the widest distribution of any of the species.

THE water in the ocean is said to contain thousands of tons of gold, but no practical way has yet been devised to extract it.

EXPERIMENTS to find whether argon can be obtained from vegetable or animal tissue have resulted negatively, the quantity of the new gas obtained in this way not being appreciable.

PROF. EMERY E. SMITH, of California, has succeeded by experiments in cross fertilization in producing an entirely new violet, highly scented and of great beauty.

Liquors may be aged artificially by gradually cooling them, in the case of brandy, down to two hundred degrees centigrade below zero and then gradually bringing them up again to the normal temperature.

RECENT surveys show that one-sixth of the state of Oregon, something over 10,000,000 acres, is covered with dense forests.

Southern California's orange crop this season has brought to the growers about \$1,850,000.

THE apricot crop in California is comparatively short this season. Pomona county will produce only about 750 tons, against 2,800 tons last year.

According to the tenth census, out of a population of 59,000,000 over 17,000,000 were breadwinners, being a percentage of 34.8 of the whole.

EAST LONDON has to get along with 25 gallons of water per day a head, where Hamburg has 33, Toronto 77, New York 100, Chicago 119 and Washington 155.