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"Our summer lasted for three months and during that time by day as well as by night we had the bite of our lives against swarms of mosquitoes which for tenacity of purpose and endeavor cannot be equaled in this world, and I have seen a soldier," said A. C. Gardner, sergeant of Company C, Twenty-second Infantry, at the Union depot, recently. Sergt. Gardner was returning home to Milwaukee, Wis., after two years spent at Fort Gibson, Alaska, some 300 miles northwest of Nome, on the Yukon.

"The Government maintains six posts in Alaska," continued Sergt. Gardner. "We had two companies at our post and did very little actual military duty. Our principal work was in keeping up the telegraph lines which are owned by the Government. The signal corps has large representations in Alaska and the soldiers frequently are called on to give that department assistance.

"I have fought mosquitoes in the woods in Wisconsin, in the State of New Jersey, in the swamps of the Mississippi River and in the Philippines, but there are none that equal the voracious species they have in the far North."—Kansas City Journal.

Named By Queen Victoria. British Columbia, the scene of the newest gold "rush," was of all the colonies the most intimately associated with the late Queen Victoria. She christened it. It was at first proposed to call the place "New Caledonia," but Queen Victoria pointed out that there was already a French colony of that name in the Pacific. She suggested "British Columbia," and the happy thought became a fact. Afterwards her Majesty was invited by the British Columbia to christen their capital, and she decided upon "New Westminster." But in after years New Westminster was found to be not altogether suitable for a metropolis, and the capital was transferred to Victoria. New Westminster, from the circumstance of its birth, is still locally known as the "Royal City."—London Daily Chronicle.

Eccentricities of Genes. A patient searcher gives the results of his labors in a Paris contemporary, from which we learn that Hayden never composed unless he had on his finger a ring given to him by Frederick the Great. Malthus, the novelist, we are told, stuck a water on his forehead to derive inspiration and to prevent his thoughts, being disturbed by his servants. Beethoven only composed when in bed and under the covers.

Messery in writing his history required candles, even in broad daylight. Rousseau derived inspiration walking among the plants in the sun. Ampe did his work standing, and made his notes in capital letters. Disinfecting Cars in Prussia. Disinfection of the coaches of the Prussian state railways has been authorized by the sanitation authorities, with the result that the Government recently established a system of steel tubes, boiler riveted, into which coaches may be backed and exteriors and interiors rendered germless through a treatment of formalin. Cars are run into these tubes, one at a time, the end of the tube closed, and its interior filled with formalin gas. The gas tank is set up as a unit in connection with the metal tubing, feeding the disinfecting gases into the tube at short range.

Taints in Frozen Meats. Signs of badness in frozen meats are the smell near the bone, bone taint. Frozen or refrigerated meat should be kept in a special chamber at 70 degrees Fahrenheit. If thawed at atmospheric temperature such meat becomes dry and dirty looking, and will spoil before it can be cooked. Old cold-storage meat is brick dust color and wetfish. The American process, currents of cold air 30 degrees, is the best way to refrigerate meat.

Tree Planting by a Railroad. More than a million trees were planted on tracks along its right of way. The total number of trees planted since 1892, when the forestry work was started, is 3,482,138. These figures are included in the report of the company's forester. Special effort was given last year to growing ornamental shrubbery for parking purposes, and to save time 6,000 plants were imported from France.—Philadelphia Press.

Penny-in-the-Slot Light. In the little Silesian town of Zankau the authorities have adopted an ingenious automatic device for the benefit of those who are afraid to go home in the dark. The introduction of a coin in a slot at the foot of an electric light standard after extinguishing hours, will light the roadway for twelve minutes.

The Majority and Ibesen. The members of a debating society recently discussed Ibesen's declaration that "the majority is always wrong." They even exchanged personalities over the matter, and in the end a motion affirming Ibesen's views to be correct was carried by an overwhelming majority.—London Daily News.

The Pity of It. "The one of the saddest things of married life."
"What is it?"
"The fact that the wife can't think of anything new for dinner, and the husband, while dissatisfied, can't suggest anything."

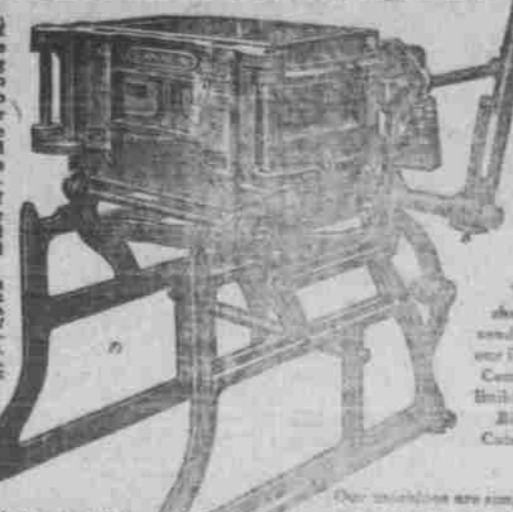
Joined the Boycott. Bacon—That dog of mine begins to show almost human intelligence.
Robert—How so?
"He hasn't touched a piece of meat in three days."

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Only Natural.

Bobby—Teacher looked one of the kids today and the scholars all laughed.

Ma—I hope you didn't laugh.

Bobby—No, I furnished the fun.

Obviously.

Dolph—Why do you want to make a rich man?

Keo—So I won't have to scratch for a living.

All Improvements.

First Child—We've got a new baby at our house.

Second Child (contemptuously)—We've got a new 'un at ours.

With Bastille Down

Marie Cartier locked her little hands tight together; she was standing alert on the rocky bluff above the sea and the morning breeze was playing lightly with her soft brown hair; but her eyes were on the ocean that stretched off and off into the distance; here and there a sail fitted over the blue waters and low on the horizon lay the black cloud of an outward-bound steamer's smoke, down below the cliff the ebbing tide lapped steadily on the narrow stretch of shore, valiantly trying to hold its own against a higher power.

Unconsciously the young French girl's lips had parted over her white teeth and her sweet face was very wistful. It seemed as if she must see over that mighty curve of the ocean to the shores of la belle France. The roaring of the great French holiday seemed to come like a faint echo across those gleaming, glittering waters and to bring with it that old France's longed-for time would not stir out of her lair.

A year ago Marie Cartier had been at home in Paris. They had gone to Versailles to keep holiday, her good father and gentle mother and she. They had laughed and joked and had seemed like gay young folk out for the celebration of freedom. Henri Lecarbot had come upon them in one of the group's walks and made the party complete, and it had seemed that in all the world there was no such thing as care, but only freedom and the hateful Bastille down! There had been a crash of people at the gate going home at nightfall, but Marie had felt Henri's arm in hers and laughed at his tears. Was he not some day to make her Madam Lecarbot?

For a time it had been like that and then the dark days had broken suddenly—the days when trouble came running so fast upon its own heels. The good father had been stricken dead and the gentle mother was soon laid by his side. Marie had sat alone waiting for Henri's step on the stairs, but he did not come. And the fair young girl had bravely taken the chance offered to go to a new world and teach a couple of American lads. It was plain that she must earn the means to live.

"Mademoiselle!"

Marie dropped her hands with an impatient gesture. Why did this gentleman who meant so kindly come to interrupt her thoughts of the home holiday?

"Dreaming?" he asked, and his stick scratched at a rock on the verge of the bluff.

The girl's face softened again and she spoke quickly. It was the great French holiday and she had fancied the booming of patriotic cannon would come across the wide waters to the children of the Revolution.

Tom Lambert spoke his French slowly and with effort. It was interspersed with Americanisms and full of short stops. But it was strong for all of that, and Marie found he was asking her to be his wife.

Surprised and pained the girl drew herself up and her hands worked nervously. Tom pleaded his cause gently, very gently. With her slender figure standing there against the sea and the wistful face in profile, she seemed so pitifully to need his care, and he loved her as a strong man loves a maid. He put a hand on her arm, and his eyes compelled her silence. "There should be no hasty answer, and when there had been time for consideration he would be back.

When he had gone Marie walked slowly along the cliff. The ocean glistened in the sunlight and the dog was very beautiful. There was the steady click of a hoe as a man worked at the extermination of noxious weeds in a vegetable garden, and it mingled with the moaning lapping of the waves.

Tom Lambert's honest words had touched the girl. To be free from the cares that beset her meant much; to meet a good man's love half way would not be right. All through the day she thought of it, and when it would seem right there would come the old loneliness for Henri that would not be stilled. The world was full of a wonderful sunset when Marie sat down to write her answer to Tom Lambert, a short, firm note to say that she could not be his wife.

It was dusk when Marie went down to a bit of post box at the end of the lane. Her white clothes fluttered in the night air like a little willow-leaf. She was timid and the shadows fell heavily under the tall oaks, but she kept on with the determination that the letter must be sent that night. A thin crescent moon hung in the west and the whippoorwill were singing tenderly. They seemed to be chasing Marie and she ran back up the lane after the post box had clicked shut on her letter to Tom Lambert.

By the stile a tall man rose out of the darkness.

"Marie!" he cried. "Marie!"

The girl screamed before she caught the strong young face.

"Henri!" she said quickly. —

When explanations came they were unpleasant.

"I couldn't find you until I met Thomas Lambert. He said for me to come here," said Henri.

Marie clung to his arm and spoke very softly.

"Madame Lambert is a good man!"

—MISS RUBY H. MARTIN.

An Expensive Vintage.

Delly—There should be more of the spirit of 1776 around.

Delly—That would be too expensive for me to drink!

The Climbers.

Brooke—There's plenty of room at the top.

Lyne—Yes; and the rent is cheap.