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MANY LOCAL NOTES.

What Transpired in Our Busy Village Since the Last Issue.

Harry Stoll had a finger mashed one day last week.

Jacob Weisman of Reading, is spending some time in town.

Lizzie Willoughby of New York city is visiting in the village.

Benjamin Brubaker sold his crop of seedleaf tobacco for 8 and 2.

C. H. Reider, was the guest of his parents at Bellaire last Sunday.

Ben Brubaker and wife of Harrisburg, were in town on Sunday.

Alois Bube and wife made it pleasant for all at Hotel Florin on Thursday.

Emanuel Trout and wife, of Manheim, spent Wednesday afternoon in town.

J. E. Longenecker still has a lot of fine horse-radish ready for the table at ten cents a pint.

Mrs. Frané Shané of Landisville, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. S. Carmany Monday.

Armstrong of Gordonville, is the new tenant at this place. Mr. Good is recovering.

Jacob Hostetter has subpoenaed quite a number of witnesses on his suit against the pike company.

Mrs. John Kontz of Maytown, returned home after spending the week with Mrs. Metzroth.

David Barnhart last Tuesday killed 2 hogs and a beef and on Wednesday he slaughtered 6 more hogs.

Christ Risser and Frank Mitchel attended a crokinole party at a Washington borough hotel recently.

Samuel Gingrich, our enterprising baker, was presented with an apprentice boy by his wife on Friday.

The Misses Oberholzer and E. Young of Lancaster, spent Sunday the guests of Gertie and Ella Menaugh.

J. C. Stambaugh, formerly of this place but now a resident of Lancaster, will move to Steelton in the near future.

John Myers and wife of near town, were both taken sick very suddenly on Wednesday but now they are improving.

Mr. Siedle of Marysville, a student at Wade's business college, Lancaster, was the guest of Christ Charles over Sunday.

E. F. Heiner was at Milton Grove on Saturday, aiding in the consolidation of a Republican ticket for the primary on Saturday.

J. S. Carmany and Martin Weltmer attended a wedding reception of G. H. Moyer and wife at Palmyra on Sunday. Turkey, duck and goose were served.

The finest specimen of work ever turned out in a coachmaker's shop in this section of the state, left Young Bros. this week, being a baker wagon for Mr. Dearbeck at Columbia. It needs no comment as their work talks for itself.

District Deputy S. S. Stacks of this place, installed the following officers of Florin Castle No. 13, A. O. K. of M. C. of this place: Past commander, S. S. Gingrich; Commander, W. B. Winters; Vice commander, N. S. Menough; Marshal, J. M. Reider; Inside guard, William Saylor.

David M. Wolgemuth, who was married last Tuesday, moved into the brick dwelling on Market street, on Thursday and entertained a number of his friends at a fine dinner. A wee calithumpian band visited him on Thursday evening, a larger band on Friday evening and an enormous one on Saturday night.

Quite a number of reports were circulated as to who will conduct the Florin Hotel, after April 1st, and the names of numerous persons were heralded in the local papers but all were incorrect. William Able, of near Marietta, has rented it and will take charge on April 1st. He was about town on Thursday soliciting signers for a new license.

John S. Widman of town, received from the U. S. authorities an application which he is seriously considering at present. Our government has decided to build schools, court houses, etc., in Porto Rico and the Philippines and want none but American mechanics. John has an offer for \$5.00 per day of eight hours and transportation.

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH.

Happenings of the Week Told in a Brief Yet Interesting Manner.

Charles Shrite of Port Deposit, was in town on Sunday.

Borough Council held a special meeting last Monday evening.

Z. W. Keller sold a carload of fine horses at public sale yesterday.

Harry Garber and wife of Manheim were visiting in town Sunday.

John Dierolf served a turkey supper to a number of his friends on Thursday evening.

B. F. Gochauer held a very successful live bird shoot in this place last Tuesday afternoon.

Harry Stoler killed a 260 pound hog for John Pyle on Monday. Abbie Shelly was overseer.

Watches and clocks repaired promptly by Harry Peopple, Mount Joy, and all work guaranteed.

John Henry, an employe at the Grey Iron, had his eye very badly burned by a spark while casting on Thursday.

The shortest yet ever entered for probate was that of John A. Kuhns of this place, which read: "Leave all to my wife."

A break occurred at the engine at the gas works on Thursday evening and our borough was without gas for a short while.

Thomas Brown's large porch at his residence is fast nearing completion. The iron fence around the yard is already in position.

On Thursday evening a surprise party was held in honor of Anna B. Hershey near town, about fifteen couple being in attendance.

Joe Nissley, clerk at G. Moyer's, has accepted a similar position with Herr & Snavely at Lancaster. The change will be made April 1st.

Eli H. Engle sold his entire lot of live stock except horses, at McGirl's stock yards on Saturday, having no convenient place to keep them.

The ten-year-old son of Jacob Rhye last Wednesday fell from the abutments of the Marietta street bridge into the 'cut' and narrowly escaped serious injury.

Nathan Zink moved his family to Thordale, last week, having secured work on the P. R. R. Jacob Heisey was moved into the house vacated by Mr. Zink.

Mary Brunner of this place, recently discovered a cabbage or yellow butterfly in her parlor, flying about among some flowers there as though it was not mid-winter.

Rev. A. S. Hottenstein of East Petersburg, united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, Norman K. Grissinger and Lizzie A. Sheaffer, both of this place.

The Republican primary of East Donegal township on Saturday was very quiet and the vote light, but what was cast showed plainly that the voters of the lower district are perfectly satisfied with Henry Witmer as Supervisor, he being settled by an overwhelming majority.

Directors.

The following well known business men, who compose our board of directors, are a guarantee of careful and judicious management; burglars may annoy you; bad loans may cripple you; we will pay you 3½ per cent. for your deposits: John O. Denny, John C. Forrey, Wm. B. Given esq., Jacob R. Hershey, C. C. Kauffman esq., Michael S. Seachrist, H. S. Stauffer, John W. Steacy, John Westerman, Jos. W. Yocum, Wm. Harm, George W. Moore.

GEORGE CRANE, Treasurer. Columbia Trust Company.

The Bread Question

Considerable arguments are afloat as to the condition of bread nowadays. Many people desire bread which is rarely baked and when their baker serves a loaf that is well baked, they kick. For the benefit of those kind of people we would say: bread that is not thoroughly baked is very heavy and hard to digest while that which is well baked although a little hard, is much healthier as you can see by recalling our ancestors who baked bread enough at one baking to last two or three weeks and lived longer and they were healthier than people are nowadays.

LOWER TAX RATE

"By Their Works Ye Shall Know Them"

In these days when the renegade press of Lancaster and Philadelphia is harping on the corruptness of machine politics in this county and scoring Leader Griest on every occasion, the recent action of President M. L. Greider and the other County Commissioners in reducing the tax rate from 3¼ to 3 mills comes as a pleasant surprise. Our people are conservative, and they are apt to judge men by their works, and not by what their detractors say of them. Good management of County affairs means lighter burdens for the people, and a lower tax rate appeals to the average man in a way that political argument, reform oratory and bombast can not. "Let well enough alone" is the motto of this paper, and incidentally we suggest the advisability of renominating M. L. Greider for County Commissioner at the Spring Primary for another term, and thus reward an able official for suggesting and aiding in effecting wise economies which helped to make a lower tax rate possible. It is only another evidence of Mr. Griest's astuteness that he selects such able lieutenants as that noted farmer son of Rapho, Martin L. Greider.

Maytown News.

Claud Henderson is recovering.

Josie Garber is somewhat better.

Charles Stouch and sister, Maggie are confined to the house with the grip.

George Hull, of Baltimore, Md., was in town Monday on account of sale of his properties.

Mrs. S. E. Hulsinger, who has been confined to the house with pneumonia is somewhat better at this writing.

Mrs. Flora Richard, of York, was called to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. S. E. Hulsinger, who was in a very critical condition.

Violet Housel gave an evening company on Monday in honor of her 17th birthday. About 25 couple were present. After serving refreshments all returned home at a late hour well pleased.

George Hull, executor of the late Elizabeth Hull, of this place last Wednesday evening offered at public sale at the Washington House, Maytown a lot of ground with improvements, in that village. The property was withdrawn at \$1,050.

Donegal Springs

B. Hersh has a fine crop of seedleaf tobacco.

Clayton Nissley bought a horse from Jacob Loraw.

Jacob Souders sold his crop of tobacco for 6.34 and one.

John Martin killed a hog that weighed 480 pounds dressed.

Frank Spidle sold three tricos of white games to B. H. Greider.

Martin Nissley of Elizabethtown, was the guest of Jacob Inners recently.

Herman Drager sold his tobacco to John Longenecker and will deliver it on the last of the month.

W. L. Heisey's men loaded 25 holes with 100 pounds of dynamite on the Cameron farm which sounded when set off, like a young earthquake.

Joint and Vicinity.

John Gibble sold his tobacco for 7½ through.

Elmer Engle was busy busy hauling dung on Thursday.

Harry Zeager, froze his feet putting away ice last week.

Daniel Miller has hired Amos Gipe for the coming year.

Henry Brandt, will move on Jacob Nissley's farm February 1st.

Samuel Garber, sold his fat hogs to Jacob Lehman on Wednesday.

Henry Garman hired himself to John Kulp for the coming year.

Jacob Newcomer, will finish stripping tobacco this week. He is now ready for the buyers.

Elmer Strickler, has stripped 9,000 pound of tobacco already. He expects between 9 and 10 ton.

The News of Newtown.

The primary election was held on Saturday. The revival is still progressing with one seeker.

The River Brethren held their quarterly meeting in town on Sunday.

There was no Sunday school in town last Sunday on account of the fine near Mount Joy.

While Erb Bros. were returning from Columbia they met with an accident, the pin breaking at their wagon but no damage was done.

A charter was granted to the Newtown Junior Cornet Band, the officers of which are as follows: President, John Wittle, Vice President, Victor Fogie; Secretary, Albert Mumma; Assistant Secretary, Clarence Divet; Leader, William Givens; Treasurer, John Fogie; Trustees, Elmer Givens, Samuel Shenk and Jacob Geltmacher.

Work of the Register.

Catharine Kuhns (administratrix) et. a. of John A. Kuhns, deceased, late of Mount Joy borough.

Erza G. Gish of Mount Joy township, administrator of Henry M. Gish, late of West Donegal.

An Explanation

"J. R. Missemmer brought suit before Alderman Spurrier, of Lancaster, against Jno. E. Schroll, publisher of the Florin Bulletin for printing the Bulletin fifteen weeks, which work had been done in Missemmer's office. The hearing was had last Tuesday and Alderman Spurrier gave judgment against Schroll for the full amount of the claim."

The foregoing article appeared in the last issue of the Mount Joy Star and News and I desire to explain to the public its meaning. On June 1st, 1901, I printed the first copy of this paper I asked J. R. Missemmer if he had any objection of me doing this to which he said he had not. I then asked him whether he would allow me to print it on his press to which he also consented. I also ask him what he would charge me per week for printing the paper when he said: "The first three months" (thirteen weeks not fifteen) free and after that fifty cents per week." I agreed and printed the paper. The first week after the BULLETIN was three months old I wanted to pay Mr. Missemmer the fifty cents heretofore agreed to, for the use of the press and when I told him he said he had never given me any price at all. Then I told him all right what are you going to charge me? After a delay of two days he replied, one dollar per week. I at once consented and thereafter whenever he paid me, a dollar per week was always deducted from my wages for press-work which was certainly O. K. Some time in October last I asked Mr. Missemmer for money and he said he did not have it. I then told him I wanted it until noon as I intended to quit. He then told me that he did not owe me a cent and that I owed him that for presswork when I started this paper. After an argument which lasted several hours, J. R. agreed to pay all he owed me at the time and every cent that I earned from then on. Then I told him hereafter you might demand my wages for presswork at any time to which he said and I have witness to that effect, that he would "never charge me or hold a cent of my money for that presswork."

I continued working until December 21. The following Tuesday when I came to the office and ask Mr. Missemmer how soon I could use the press he told me when I quit working for him I could not use his press thereafter. I told him I did not quit the Saturday previous to which he said "take off your coat and get to the case." This was the time that I had only been working the last four days of the week for him and to his command I said I will not, give me my and I'll quit. He then made out a bill for \$15.00 for fifteen weeks press work. Then I told him. Well, well is this the way you are going to play me? Didn't you say that you would not charge me anything for that press work? To which he replied: "I know I did. I know I did." My bill at the time was \$10.90 and that is exactly the situation at present. I desire the readers of the BULLETIN to be the judges in this case. What would you infer from it kind reader?

THE EDITOR.

East Donegal Items.

Edwin Myers was hauling ice from Levi Nissley's pound this week.

Francis Neightig will occupy David Eyers' tenement house, near Rowenna, in the Spring.

Amos Root, of Mount Joy, was around taking orders for nursery stock this week.

J. L. Book received a car load of Quaker oats feed on Wednesday, most of which he sold from the car at \$23.50 per ton.

John Longenecker, of Mount Joy, was around last week among the farmers looking at the tobacco, but the most of them do not seem in a hurry to sell.

General News of the Community.

Joseph C. Kauffman, of Marietta, a soldier of the Spanish-American war, has secured a pension of \$6 a month through the agency of Alderman Halbach.

There will be five eclipses during this year, but all will be invisible here excepting the fourth which will be a total eclipse of the moon shortly after mid-night on October 17.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, while flourishing a large hatchet which she received as a present from an Eastern manufacturing firm dropped it and the keen edge of the instrument severed the large toe of her right foot.

Operation Was Successful.

Miss Sadie Hoffman, aged 18, daughter of Aaron Hoffman and wife of near Maytown, underwent an operation last Tuesday afternoon, which was made necessary by an accident which befell her about four years ago. At that time a horse tramped on the great toe of her left foot, inflicting a painful wound. The injury healed quickly, but soon a growth formed which gave the young lady more and more trouble. Dr. T. R. Ingram was called, and decided that a surgical operation was necessary. The operation was entirely successful.

Happenings at Rheems Station.

A daughter was born to William Snavely and wife last Saturday.

J. G. Enteline, our coachmaker, has employed Mr. Madeira, of Milton Grove.

E. L. Heisey purchased a fine driving horse of Z. W. Keller, dealer at Mount Joy on Saturday.

The store of S. G. Graybill was entered on Friday night and about \$25 worth of goods stolen.

LIFE'S RAILWAY TO HEAVEN

1. Life is like a mountain railway,
With an engineer that's brave,
We must make the run successful,
From the cradle to the grave.
Watch the curves that fill the tunnel,
Do not falter, do not fail,
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eye upon the rail.

Chorus—Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide us
Till we reach that blissful shore,
Where the angels wait to join us
In that praise for evermore.

2. You will roll up grades of trials,
You will cross the bridge of strife,
See that Christ is your conductor,
In that lightning train of life.
Always mindful of instruction,
Do your duty, never fail,
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eye upon the rail.

3. You will always find obstruction,
Look for storms of wind and rain,
On a curve or on a trestle,
They will almost ditch your train.
Put your trust alone in Jesus,
Never falter, never fail,
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eye upon the rail.

4. As you roll across the trestle,
Spanning Jordan's swelling tide,
You'll behold the union depot
Into which your train will glide.
There you'll meet the superintendent
God the Father, God the Son,
With a hearty, glorious graunted,
Weary pilgrims welcome home.

Mystery Both Ways.
Pauline—Just think of the awful things we know about people whom we don't know!
Emeline—Yes, isn't it wonderful! And just think what the people whom we don't know may know about us!—Detroit Free Press.

Stimulating Contributions.
Mrs. Von Blumer—The minister preached the most touching sermon I ever heard.
Von Blumer—How much did he also?—Judge.

Weight for weight, oriental rubies are valued ten to twenty fold the price of diamonds. The best come from China, Ceylon and India.

A Rod In Pickle.
Mrs. Goodsole—Why, Johnny, are you just going home now? Your mother's been looking for you all afternoon.
Johnny—Yes'm, I know.
Mrs. Goodsole—Just think how worried she must be!
Johnny—Oh, she's near the end o' her worryin'. I'm jest beginnin' mine.

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail," says James Prendergast, merchant, Annata Bay Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly warded off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale by J. S. Carmany, Florin, Pa.

Church Chronicle.
United Brethren Church—Preaching Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 1.15 p. m. Junior Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Prayer-meeting Thursday evening at 7.15 p. m. Rev. H. M. Miller, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Preaching every Sunday evening at 7 p. m. by the pastor and Rev. John Boehm on alternate evenings. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m., Amos Risser Superintendent. Class meeting Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Prayer-meeting Thursday 7 p. m. Rev. Wayne Channell pastor, Rev. John Boehm assistant pastor.

Rev. J. M. Yingling, pastor of the Bedford M. E. church, Cumberland, Maryland, says: "It affords me great pleasure to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used it and know others who have never known it to fail." For sale at Carmany's store.

Spelling Bee and Entertainment.

J. W. Hershey, teacher of the Joint school, one mile west of town, in Mount Joy township, will hold a spelling bee and entertainment on Saturday evening, January 25. The programme will consist of two spelling classes, a general information class vocal and grammophon music, recitations, dialogues, etc. The circulars announcing the foregoing were printed at this office on Friday.

A Cure for Lumbago.

W. O. Williamson, of Amherst, Va., says: "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me entire relief, which all other remedies had failed to do. Sold by J. S. Carmany, Florin, Pa.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull after eating, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at J. S. Carmany's store.

CUPOLA OF ST. PETER'S.

Its Outline Remains an Unparalleled Idea in Architecture.

The greatest of the architectural enterprises Michael Angelo was called upon to take up was the completing of St. Peter's, and he devoted himself through pure obedience to this task, refusing all compensation, offering his unpaid services in that way both to his master and to the service of religion.

He had to struggle against the opposing ideas of the architects in charge of the monument, who held by later plans than those of the first deviser, and their enmity and misapprehension of what was best aimed at a continual thwarting of all his intentions. He managed, however, to bring back the building to its original plan, that of his greatest enemy, Bramante, upon whom he has left this noble judgment. "It cannot be denied," said he, "that Bramante laid the first plan of St. Peter's clear and simple, and all who have departed from his scheme have departed from the truth."

We have not the great cathedral as Michael wished it, nor can we see in it the creation of his genius. But the one thing that Michael Angelo left to his successors in the work is the cupola, whose outline remains as an unparalleled idea, as important a landmark in architecture as his other records of achievement in painting and sculpture. It is the mark of Rome and the expression of Rome's grandeur.—John La Farge in McClure's.

The Pelican Sullied.
There is a sly old pelican in Central park which has an almost human way of noticing what goes on about him without seeming to do so. The other day two herons in the same cage with him fought over a fish. One had made the catch, but the other had undertaken to wrest the morsel from its rightful possessor.

They squabbled over it like two boys who have hold of the same baseball bat. The scuffle brought them into the neighborhood of the old pelican, who stood, apparently asleep, with his big bill tucked away under a wing. Then the heron dropped its fish, and the battle went on.

No sooner had it been dropped than the great bill came out from underneath the wing and the fish went into the pelican's pouch. Then the head disappeared again. The pelican was plainly asleep.

When one heron gave up the fight and flew away, the other looked about for the prize. It was nowhere to be seen. The keeper of the bird cages solemnly asserts that he saw a twinkle in the eye which the pelican opened to give a glance at the retreating heron.—New York Times.

Peculiar Roses.
One of the wars of the roses, the fiercest and deadliest of them all, was fought on a field where, curiously enough, a rose peculiar to the spot grows or used to grow. It is a rare plant now, and the reason is explained by Mr. Leadman in his account of Yorkshire battles. After describing the terrible battle at Towton on Palm Sunday, 1461, he says: "I cannot conclude this story of Towton field without an allusion to the little dwarf bushes peculiar to the 'Field of the White Rose and the Red.'"

"They are said to have been plentiful at the commencement of this century, but the visitors have taken them away in such numbers that they have become rare. Such vandalism is simply shameful and unable to exist in any other soil. The little roses are white, with a red spot on the center of each of their petals, and as they grow old the under surface becomes a dull red color."—London News.

Cave Animals.
No animals whatever are found in the dry parts of caves. Dampness or a certain degree of moisture seems to be essential to their existence. Under the stones one finds white, eyeless worms, and in the damp soil all around about are to be discovered blind beetles in little holes which they excavate and bugs of the thousand leg sort. These thousand leg bugs, which in the upper world devour fragments of dead leaves and other vegetable debris, sustain life in the caverns by feeding upon decayed wood, fungous growths and bats' dung. Kneeling in a beaten path one can see numbers of them gathered about hardened drips of tallow from tourists' candles. There are plenty of crickets also.

A Vanishing Tip.
When varnishing wood, the work must be done in a warm room at a temperature of at least 75 degrees F. At a lower temperature the moisture in the air will give a milky and cloudy appearance to the varnish. On the other hand, at the higher temperature the moisture is not precipitated until the alcohol of the varnish has sufficiently evaporated to leave a thin smooth film of shellac. The durability and gloss are dependent on this.

Chinese Typesetting.
When a Chinese compositor sets type, he places them in a wooden frame 22 by 15 inches. This frame has twenty-nine grooves, each for a line of type, and the type rests in clay to the depth of a quarter of an inch. The types are of wood, perfectly square, and the compositor handles them with plincers.

ITALIAN VIOLINS.

"The First 'Strad' Sent to London Could Find No Purchaser."

Italian violins have not always been the supremacy they now enjoy. It was not indeed till the beginning of the nineteenth century that they came into vogue to any extent outside their native land. Previously Jacob Stein (1621-83) was the favorite maker, and his high model had been almost exclusively copied by his fellow craftsmen and the different makers in France and England. When the elder Cocchi, who had been a merchant before entering the musical profession, came to London, in 1788, he brought with him some instruments of his own making. The result of this endeavor to introduce Italian work into England was with pathetic wonder. It is almost beyond belief. As he could not get as much as £5 (£25) for a violoncello he was obliged to send the instrument back to Italy for a bad speculation. Five pounds for a "Strad," and not a single purchaser to be found!

This incident in itself furnishes sufficient testimony to the slavish following of the great German fiddler and the strong prejudice of the violinists of that period in favor of the high model. It is indeed the players who are most to blame for the slow adoption of the flat model, for the creator must make what is necessitated by the demand; but the eighteenth century fiddlers, as any rate in England, France and Germany, seem for the most part to have been content that their violins should possess a small sweet tone, never realizing the lack of power and sonority, Connoisseurs.

He Said to Himself.
Kansas enjoys the distinction, possibly, of being the only state in the Union where a man has been allowed by a court of inquiry to testify regarding what he said to himself.

A committee had been appointed by the legislature, says The Green Bag, to investigate the alleged bribery of certain members in connection with a defeated railroad bill. The first witness called testified that he saw one of the representatives late one night coming down the hotel stairs.

"I said to myself," he testified, but a member on the side of the witness jumped to his feet.

"Hold on!" he shouted. "You can't testify about what you said to yourself!"

The prosecutor retorted that there was no law to prohibit him from so testifying. A long argument ensued, but a majority of the committee agreed with the chairman that the testimony was admissible.

"I said to myself," seriously proceeded the witness, "that Mr. had been up to Billy's room to get his keys."

The testimony was recorded and made a part of the official record.

Chinese Points For
"Don't eat with your cars," says Yuan Mel, a Chinese writer, "by which I mean do not aim at having extraordinary out of the way foods, just to astonish your guests, for that is to eat with your ears, not with your mouth. Bean curd, if good, is actually nicer than birds' nest. And better than sea snags, which are not first rate, is a dish of bamboo shoots."

"The chicken, the pig, the fish and the duck—these are the four heroes of the table. Sea snags and birds' nest have no characteristic flavors of their own. They are but usurpers in the house. I once dined with a friend who gave us birds' nests in bowls like vats, holding each about four ounces of the plain boiled article. The other guests ate it vigorously, but I smiled and said I came here to eat birds' nest not to take delivery of it wholesale."

He Understood.
Anton Rubinstein, the Russian composer, in his autobiography tells of the confusion which overcame a certain architect of his acquaintance who had a habit of interlarding all his remarks with the phrase, "You understand."

On one occasion he was explaining certain architectural matters to the emperor, and, according to custom, made free use of his favorite expression.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed Emperor Nicholas at last irritably. "Of course I understand! My dear fellow, how could I help it?"

How the Natives Treat Gorillas.
Natives in the countries inhabited by great apes regard them always as human beings of inferior types, and it is for this reason that for a long time it was found impossible to get hold of an entire gorilla skin, because the savages considered it religiously necessary to cut off the hands and feet of the animals when they killed them, just as they do with their enemies, possibly for the purpose of rendering them harmless in case they should by any chance come to life again.

His Choice of Sacrifices.
"It is true," said the person of high ideals, "that you have attained prosperity by your writings, but you have produced nothing that will live."

"Well," answered the comfortable litterateur, "when it comes to a question of which shall live, myself or my writings, I didn't hesitate to sacrifice my writings."

Her Comment.
Mrs. Growells—My husband is continually quarrelling about trifles.
Mrs. Howells—Well, my dear, the less one has to quarrel about the better.