

A Curious Mistake.

In the neighborhood of Marselles, not long ago, says the London Telegram, was discovered an ancient Roman burying-ground, containing among other interesting graves, that of Consul Caius Septimus, wherein a quantity of antique weapons and coins were found, and, moreover, an amphora—the inscription upon which was all but illegible—containing a small quantity of thick, reddish liquor. The amphora emptied of its contents, was submitted to the inspection of an eminent archaeologist, who, after bestowing extraordinary pains upon the deciphering of the mutilated characters engraved upon its surface, declared it to be his opinion that they indicated the presence of genuine Falernian within the vessel, adding that Caius Septimus a jovial consul of considerable repute as a judge of good wine, had obviously ordered that a flask of the best vintage in his cellar should be buried with him. The scientific gentleman who had discovered the consul's grave and taken possession of its contents, upon learning the true character of the liquid relic in question, at once started for Paris with his Falernian in a glass decanter, and, there arrived, invited a dozen of his friends, members of the academy of inscriptions, to a dinner at one of the leading restaurants. At dessert he produced the "consul's wine," carefully poured it into tiny liquor glasses and handed it round to his guests, reverently exhorting them to drink it upstanding, to the immortal memory of Caius Septimus. The glasses were scarcely emptied when a telegram was brought in by the head waiter on a salver, and laid before the founder of the feast. He glanced at it, and then letting it fall upon the floor, fled from the room with a cry of terrible agony. One of the startled academicians picked up the message and read it aloud. It read as follows: "Marselles, 7 P. M. Don't drink contents of amphora. Not Falernian at all. Have deciphered inscription on foot, which previously escaped my notice. Red liquid is body of Consul Caius, liquified by special embalming process." But the friendly warning came too late. The archaeologist and his academic colleagues had drunk up the consul to his last drop.

A Very Fast Girl.

Meadville, February 28.—The sensation at present agitating this place is the revelation of a secret marriage of a pretty school girl of about 18 years of age to a young man employed in the dining rooms of the McHenry House here. About three years ago, when only 15 years old, she ran away with a boy a year older than herself and married him at Saegertown, which of course created quite a stir among the citizens, of whom the families concerned were the most prominent. The parents of the girl, however, very soon after procured a divorce and so guarded her as to effectually avoid, as they supposed any unfavorable developments. It is believed now that nothing will be done to reclaim the girl in the present case.

An Act Of Courtesy.

It was very considerate of Judge Parker to do an act of courtesy to a young lady in Indiana during a recent trial for divorce that came before him. The case seemed to be quite clear and simple, and he was about to order a decree, when he noticed the daughter of one of the parties, and requested her to come forward, take the stand and be sworn. He asked her a few unimportant questions, and granted the divorce. At the dinner table one of the counsel asked if it was necessary that the young lady should testify. "Well, no," said the Judge smiling; "but I saw that she had a new bonnet, and was striving to show it, and I concluded to give her a better opportunity by putting her on the stand."

Dangers of a Free Press.

A little Oil City boy, whose father gave him a printing press the other day, has already discovered the dangers and pitfalls which surround the path of the printer. He set up and printed a little gilt-edged card with the warning phrase, "Paint! Look out!" By some means this card became fastened to his sister's hat, and hung just above her left ear, where he who ran could read, and when she went down street there was a grin extending from Pearl Avenue to the Exchange; and that night the boy traded off his printing press for a yellow dog and a popgun.

What We Eat.

He is certainly a wise man who knows what he is eating in these days of wholesale adulteration, and as if to add to the already heavy load upon the backs or stomachs, rather, of the people, an old sinner in New York has made the confession that he has twenty-one factories in St. Lawrence county in which he manufactures cheese from lard, and the demand is so great from merchants that he is not able to fill his orders.

The Chicago physicians state that in their opinion the disease known as water cholera, which has been very prevalent in that city, is attributed to the use of

"butterine," in the composition of which hog products largely enter. The process of making this compound does not require so high a temperature as that needed for refining lard, so that the germs of the disease are not killed in the operation. This stuff is largely used in cheap restaurants, and the authorities propose to turn their attention to the subject in the way of prevention.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A New Albany woman is able to guarantee her fourth husband a fair support (what time he may live) on the life insurance she has realized from the three dead husbands.

A man living near Mount Ayre, Ringgold county, Iowa, drove his mother-in-law out of his house, recently, at the dead of night in her bare feet. The old lady, aged about 75 years, had to walk a distance of half a mile before she could reach shelter.

A youth snow-bound at Baldwin, St. Croix county, Wis., improved his time by falling in love with the daughter of the house at which he was being entertained, and upon the first opportunity fled with her to a neighboring justice of the peace, by whom they were married.

A colored woman at East St. Louis, desiring to buy a ticket to Chicago, found her cash a dollar short at the depot, when a friendly colored brother stepped forward to help her out of her dilemma. In her gratitude she commissioned him to get her baggage checked, and now that she has found her baggage in a pawnshop she desires to find that friendly colored brother.

An invalid at Lewistown, Fulton county, Ill., who has been sorely afflicted with the most terrible cramping spells, has at last found relief to a certain extent. He now drinks a quart of whiskey every twenty-four hours. It does not make him drunk, as one would naturally suppose, but it is said to be doing him good.

Reports from Sioux Falls, Dacotah, state that a famine exists there. No trains have arrived for two days, and the roads are so blocked that none are expected. Telegraph poles have been cut down and the tracks torn up in many places to use the ties for fuel. The public schools are closed and business is generally suspended.

A young lady of Alleghany City met with a very singular and painful accident one day last week. She was walking on a pavement which was covered with ice and slipped, and to save herself from falling grasped an iron fence. A loose ring worn on one of her fingers caught on one of the projections, and the entire weight of her body falling on it, her finger was completely torn off.

An occurrence which is exceedingly rare in this part of the world transpired near Port Kennedy on Sunday. A farmer living in that vicinity had a lot of pigs four weeks old running in his barnyard, when a large eagle swooped down and carried one of them away before the owner's eyes. He was unarmed and was unable to stop the flight of the bird or make him give up his prey.

The dead body of an infant, nearly decomposed and partially eaten by the crows, was discovered in the vicinity of the Welsh mountains in Lancaster county, on Saturday last. It is supposed that the child was murdered by some of the disreputable gang inhabiting the mountains, several members of which now occupy cells in the Lancaster County Jail for various crimes.

A daring burglary was perpetrated on Sunday night in Chicago, at the residence of Mr. E. P. Smith, a member of the Board of Trade. On retiring at night he had placed \$2000 and a diamond pin worth \$450, in his pillow case. These were abstracted and the house was ransacked. Mr. Smith was found insensible on Monday morning, and did not recover consciousness till the afternoon. No clue to the burglars.

About ten o'clock Wednesday night while both Houses of the Minnesota Legislature were in session at St. Paul, an alarm of fire was sounded which started the members from their seats. Pushing from the chamber, they were confronted with a falling firebrand from the dome of the Capitol, which was already all ablaze. A hook and ladder company with headquarters nearby, hurried to the scene, and with the aid of these ladders the members all escaped, though some of them were slightly singed. The building burned rapidly to the ground, entailing a loss to the State of over \$100,000 for the structure, and the loss of the Historical and Supreme Court library a much greater one, because they cannot be restored. The records were all saved, however, as they were in the vaults. One of the vaults contains over two million dollars worth of State trust bonds, which are saved.

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