

Passing Chimes

Six babies were born at sea on the last trip of the Grosser Kurfurst from Bremen to New York. It is hoped that the American and German storks may not bring about an international rum-pus by both claiming the credit for the events.

The great French autoist, Szisz, is coming to this country. To correctly pronounce the name, start a sneeze and then try to stop it.

The depths of the Indian ocean are said to be the abode of fleas of enormous size. Pity the sorrows of the dogfish that inhabit those waters.

It is said that Senator Depew's health is improving under Muldoon's training, but it is not probable that his funny bone can be restored to its former fine condition.

From the fact that no mention is made of Judge Parker's daily swim this summer, we must infer that rather than create the old talk he takes his Saturday night bath in a washtub in the back kitchen.

That Illinois correspondent who reports several showers of little green frogs in his neighborhood might be able to increase the size of the frogdrops by increasing the size of his drinks.

King Edward, Kaiser William and Emperor Nicholas have agreed that President Roosevelt is a great man, but that Southern senator yet stands pat on the opinion that he is but a man of clay, baked hard.

The secretary of agriculture has instructed his experts to go ahead with experiments for the production of a featherless hen. While they are in the poultry line they could win the plaudits of

many thousands of their fellow men who enjoy a morning nap by also experimenting upon a crow-less rooster.

The health authorities of Louisville, Ky., have condemned the water supply, possibly on the ground that it is a needless expense to the many for the benefit of the few.

Statesman Shirtoff of Russia should be compelled to wear a Prince Albert closely buttoned up while in the public eye.

That 98-pound oyster taken from the Columbia river beds has sneaked into the cemetery of dead humor and resurrected the church-fair-oyster-soup jokelet.

A Massachusetts woman who had spent but \$4 for doctor's bills during her life, died at the age of 102 the other day. No other cause for her longevity has been assigned.

"The American apple is asserting itself," says a New York paper, referring, probably, to the green apple when it forms a coalition with the imprudent small boy.

The destruction by fire of a million dollars' worth of Scotch whisky at Dundee will not in the least affect the market in this country. Fortunately our home product of the imported liquor is sufficient for home use.

A footless Missouri man is to run for congress. He will perhaps stump his district in person.

It may be possible that the majority of the editors who are decrying the peek-a-little waist are near-sighted.

The czar has purchased an automobile, but he will never dare ride in it without sending a bomb plow over the track ahead of it.

Having learned that Theodore Roosevelt is also a gifted artist with the pitchfork, Ben Tillman may feel kindly toward him.

Very interesting story, that of the New York woman in the Black Hills who held a ferocious mountain lion at bay all night by singing to it until her husband reached the spot and relieved it of its suffering with a shot from a Winchester rifle.

A Connecticut pedagogue declares that it is the bad boys who become heroes. Certainly. All the good ones die young.

A Philadelphia couple boast of the fact that they have lived together sixty years without having a spat, but it should be remembered that they slept a great deal of the time.

"What has become of the liars who were so noisy some time back?" asks a Texas paper. It appears that the news of the adjournment of congress has not yet reached that locality.

A Kentucky man became ill when he read that a packing house employe had lost four fingers in the machinery and that they went into veal loaf. It is not stated whether he suffered because of thoughts of the food or from acute sympathy for a man who had lost his drink measure.

The czar has told his army officers that they must get closer to the men in the ranks. The order might be more readily obeyed if he would provide each of the officers with a coat of mail.

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