

The conversation of money is apt to favor of mint sauce.

Confidence is seldom lost, but it is often sadly misplaced.

An old bachelor says marriage is the direct cause of all divorces.

Franklin never attempted to bottle lightning until after he was married.

Every secret society has its "don'ts," but they are not a circumstance to its dues.

Everybody has a low estimate of the thermometer when it takes a high stand.

There aren't many insurgent leaders who can trot in Aguinaldo's class, just the same.

A Racine alderman has disappeared. Now, in many cities this would not be considered a loss.

Gotham fishermen are still killing sharks. The business is no sinecure, though "snap" is said to be one of the man-eater's characteristics.

Strange as it may seem at first thought, there is a growing class of our people who have reconciled themselves to the domination of trusts. They believe that the trust is a great benefactor inasmuch as it is an educator of vast possibilities. This class may be termed state socialists or social democrats, and they believe that the trusts are merely demonstrating the possibilities of concentrated production.

The president has directed a census of the people of Cuba to be taken. Native Cubans are to be appointed as enumerators and supervisors, and the president's proclamation announcing the census describes it as a preliminary step to the establishment of an effective system of self-government. A similar census is to be taken in Porto Rico, and it will there be preliminary to local elections for the choice of subordinate officials.

"Devil Anse," chief of the notorious Hatfield gang of Kentucky, has been captured by a sheriff's posse. Like many other dreaded desperadoes, the terrible Hatfield ran like a deer when the officers came in sight, and when cornered, surrendered with hardly a show of resistance. There is a material difference between cabin-burning or ambuscades at midnight and a stand-up fight with armed sheriffs who can shoot straight and are perfectly willing to do so.

An English scientist has solved the mystery of Lake Tanganyika or the "Lake of Death," concerning which so many weird and fearful tales were related by the natives and authenticated by early explorers, relative to the destructive powers of a gigantic fish which upsets boats and kills men merely by a touch, the evil spirit proving to be a huge electric eel (larger and more powerful than his south African congener), which abounds in the lake and which would paralyze rowers by contact with their paddles.

To sneer at newly rich people is very common. It is not always merited. A beautiful young woman was recently overheard at a fashionable watering place amusing some friends by comments upon their fellow-boarders. "And yet," added his sister, gravely, "the wife of the Keeley-cure patient had a cheerful courage in her eyes; the patent-medicine man who is worth so much money was tender to the awkward wife he had courted in their poverty, and that rich, overdressed summer girl saved a child from drowning only last week." The sudden sobering of the young faces—careless, not malicious—was the best comment upon both the sneer and its gentle reproof.

The refusal of some ultra-fashionable London hotels to receive at dinner guests not arrayed in what is conventionally known as "evening dress" raises some interesting questions. The legal issues involved will presently be determined in a court of justice, some of the excluded persons having begun suits on the ground that a licensed public house is under obligations to entertain any guests who are of decent dress and demeanor. There certainly seems to be a moral obligation to the same effect. It is true that the courts and general opinion sustained a hotel recently in rejecting guests clad in an outlandish and offensive manner. But to object to those who are merely wearing after 5 o'clock the same clothes—decent and even fashionable—which they wore before that hour, and who thus do not conform to an arbitrary and temporary detail of fashion, is to establish a new "philosophy of clothes" which only the author of "Sartor Resartus" could characterize as it deserves.

There seems to be some ground for the recent publication of an article in a St. Louis farm paper to the effect that the trust octopus has begun to operate among agricultural journals. Some combinations have already been entered into and it is likely that a whole lot of farm journals will be consolidated before Jan. 1.

The newspaper record of wills is interesting, that man of wealth who has many of them obeying the spirit of the law, which is to be rich in good deeds.

PITH OF THE NEWS

DIGEST OF THE NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Reports - The Notable Events at Home and Abroad That Have Attracted Attention.

Personal. A. L. Ellyen, for sixty years a respected citizen of Muscatine, Iowa, is dead.

Capt. Henry McKinnie, the well known hotel man, died at Pittsburg of heart disease.

Gen. A. J. Vaughn, who was a major general of the Confederate army, died at Indianapolis of cancer.

Norman Wines, a well known United States mail contractor and stage line owner, is dead at Santa Barbara, Cal.

One of the papers at Topeka, Kan., has nominated Gen. Funston for congress. Populists propose to run Col. Little.

Rev. Dr. Alexander Morrison, formerly pastor of churches at Ashland and Shuyler, Neb., and for ten years pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, Brooklyn, has accepted a call to Trinity church, Portland, Or., and will leave for his new post Dec 10.

William Rechberg, one of the wealthiest owners of lake ore land, died at his home at Middle Bass island, near Toledo, Ohio. He was titled "count" by Gov. Foster of Ohio just before an extended European tour some years ago, and he was mostly known by that title. He was seventy years old.

From Washington. The British embassy was re-established at Washington a few days ago after being located at Newport for the summer.

The total coinage at the United States mints during September was \$9,506,794, as follows: Gold, \$6,880,047; silver, \$2,441,268; minor coins, \$204,550.

Maj. George B. Davis has been re-elected as chief commissary of subsistence of the department of the lakes and ordered to report for duty in Washington. Maj. Alexander will succeed Maj. Davis.

The following appointments have been made by the president: Ira Hatch, Indian agent at Cheyenne River, S. D.; vice James G. Reid, removed; L. E. Stover, register of the land office at Watertown, S. D.; vice Hobart A. Babcock, removed.

United States Treasurer Roberts has received an offer from J. Dunbar, a well known Washington sculptor, of a bronze portrait bust of Admiral Dewey to be placed in the new Dewey residence. He also received a cash contribution of \$250 from T. T. Wilson of New York, making a total to date of \$49,897.

Sporting Items. Root was given the decision at the end of six rounds with Frank Craig, the Harlem "coffee cooler," at Tattersall's, in Chicago.

Terry McGovern of Brooklyn, champion bantam-weight pugilist of the world and Billy Rothford of Chicago have been matched to meet in a six-round contest at Tattersall's next Monday night. The bout is to be at catch weights.

Foreign. Negotiations have been opened for the establishment of a telephone system from Paris to Rome and from Paris to Milan.

A ukase has been issued raising the state of siege established in the department of Belgrade at the time of the attempted assassination of ex-King Milan.

The referendum in Queensland on the project of Australian federation, has been completed, 23,433 votes being cast in favor of the scheme as against 30,995 in opposition.

According to the Sebastopol correspondent of the London Daily Graphic the Russian naval credit for 1900 amounts to the enormous total of 87,500,000 roubles.

The London Standard's Lisbon correspondent says he learns from an official source that the Berne award in the Delagoa bay railway matter will be given this month.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: "I learn that Germany is about to hand over documents which will lead to the quashing of the Dreyfus verdict."

It is estimated that the Indian government must spend 5,500,000 rupees to relieve famine in the Central provinces, and that the local chiefs must contribute at least one-third of this amount in addition.

The failure is announced of P. W. & O. Brickman, whisky brokers, of Leith, Scotland, with gross liabilities estimated at 75,000 pounds and assets estimated at 75,000 pounds. The collapse of the firm is ascribed to bad debts and to the general stagnation of trade.

Accidental Happenings. The Portland rolling mills at Ligonilla, Me., were burned. Loss, \$75,000.

Peter McDonald of Pleasant Valley, Wis., was killed by a switch engine.

Fire at Louisville, Ky., destroyed the saw mill of W. H. Hoekling. Loss, \$75,000; insurance, \$50,000.

Three valuable residences and an engine house adjoining the capitol at Jackson, Mich., were burned.

E. L. Cowden, a student at Eastman's college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., died from an injury received in a football game.

The cash and door and woodworking plant of D. E. Holston & Co., Duluth, Minn., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$10,000.

The Soow Creek Tram company's saw mill at Call Tex., was burned. Loss on mill and lumber, \$150,000; insurance not ascertainable.

The fifteen men belonging to the Warren Ebbes summer Bay State, from Liverpool Sept. 2 for Boston, which was wrecked near Cape Race, and who were reported as missing, were rescued by the tug Greyhound.

Criminal Record.

The postoffice at Bingham, Ill., was robbed on Thursday night.

The Hotel Communal in Port au Prince, Haiti, was destroyed by an incendiary fire. Ten other buildings were burned.

F. J. Miller, ex-lieutenant in the volunteer service and ex-lieutenant governor of Idaho, shot and instantly killed Chief Engineer O'Melviney, of the Oregon Short Line, in the latter's office in Salt Lake City.

James Ryder, a noted horseman, was stabbed in the neck and instantly killed at Cooper, Tenn., by a man named Fulkerson. Ryder had persuaded Fulkerson's son to exercise one of his horses and the boy was thrown off and his neck broken.

An incendiary started two fires in the snow sheds between Cisco and Emigrant Gap, California. Six thousand four hundred feet of snow sheds were burned and the total loss to the railroad will not be less than \$50,000. The company hopes to have trains moving immediately.

Louis Westerman lighted his own funeral pyre at the county infirmary at Toledo, Ohio, by starting a blaze in a hay stack with his pipe. As soon as the flames spread he jumped in. He was burned to death, and \$500 loss to the barn and farm implements was caused before the flames could be extinguished.

James Colquhoun, former city treasurer of Glasgow, Scotland, and former representative of the city corporation on the university board, is charged with embezzling funds of the city and of estates committed to his charge in amounts aggregating nearly \$800,000. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Democrats held a two-days' carnival at Dallas, Texas.

Glanders has broken out among the government stock at Fort Riley, Kan.

Yellow fever has broken out at Tampico. There have been seven cases to date.

The rubber trust is scored in a decision by the United States circuit court of appeals.

The Norwegian Pioneer Association of America held its second triennial meeting.

A rubbernose sturgeon weighing sixty-eight pounds was caught in the Mississippi at Savannah, Ill.

Homer J. Beaudet, builder, has filed a petition in bankruptcy at New York. Liabilities, \$333,607; no assets.

Imports of dry goods and merchandise at the port of New York for the week were valued at \$11,595,562.

The Seventh National Bank of New York has passed into control of a syndicate headed by First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath.

William Stewart, an aged farm hand working for Edward Hamilton, near Crawfordville, Ind., eloped with Hamilton's fifteen-year-old daughter.

The Worcester Spy, the oldest newspaper in Massachusetts, was sold by William S. Walker of Chicago to Charles Nutt of New Rochelle, N. Y.

A syndicate has purchased the Nickerson shares of First National bank stock at Chicago. They number 7,000 with a value estimated at \$2,100,000.

The trial of Dr. J. W. Smith, at Owensboro, Ky., on a charge of killing Henry Craig, near Carrington, twenty-two years ago, resulted in an acquittal.

The factory of the Peoria Rubber and Manufacturing company, at Peoria, Ill., has passed into the hands of the American company and is now a part of the trust.

The fourth annual convention of the National Embalmers' Association convened at Chicago, with nearly 1,200 delegates present from all parts of the United States.

The Sterling cycle works at Kenosha, Wis., have been transferred to the American bicycle company, known as the trust. The consideration is assumed to be \$50,000.

Negotiations are pending between agents of the British government and dealers at St. Louis for 3,000 of the finest pack mules that can be secured, to be shipped to South Africa.

The Lutheran general council decided to send missionaries to Porto Rico, who will found congregations, build churches and advance the work of the denomination in every way possible.

The gold output for the Cripple Creek district for September amounted to \$1,731,000, surpassing all records. The production of gold in this district from the time of its discovery in 1891 to date, is \$62,067,202.

The committee of superintendence and police of the Fairmount Park commission of Philadelphia decided to recommend to the commission that automobiles be allowed to enter the park, being restricted to certain drives.

The petition to place the name of Mayor M. Jones of Toledo, Ohio, on the Australian ballot, as an independent candidate for governor, has been filed with the secretary of state. The petition contains about 1,400 names.

The son of Gen. Sanguily and the three other young Cubans who were arrested and locked up at Havana for removing the Spanish flag from the premises of the Commercial fire brigade and from the Spanish Clerks' club, will be released on bail.

In a decision handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals at Chicago, the verdict of \$57,000 formerly given against the World's Columbian Exposition company in favor of the republic of France is reversed and a new trial ordered.

Dr. Galvin Ellis, class of '46, who died in 1883, and whose will has just been published, left to Harvard university, \$340,000. Most of this sum is to be devoted to the education of his descendants and also for maintaining three professors at the medical school.

The State League of Republican Clubs, in annual session at Harrisburg, Pa., adopted resolutions condemning the civil service law as being in opposition to the free institutions of the government, and requesting national and state representatives to have it modified or repealed.

Saturday closed the fiscal year in the office of the secretary of state of New Jersey. The records of the office for the year show that 1,345 companies were incorporated, and that \$728,023 was paid to the state in fees. This is nearly \$600,000 in excess of the fees received from the same source last year.

DAY OF HARD WORK

CONCLUDES PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S CHICAGO VISIT.

The President and Party Depart for Evansville, Ind., With the Cheers of an Immense Throng Ringing in Their Ears—Chicagoans Give the President No Rest on the Last Day of His Visit—Magnificent Banquet Tendered by the Commercial Club—President Much Satisfied With His Visit.

Chicago, Oct. 12. — At 11:30 o'clock last night President McKinley and the members of his cabinet left Chicago for Evansville, Ind., on a special train over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad.

His departure with the cheers of an immense throng ringing in his ears brought to a close a day of genuinely hard work, in which the president had scarcely a moment of leisure for himself. The crowds which greeted him at every turn were so good natured and so disposed to cheer that the president, although wearied when he arrived at his train, expressed himself as having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

The final numbers last night on the president's extraordinarily lengthy list of engagements were a magnificent banquet by the Commercial club and his visit to a meeting of the Chicago Bricklayers and Stonemasons' union, of which he was a fortnight ago elected an honorary member.

An exciting incident varied, and for a moment threatened to upset the president's ceaseless round of activities. While in his carriage on Congress street, en route to Memorial hall to greet the members of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, one of the horses attached to the president's carriage, became fractious and evinced a desire to run. The driver had all he could do to restrain the animal, and after he had been tugging away at the lines for several blocks the horse finally broke away and started to run.

Capt. Mat Pinkerton, of the Chicago hussars, a detachment of which had joined the procession, galloped beside the unmanageable steed and grasped his bridle, bringing the animal to a slow trot. The captain maintained his hold for the balance of the trip.

The banquet given in President McKinley's honor by the Commercial club was held in the banquet room of the Auditorium hotel. The club is limited in membership and not over 200 were present last night, but they comprised the men most prominent in the commercial life of Chicago. In addition to President McKinley the speakers were Vice President Mariscal of Mexico, Secretary of State Hay, Sir C. A. Pelletier of Quebec, representing Sir Wilfred Laurier, who could not be present, and several others.

Chicago's Industrial Parade. Chicago, Oct. 12.—The last parade of the fall festival—the industrial parade—was held last night. The people had evidently been surfeited with parades for only a very small crowd turned out to witness it, although a drizzling rain doubtless prevented many from coming down town. The parade was confined to floats sent out by business houses, and was short, being not over half an hour in passing a given point.

Laurier Their Guest.

Canadian-Americans Entertain the Premier at Luncheon. Chicago, Oct. 12. — Sir Wilfred Laurier, premier of Canada, and other distinguished Canadians in the premier's party were guests of American-Canadian yesterday at an informal luncheon at the Great Northern hotel. Over one hundred guests were present. The guests began by drinking to the health of President McKinley, and, following by doing a like honor to Queen Victoria, with appropriate toasts. Sir Wilfred responded to the toast "Canada," and was frequently interrupted by applause.

Postmasters at a Banquet.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—An elaborate banquet was given at the Auditorium last night by the postal officials of Chicago and neighboring cities in honor of Postmaster General Smith. About 200 postmasters were present and other guests swelled the number to 500.

A Street Duel.

Two Doctors Indulge in a Fight and Both are Fatally Wounded. Alexander City, Ala., Oct. 12. — A street duel took place last evening between Dr. H. J. Cameron, of the Romanoff Land and Mining company, and Dr. P. D. Mahoney, oculist. Both men were desperately angry for some cause not yet known to the public, and opened up a deadly fusillade with pistols with little or no warning. Ten shots were fired, two striking Dr. Mahoney, one taking effect in the vital part of the stomach and the other in the thigh. Dr. Cameron was shot twice, one ball taking effect in the jaw and the other in the back. Both men are probably fatally wounded.

Money in Circulation.

Treasury Department Offering to Anticipate Interest. Washington, Oct. 12.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip has issued an order anticipating the November interest without discount. The order also provides for the anticipation of the entire fiscal year's interest at a discount of 2 of 1 per cent a month. If this offer is taken advantage of it will release about \$30,000,000.

Cotton's Off Year.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The condition of cotton on Oct. 10 is 62.4 as compared with 68.5 last month; 75.4 on Oct. 1, 1898; 70.0 at the corresponding date in 1897 and 73.5 the mean of the October average for the last ten years.

Powder Mills Blown Up.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—With a detonation that was felt in towns many miles distant two of the powder mills of the Aetna company's works near Miller's, Ind., blew up last night. Two employees are missing.

MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, Oct. 12. — Wheat — No. 1 Northern, 68@69 3/4c; No. 2 Northern, 55 @ 68c. Corn — No. 3 yellow, 29 1/2@30c; No. 3, 29@29 1/2c. Oats — No. 3 white, 23 1/2@24c; No. 3, 22@23c. Barley and Rye—Feed barley, 31@33c; No. 2 rye, 48 1/2@49c; No. 3 rye, 48@48 1/2c.

Duluth, Oct. 12.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 70 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, 68 3/4c; No. 3 Northern, 66 1/4c; No. 3 spring, 62 3/4c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 70 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, 68 3/4c; December, No. 1 Northern, 69 1/4c; May, No. 1 Northern, 72 3/4c; oats, 22 1/4@24c; rye, 55 1/2c; barley, 38@42c; flax, to arrive, \$1.12 3/4; October, \$1.12 1/2; December, \$1.11 1/4; corn, 30 5/8c.

Minneapolis, Oct. 12. — Wheat — December opened at 68 5/8c and closed at 68 3/8c; May opened at 71 1/4c and closed at 71 1/2c. On Track — No. 1 hard, 70 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, 68 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 65 1/2c.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 12.—Flour is steady. Wheat steady; No. 1 Northern, 71 1/2@72c; No. 2 Northern, 68 @ 69c. Oats steady at 23@25 1/2c. Rye steady; No. 1, 59c. Barley stronger; No. 2, 46c; sample, 37@45 1/2c.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 72@72 1/2c; No. 3, 70@71 1/2c; No. 2 hard winter, 68c; No. 3, 66@68c; No. 1 Northern spring, 72@73c; No. 2, 71@72c; No. 3, 65@72c. Corn—No. 2, 31 3/4@32c; No. 3, 31 1/2@31 3/4c. Oats—No. 2, 23c; No. 3, 22 1/2c.

Chicago, Oct. 12. — Hogs — Mixed and butchers, \$4.35@4.75; good heavy, \$4.35@4.75; rough heavy, \$4.05@4.30; light, \$4.40@4.75. Cattle—Beef, \$4.25@6.35; cows and heifers, \$1.75@4.25; Texas steers, \$3@4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3@4.75. Sheep—Natives, \$2.75@4.10; lambs, \$4@5.35.

Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 12. — Cattle — Beef, \$4.50 @ 5.80; cows and bulls, mixed, \$2.25@4.00; stockers and feeders, \$1.90; calves and yearlings, \$3.50@4.60. Hogs, \$4.12 1/2@4.45; bulks, \$4.20 @4.25.

South St. Paul, Oct. 12. — Hogs — \$4@4.65. Cattle — Heifers, \$3@3.25; cows, \$2.35@3.60; stockers, \$3.25@4.75. Sheep, \$3.55; lambs, \$4.40@4.60.

GIVE THEM NO REST.

Swift Movements Keep Filipinos Guessing.

Manila, Oct. 12.—Maj. Bell, with 120 picked men of the Thirty-sixth regiment, made a reconnaissance yesterday in the direction of Florida Blanco, four miles out of Guagua, and encountered a body of 100 insurgents, whom they routed, capturing a lieutenant and three armed privates. Near Florida Blanco they met another body of insurgents and routed them, capturing another armed lieutenant and one private. Returning with twenty scouts, Maj. Bell encountered the enemy a third time. The round reconnaissance resulted in scattering the insurgents in that locality. The last two days have witnessed considerable outpost fighting by small bands of insurgents on the north line. Simultaneously with the affair near La Loma church yesterday, the outposts of the American forces at Calocan, Deposito and Marquina were fired upon.

It appears that the insurgents in the neighborhood are operating in bands of from five to thirty, and it is rumored that attacks are to be made upon the hospitals. The uprisings in Manila will result in extra vigilance on the part of the United States troops.

Gen. Schwan's column entered San Francisco de Malabon without opposition this morning. The enemy had fled.

GARRISON RESIGNS.

Trouble Over the Editorial Affairs of the Christian Evangelist. St. Louis, Oct. 12. — At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Christian Publishing company the Rev. Dr. James Harvey Garrison, editor-in-chief of the Christian Evangelist, presented his resignation. This action on his part was taken owing to the fact that the stockholders in the paper did not approve of his editorial management, in that he permitted communications to appear in the paper containing the sentiment or conclusions of the higher criticisms of the Bible. Dr. Garrison has been editor of the Christian Evangelist and of the paper which preceded it for more than thirty years. No action has yet been taken on the resignation.

DEWEY AT HOME.

His Presence in Vermont Signaled From Mountain Peaks. Shelburne, Vt., Oct. 12. — Admiral Dewey is home at last and within the shadows of the Green mountains and beside the waters of Lake Champlain, away from the noise and bustle that have filled his ears since his flagship came in sight of Sandy Hook. The fact that the admiral is really in Vermont was signalled last night on tall mountain peaks by bonfires and electric searchlights from one end of the state to the other. Admiral Dewey is the guest of Dr. H. Seward Webb at his magnificent country residence Shelburn Falls, and will not become the state's guest until to-morrow, at Montpelier.

DECISIVE BATTLE EXPECTED.

Peace Negotiations in Venezuela Result in Failure. Washington, Oct. 12.—The state department has received the following cablegram from the United States minister to Venezuela announcing the failure of the peace negotiations that have been in progress for the last five days between the government and insurgents: "Negotiations suspended to-day. Venezuelan forces will be advanced. A decisive battle fully expected this week. Puerto Cabello quiet. —Loomis."

Army of the Tennessee.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The twenty-first annual reunion of the Army of the Tennessee opened at Memorial hall yesterday. The society is made up of the commissioned officers of that army, and nearly 200 of the veterans were present yesterday. After an invocation by Bishop Fallows, reports of the secretaries were read and accepted. Progress was reported on the Sherman monument, the foundation for which has been laid south of the treasury building in Washington.

The Privileged Class.

"What work does your father do, my young man?" "O, he doesn't have to work! He's a policeman."—Unser Geizhals.

The Philippine War

Is proving more stubborn than anticipated. It needs a vigorous contest to straighten matters out. We should tackle the Philippines and overcome them as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters does dyspepsia, indigestion, malaria, fever and ague. The battle is short and decisive, and for fifty years the Bitters have always won.

All Ablaze.

Manager—Did you see those sleeping cars that were reported on fire? Engineer—No, sir. When I got there they were all smoking cars.—Chicago News.

"What's in a Name?"

Everything, when you come to medicines. A sarsaparilla by any other name can never equal Hood's, because of the peculiar combination, proportion and process by which Hood's possesses merit peculiar to itself, and by which it cures when all other medicines fail. Cures scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, catarrh, rheumatism, that tired feeling, etc.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

He Was Deceived.

"A rather queer incident occurred on my train the other day," said the traveling man. "We were coming along through Eastern Ohio. We were going directly toward a very heavy black cloud, a thunder storm, doubtless. It was fearfully dense and black. You know how such clouds look. Everybody noticed it. "Yes," replied the listener, "but what was there peculiar about this one?" "Why, the brakeman saw it, and went through the cars calling out 'Pittsburg!'"—New York World.

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No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. KING, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Facts About Fans.

The use of the fan originated in China, and sprang from the following incident: A royal princess, very beautiful, was assisting at the feast of lanterns, her face covered with a mask, as usual. The excessive heat compelled her to remove it, and in order to guard her features from the common gaze, she moved it quickly to and fro in front of her face, thus simultaneously hiding her charms and cooling her brow. The idea was at once adopted throughout the kingdom.

Pico's Cure for Consumption is the only good medicine used in my house.

D. C. Albright, Millifield, Pa., Dec. 11, '95.

Good Sponges.

Although the difference between a good and a bad sponge is very marked, but few people seem able to appreciate it. The first requisite of a good sponge is that it should be dark in color. The beautiful yellow sponges commonly seen in druggists' windows are a delusion and a snare. The natural color is light to medium brown, and the yellow sponges have been bleached by a vitriol bath, which destroys their elasticity and makes them wear out much sooner.

Terrible Mistake.

"Poor girl! What did she want to marry that painted old bean for? I told her he was an octogenarian." "I know it; but she thought an octogenarian was a man worth \$80,000."—Chicago Tribune.