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STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
I, FRANK J. CONROY, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the will of the late JAMES J. CONROY, deceased, as the same appears from the records of said county, to-wit: That said testator, JAMES J. CONROY, was of sound mind and memory at the time he executed the foregoing will, and that said will was executed in accordance with the provisions of the laws of said state, and that said will is a valid and lawful will of said testator, and that the same should be given effect to in accordance with the provisions of the laws of said state.

Sworn to before me this 24th day of December, 1897.
FRANK J. CONROY, County Clerk.

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The English libel law was illustrated by the finding of a jury in the High Court of Queen's Bench, after a three days' hearing of the suit of Mr. Andrew H. Atteridge, the Chronicle's special correspondent during the Sudan campaign, against Mr. E. F. Knight, the special correspondent of the Times in the same campaign. The jury awarded Atteridge five thousand dollars damages. The action grew out of a letter written by Knight to a friend wherein he called Atteridge a "dirty cur," and declared that he left the Sudan after the first battle at Firket because he was in a "blue funk." He further expressed his opinion that Atteridge was a "dirty cur" because he had treated Garret, the correspondent of the New York Herald, in a vile manner, turning him out of his tent into the desert when he was suffering from enteric fever, for the reason that he was afraid of cholera. Knight also accused Atteridge, who had previously been a teetotaler, of drinking champagne from 5 o'clock in the morning until bed time and praying to God all day when the cholera broke out. He further described Atteridge as a brute who never washed.

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Hottest Place on Earth.
Three or four districts claim the unenviable distinction of being the hottest place on earth. They are all either situated in deserts or in localities where desert winds are prevalent during a portion of the year. The cities on the Red Sea, both to the east and west of that body of water, are subject to very high temperatures in summer. At Mas-sawah, when the southwest wind blows, traversing as it does 1,000 miles of arid sand, the heat becomes unendurable, the thermometer during the daytime frequently rising to a point between 130 and 145, and in the sun going to 170. The wind bears with it clouds of sand and dust from the Sahara, rendering it dangerous to be in the open air, and in spite of the heat the inhabitants are forced to shut themselves up in their houses, stopping every chink through which the wind and dust may enter. The Valley of the Euphrates is another place of high temperatures. At Bagdad the southwest monsoon occasionally sends the thermometer up to 115 or 120. The lower valley of the Ganges is intensely hot, the daily temperature during the summer season being from 105 to 112. The hottest places in the United States are the sandy valleys of Western Arizona, the temperature frequently rising to 110 or 115.

Animals and the Weather.
Many naturalists insist that animals have a special sense which enables them to foresee approaching changes in the weather and conduct themselves accordingly. Hens, ducks and geese are well known to make preparations for rain, and hours before the change is apparent to human beings these creatures may be seen oiling and dressing their plumage. Pigs frequently prepare a shelter for themselves before a storm; a pig carrying a mouthful of straw is to the farmer a sure sign of rain. Dogs and horses exhibit unusual lassitude before rain, and the cat washing her face is, among housewives, a certain sign. The croaking of the "rain crow" is considered, in the country districts, as an indication of bad weather, while even ants and bees, when rain is approaching, seek their homes, the former retreating to their holes and closing the entrance, while the latter hurry to their hives as though conscious that danger was in the air.

The fact that the great tenor's name is Jean Medchislaw Reschke, and not De Reschke, as commonly supposed, may be a blow to some of his admirers, but it will not impair his popularity. This fact has been brought out in a communication which he has found necessary to make in order to deny that he is not an old man, as was reported, and compelled to "make up" for all his youthful faults. He heartily declares that he was born Jan. 3, 1850, at Kozija street and the tracks, in Warsaw. The tenor is therefore 47, quite a ripe age, and it will not be necessary for him to begin his "farewell" tours for several years. A man of 47 in any other business would not be considered a chicken, but a tenor of that age is in the bloom of youth.

The wire-wound cannon endures a greater explosive pressure to the square inch of powder-chamber than any other form of gun, and consequently assures greater velocity of projectile and greater power of penetration. An experimental shot from such a gun recently tried in England went through eighteen inches of steel-faced compound armor, backed by a wrought-iron plate half a foot thick, eight feet of oak timber, and three inches of ordinary iron, and still had energy enough to bury itself in a bank of clay beyond. Gen. Grant, in his autobiography, described some wooden mortars, hooped with iron, which were used under his supervision in the West; but hundreds of years earlier the cannon of European armies were made from logs, a knotty portion forming the breech, while around the barrel were wound strips of fresh rawhide which contracted as it dried.

Occasionally there is found a man engaged in commercial pursuits who possesses great talent in artistic lines. Rogers, the poet, was a banker, and our own Halleck and Steadman were engaged in business having little to do with the muse. A noted poet of the West is a marker in a poolroom, and he doesn't write verse about Derby day, either, but about daffodils and azure skies. At least one successful merchant in Chicago dabbles with literature, on the side, as it were. These remarks are called out by the discovery in London that the man who composed the music for its latest successful opera is a financier, whose musical accomplishments have never been suspected by his intimate friends.

Chair Fan.
An "automatic rocking-chair fan" is the latest novelty. A small pair of bellows is attached to the under part of the chair. These force the air into small tubes running upward with nozzles at their ends, which can be directed toward any part of the face.

A dispatch from Mobile says that a negro, after murdering another negro, attempted to escape, and wounded a white officer who was pursuing him. The special correspondent thoughtfully adds: "For this latter offense he probably will be lynched if the people can get at him." Why "latter"?

In the markets in Holland all kinds of large birds' eggs appear for sale, and are presumably intended to be eaten. Redshanks, greenshanks and godwits are the commonest in the market stalls of South Holland, but one sees also the bright blue eggs of the heron and those of wild ducks. Formerly a very large trade was done in wild-fowl eggs with the shepherds of the Isle of Texel. The north part of the "Texel" (as it is pronounced by the Dutch) is still called "eyer-land"—"egg-land"—and it was from this district that the supply was mainly drawn. In Friesland, the Dutch Norfolk, where mares, broods, heaths and wild fowl abound, the sheldrakes' eggs are one of the minor sources of pocket money to the villagers. Sheldrakes like to nest in a burrow, in which they would normally lay one setting of eggs, and then hatch them off. The Frieslanders provide ready-made burrows, from which a dozen nesting chambers radiate. These artificial nests are made in a grass-covered sandhill, a loose turf being laid over each nesting chamber, which is removed when the egg is taken, and then replaced. The strangest part of this arrangement is

BLIND HUNTER.

HOW TOM JOHNSON OF KENTUCKY CAUGHT A MAD DOG.

One of Many Remarkable Feats—Rides to Hounds as Well as Ever-Familiarity With Country an Explanation—His Mount Also Blind.

A remarkable feat accomplished a few days ago by Tom Johnson, who has been blind in both eyes for twenty years, has been the talk of the county for the past ten days, says a Nicholasville (Ky.) letter in the Chicago Times-Herald. Johnson is a fox hunter. He keeps a pack of the finest hounds in the county. Mag, one of his favorite dogs, went mad. Johnson's wife and children and a neighbor, Jo Harvey Brumfield, were out in the yard when Mag came running through the orchard foaming at the mouth, and snapping right and left. It was a genuine case of hydrophobia.

The people in the yard frantically rushed into the house, locked the doors, and told Johnson of the condition of his favorite dog. In the meantime Mag had dashed by the house and started off in the direction of a neighbor's. When Johnson was told of the dog's hydrophobia he arose, and, despite the efforts of his family and Mr. Brumfield, walked into the yard. Directly Mag came back and seemed to be in a more violent state of madness than before. Those in the house called to Johnson that the dog was coming, and piteously begged him to return. The old blind man heeded not the appeals of his family, but stood like a statue listening to the snarling of the dog. Mag spied him and came straight to him.

"There she comes," yelled Brumfield, from inside of the house. Still the old man stood his ground. Within ten feet of him Mag stopped, then slowly approached him, still snarling and snarling. Right to the blind man's feet came the dog, and as she was about to seize his leg he reached down and, with an instinct seemingly superhuman, grasped her about the neck in a vise-like grip.

The dog struggled in vain to free himself, but Mr. Johnson started toward the woodshed, dragging her. Brumfield came and opened the door and hurled the dog inside. Brumfield quickly closed the door, and Mag was left to her ravings till a shotgun was procured and she was killed.

This feat of Mr. Johnson's is only one of many in his remarkable career. He is 50 years old, and the story of his deeds sounds more like fiction than fact. Twenty years ago he was a man of affluence, but he lost his eyesight, and, having a large family, his fortune dwindled until today he has only a house and a few acres of land. All his life he has been passionately fond of fox hunting, and has always kept a fine pack of dogs. When he went blind it was thought his hunting days were over, but such was not the case. He became even more devoted to the sport.

Strange as it may seem, he has never required a guide to aid him in riding over the cliffs of the Kentucky river in his chase. Mounted on the old blind mule, this blind man may be seen one or two nights every week riding along a dark and narrow path of a rugged cliff, while his dogs are searching for a trail of a fox. After the trail is found he stops, and all night long listens to the baying of the dogs as they follow the trail, moving only when Reynard leads the dogs to more distant parts.

Typical fox hunter that he is, he knows the "mouth" of his every dog. Did a stranger meet him on a dark night he would never know the man was blind. Many are the tenderfeet he has led on these night hunts. His ability to find his way on these chases is accounted for by him in that he is perfectly familiar with the scope of country over which he hunts, but when it is remembered that this scope extends for many miles along the rugged cliffs of the Kentucky river, and that he rides a mule as blind as himself, it can be considered no less remarkable.

WILD BIRDS' EGGS FOR FOOD.
Crows' Eggs for Bismarck—A Marketable Commodity in Holland—Egg Thieves.

Among the presents sent to Prince Bismarck on his 83d birthday were 100 crows' eggs, "a luxury difficult to procure early in the season," says the Spectator. The eggs were probably rooks' eggs, not crows'; but the fact remains that eggs here only eaten by playboys are in Germany appreciated by princes. Custom, which rules in matters of eating more than in any other department of life, has set very narrow limits to the English idea of what are, and what are not, edible eggs. This must be mainly due to fancy, for the taste of the eggs of most birds is almost the same, though that of a very few, such as the plover and the guinea fowl, is distinctly superior. Much has been written as to the sale of other birds' eggs, gulls' guillemots' and redshanks', for plovers' eggs. They are good enough of their kind, but the difference can be recognized when the shell is stripped off. Not even those of the redshank approach the plover's in flavor.

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QUAINT AND CURIOUS.
Eorsless carriages have been introduced in the fire department of Paris.

The new Chinese mint at Canton coined more than 14,000,000 ten-cent pieces last year.

The convicts with a good record in the Kansas state penitentiary now wear suits of cadet gray instead of striped suits.

Nine hundred and fifty telegraph sub-marine cables are now in operation, most of them in Europe; their total length is over 89,000 miles.

A grain of fine sand would cover 100 of the minute scales of the human skin, and yet each of these scales in turn covers from 300 to 500 pores.

A New Hartford (Conn.) man one day set over 1000 tobacco plants, and the next morning found that the cut-worms had destroyed every plant but one over night.

Russia has the most rapidly increasing population of any country in the world. The growth during the last 100 years has been a fraction less than 1,000,000 annually.

An old English "Manners Book" says: "A lady should dip only the tips of her fingers in the sauce bowl, and should not let food fall out of her mouth on the tablecloth."

One rainy afternoon a Sullivan Harbor (Me.) woman sought entertainment in pulling to pieces a pin cushion that was a wedding present twenty-five years ago. She found therein 507 needles of assorted sizes.

The Dresden Anzeiger is perhaps the only daily newspaper which is owned and operated by a city. It was bequeathed to the city of Dresden by its former proprietor upon the condition that all profits arising therefrom should be spent upon the public parks.

The cost of getting thirty head of cattle from Chehalis, Wash., to Circle City, Alaska, will be about \$10,000, and yet the shipper expects to make money on the venture, as beef sells for half a dollar a pound in Alaska, and the steers sent average 1800 pounds each.

In South Vernon, Vt., a monument is to be put in place marking the spot where the three states of Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire join. The monument is to be a block of Windsor green granite, 10 feet 6 inches long, 2 feet square, and will stand 6 feet above the ground.

In a Maine town there is a Custard Pie association. It originated in a pie-eating match between two farmers nearly a generation ago. Since that time it has held an annual festival, with custard pie as the piece de resistance. This "unrivaled delicacy," as the natives call it, is washed down with cider.

This Rabbit and Cat Are Friends.

A few years ago Attorney E. W. Draffen bought a pair of white rabbits. One of them died, and, strange to say, a strong attachment soon sprang up between the other rabbit and a Jersey calf. The two became constant companions, and when the calf grew up the friendship was not broken. The cow goes out in the field to graze during the day, and the rabbit plays about the yard. In the evening, when the cow comes up, the rabbit goes out and the two fondle and caress each other in the most affectionate manner.—Lawrenceburg (Ky.) News.

PIGEON FAMILY ON A SHIP.

Female Made Her Mate Sit on the Eggs During the Voyage.

On board the Neptune liner Delano, Captain James, which arrived recently from Rotterdam, is a clear case of petticoat government.

When the Delano left Rotterdam a pair of pigeons were occupying a loft on the vessel. On the voyage across the Atlantic two eggs appeared in the nest, over which there was a real pigeon chuckle that drew the attention of the crew, and investigation proved that a family was expected. Great care was taken that the mother and her eggs were not rolled out or washed by the seas.

Then the sailors discovered that there was more petticoat government visible in the treatment of the male by the female than was recognized in the ethics of the married men who were on board. As an instance it was seen that after the mother had taken a "dog watch," keeping the eggs warm, she would catch her better half by the collar and drag him into the nest and make him take her place on the eggs. No sailor would stand such treatment as that without complaining to the British Consul or the Board of Trade.

The male pigeon performed his duties without a murmur and the eggs in the nest promise to yield a sea crop of pigeons.

Again the female dragged the male into the nest and made him take his place on the eggs. Then she stood outside the nest and spread her plumage, which she had disregarded at sea. Then looking several times into the home and seeing that everything was all right she raised her wings and flew away. At ten o'clock she had returned and Captain James is bothering his head as to what he will do with the orphans if the father follows the mother. He hopes that Immigrant Commissioner Robinson will not put him under the same bond that he does when stowaways escape from ships.—Baltimore Sun.

Toy Soldiers.
The majority of the tin soldiers sold in this country are manufactured at Wurtemberg, where some of the best artists are employed in their designing. The painting of the figures is done by women at their own homes.

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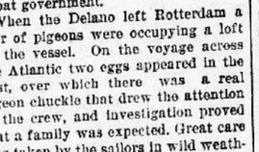
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