

TIME TO KNOCK OFF.

SANTA FE, N.M., Dec. 25.—News of the death of Pedro Antonio Lopez, aged 113 years, was received here today. He passed off very quietly and without any suffering, being conscious and especially talkative up to the last moment. He knew the end was coming and he had his children and grandchildren gathered around him. He talked to them of the services he had done as a soldier under the Spanish king, and he remembered when a certain king and his wife were beheaded, Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette.

COUNTERFEITS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 25.—This city has been flooded with counterfeit silver certificates of the issue of 1888. The bogus bills have begun to turn up at the banks by the hundreds. The circulation is so great and the bill so ingenious that the treasury department has especially talkative up to the last moment. He knew the end was coming and he had his children and grandchildren gathered around him. He talked to them of the services he had done as a soldier under the Spanish king, and he remembered when a certain king and his wife were beheaded, Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette.

A STRIKE IN PROSPECT.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 25.—The miners of the central Pennsylvania coal regions have demanded a new working scale of prices. If the demands are not granted, they will strike to the number of 15,000 on the first of the year.

COMING OVER.

HATFIELD, N. H., Dec. 25.—The statement is made on good authority that the French Canadians living near the state line are forming organizations with a view of obtaining many of the abandoned farms of this state and also of Vermont. It is believed that there will be considerable emigration from the lower part of Canada into the states the coming spring.

An exchange tale of the peculiar appetite of a dog owned by a Butte City merchant, whose latest exploit was to swallow a diamond stud, lunch on a roll of greenbacks, and, by way of a dessert, thoughtfully masticated a pair of British half-hose. Evidently this is no ordinary pup, still for marked epicurean eccentricities it cannot compare with a saffron-hued bird dog we once owned. This thoroughbred animal developed delicate tastes quite early in life.

On one occasion while we were absent from the house he plundered a cage containing a pet canary bird, took the bird, fluttering inmate, plucked the feathers, and then laid the bare little body in a frying pan over a gas stove, where it was left until the skin turned a beautiful brown. We came back just as the intelligent canine was adding the proper proportions of pepper and salt to the cooled morsel, when he bolted the meal hastily for fear of interruption and then scooted through the open door.

After remaining away for two days he returned with a fine young pullet in his mouth, stolen from a neighboring henery, and this he placed at our feet, wagging his tail and winking his eyes significantly, as much as to say, "This is to square the roast canary bird." He really was a very tender chicken.—Sant T. Clover in Chicago Herald.

Mental Arithmetic.

Tramp—My pard says jes' giv' him ten cents for havin' one leg. B. Nevelant—Yes, I did. Tramp—Gimme twenty, won't yer? I've got two.—Street & Smith's Good News.

AN AFFLICTED CITIZEN.

His Pitiful Story Failed to Move This Very Hard Hearted Woman.

"If you can spare me a few moments of your time, madam," he said, taking off his hat that had seen her days in the dim and misty past, "I should like to explain why I am compelled to appear before you as an applicant for charity."

"Proceed," said the lady. "You have no objection, I presume, to my leaning against this pillar of the portico to rest myself?" "None whatever."

"He leaned his robust frame against one of the posts, coughed behind his hand, and began: "I have not always been reduced to this necessity, madam. In happier days not far distant I was at the head of a successful business in a flourishing city. I had a good bank account. I was in the enjoyment of excellent health, my domestic relations were pleasant, and I was the recipient of many kind offices. My troubles began with the death of my grandfather."

"Well, madam, I bore up as well as I could until my boy—my eldest—the center of my fondles hopes—excess this emotion, madam."

"I bore up until my boy began to chew tobacco. Then my health failed. "You don't look like a sickly man."

A Cure for Snake Bites.

A gentleman from the vicinity of Dalton canyon informed a reporter that a very exciting little episode occurred up in that canyon on Tuesday, and one which promised for a time to result in the horrible death of a wood chopper, whose name he was unable to learn. The man had been cutting stove wood for some days, and had four or five cords of wood piled up in different places along the canyon.

On Tuesday morning he started in to cord up the wood, and worked faithfully until about 10 o'clock, when a large rattlesnake, which was coiled upon the edge of the wood, bit him three times in rapid succession on the hand and arm. The poor, unfortunate man was three or four miles from a habitation, and had nothing at hand to counteract the fatal poison.

Suddenly, however, his eyes fell upon a familiar little vine, known as the Arizona rattlesnake vine. He had prospected in Arizona years ago and knew of the virtues of this little fine leaved milk weed vine, but he had no means of making tea of it. Nevertheless he at once, as rapidly as possible, gathered a large bunch of it, lay down under the shade of a small oak tree and began to chew it, swallow the juice and apply the macerated leaves to the bites.

He grew dizzy and faint for a while, until the medicinal qualities of the weed began to take effect. He continued to chew and swallow the antidote, and the painful effects of the poison grew gradually less. At about 4 o'clock he was able to start for home, where he arrived with but little inconvenience. He continued the remedy, and by 10 o'clock Tuesday night was to all intents and purposes entirely recovered.—Pomona (Cal.) Times.

Courtesy.

Courtesy never obliges one to give up principles. Courtesy often obliges one to alter his own methods, to remain silent in the face of error, and even possibly to seem to hold his principles with laxity. Denominational courtesies frequently prompt a change of method in conducting a service of worship. I was present one Sunday morning in a Methodist church in Chicago in which a Congregational minister preached. I was happy to notice that this minister knelt in offering the prayer. It was a fitting recognition of the customary posture in prayer of the brother whose pulpit he occupied.

These courtesies may be carried so far as to be a bit ridiculous. I have heard of such an instance. Years ago a union service of a Baptist church and of the Tabernacle church of Salem, Mass., was held in the Tabernacle house of worship. A member of the Tabernacle church offered prayer. The prayer was somewhat autobiographic: "Thou knowest that here my father worshipped; that here I was converted; that here I was baptized, no, Lord—sprinkled."

A man sat opposite me in a street car a day or two since who wore a diamond nearly if not quite as big as the headlight of a locomotive, and he constantly tapped with his gem incrustated fingers upon the seat, and the whole place was filled with a great light, so that the eyes of all beholders were dazzled. Thumb rings are constantly growing in favor both with men and women. They are supposed to be mascots and the superstitions cultivate them. Nellie Bly, or Miss Cochrane, as she prefers to be called, wears one.—New York Cor. Chicago Herald.

Points of Danger in Infectious Diseases.

Measles is most infectious in the earlier stages, and it is often too late to take precautions when the disease is fully developed. Scarlet fever is most dangerous in the convalescent stage, when the skin is peeling, and terrible rashes are often run by children being taken out and about without sufficient precautions being taken to insure the safety of those with whom they may chance to come in contact. With whooping cough there is but little danger in the open air, unless the children are in actual contact, but great risk is being shut up in the same atmosphere, either in a close room or a railway carriage.—Exchange.

Saved the Seed Peas and the Chickens.

A citizen of Lee county tells the following story: "I planted a lot of English peas. One day the chickens got in the garden, scratched them up and ate them. I didn't have time just then to send to town after more pea seed to plant, so I decided to cut the chickens' claws open, take the seed out and plant them. I did that; then I sewed up the claws with a common needle and thread. I never saw a finer crop of English peas than I raised that spring, and I think those chickens were the best I ever raised. For, be it known, the chickens lived and grew to be of good size."—Savannah News.

In the House of a Small Milliner in Dublin there was a pet monkey.

One day in the same room with him was placed a basket of kittens, and on the fire his mistress had put some soup composed principally of mutton. Having occasion to go out for a moment, as soon as her back was turned the monkey fished out the meat, ate it, and substituted the kittens for the mutton he had stolen.

A TORPEDO ATTACK AT NIGHT

A Vivid Picture of "David" and "Goliath" in Modern Naval Warfare. The opportunity comes—a dark night and tempestuous. The clouds have covered the stars like a pall, and there is a howling wind which drowns all other sounds. The pigmy vessel makes swift and puts to sea. It rushes along as swift as the wind and as silent as a cat. Big waves sometimes sweep over it from end to end as it plunges through the darkness, but they are not heeded. Small as

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Officer—Careful, there! What are you doing? Escaping Party—Don't stop us! My daughter's beau don't suit us, so rather than hurt her feelings mother an' me's goin' to elope.—Judge.

Mistakes Cheerfully Corrected. A Bideford merchant claims credit for a new invention for collecting had debts. He makes out a bill for several dollars more than is due and sends it to the debtor, who never fails to come in to complain about its size, and ends by settling the account after the shopkeeper has explained that there is some mistake and reduced the bill to its original condition.—Lewiston Journal.

Milk Shops in Berlin. All over the city are what are called "milkers" or milk stations. In the basement of an elegant block of buildings a few cows are kept. These are well fed and cared for, and furnish excellent milk for the patrons in the neighborhood. They water the cows instead of the milk, and it is a better quality than most city milk.—Cor. Washington Post.

If falls money refunded, Preston's "Hed-Ake."

A Small Hole.



Teacher—Tommy Trewant, don't you know that the rule of this school is for children to have their shoes shined? Why are yours so dirty? Tommy Trewant—I did shine 'em, ma'am. But I climbed up a tree yesterday to get this nice red apple for you.—Pack.

Words to the Wise.

There is a certain dialect not subdued tone of voice that is peculiar to persons of the best breeding. It is better to err by the use of too low than of too loud a tone. Never resume your seat after rising to depart. It is extremely awkward to take leave twice.

Never take a dog into a drawing room when you make a call. For many reasons a visitor has no right to inflict the society of his dog on his acquaintance.

It is extremely rude to make invitations comparisons between the house in which you are visiting and other homes which which you may be acquainted.

Do not trespass on the good nature of your friends by taking children with you uninvited.

If your head aches periodically, Brady's crotonine near at hand is your remedy.

People Are Like Sheep. "If you think that people are not like sheep watch me," said a man to the writer on a ferryboat the other day. The sky was overcast, and as it looked like rain the majority of the people in the cabin of the boat were armed with umbrellas. It was just at dusk, when the air is that thick haze that tends to deceive one. When the boat entered her slip the man stepped forward to the chains across the end of the dock, where every one could see him, and raised his umbrella. The crowd pressed forward, and as they caught sight of the umbrella raised theirs.

A hundred or more went up all over the deck, being held motionless as the boat worked her way in. And not a drop of rain was falling. The man laughed and said, "Now, watch me again." He looked up into the sky, thrust his hand out and held his palm upward. He closed his umbrella, and instantly all the others came down, every one seeming a little surprised to find that it was not raining after all. One man had led a crowd into action and out of it without their knowing it.—New York Tribune.

Holidays. The question of holidays is becoming a serious one in many ways. The most serious thing is the growth of the idea of holiday making. With a large section of society it amounts to simple restlessness. Johnson defined "holiday" as "a time that comes seldom." But with this class of persons it is the normal state of life. If they are not having a holiday they are contemplating one. They are unsettled by the frequency of their holidays. They are never at home except when they are from home, so that the very conception of a home and rest becomes impossible to them. A few such persons find a spot which is always grateful to them—a sort of second home, but the man of such people lose the pleasure of habitation altogether, and life becomes a mere matter of locomotion. They are never at rest save when they are in motion.—New York Ledger.

A Shower of Baiter. Several times during the spring and summer of 1885 showers of a thick, dew like buttery substance fell in Limerick and Tipperary, Ireland. The stuff was soft, clammy and of a dark yellow color. The cattle grazed on the ground where it fell without any ill effect. The people gathered it and made it into salve.—St. Louis Republic.

Every one is acquainted with the use of the digestive fluid of the pig, known as "slop," for indigestion. It is especially for the same purpose the fluid is scraped from the inside of the guards of barnyard fowls and sold.

All humors, boils, pimples, and like blood disorders are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The funniest speeches are not always those "made on purpose." So at least thought a gentleman who was walking through the Boston Public garden, and sought to amuse himself by questioning some boys whom he found playing near the Washington statue there. "Boys," he called, as he approached the group of ragged urchins, "who is that gentleman up there?" "The one up there on the bronze horse?" "What gentleman, sir?" "The one up there on the bronze horse?" "Oh, that's George Washington," was the concerted reply, and the gentleman walked away, feeling that he had not seemed as funny as he had intended. As he went, however, he heard one boy say to the others in good natured derision, "He called Washington a gentleman!"—Youth's Companion.

Preston's "Hed-Ake" is specific for head ache.

Farmer Furrow—You scientific fellows know a heap, I s'pose, but I'll bet you can't tell me how to save that big pile of potatoes. The rot's got into 'em. Scientist—No-o. They are past saving. "They are, eh? Well, I'm goin' to eat them potatoes." "Impossible." "No, it ain't. I'll feed 'em to the pigs, and then eat the pigs."—New York Weekly.

First Yale Student—Have you telegraphed to the old man for money? Second Yale Student—Yes. "Got an answer?" "Yes, I telegraphed the old man, 'Where is that money I wrote for?' and his answer reads, 'In my inside pocket.'"—Texas Siftings.

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"I leave for Nicaragua on Saturday." "It will be any time." "D—do you really mean?" "It will break my heart if you neglect to send me one of those dear little colored lizards for my hair."—Judge.

Teacher—Which is the shortest month of the year? Small Boy—August. Teacher—August? Small Boy—Yes'm. That's the last month of vacation.—Street & Smith's Good News.

A recent contract provides for street lighting in Paris on a novel plan. Power is distributed by the compressed air system to a great number of small motors, each of which operates a gas lamp.

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Sagacious Employer—I fear, Mr. Too-good, I shall have to dispense with your services.

New Clerk—Why, sir, I know I have only been here a week, but I have not during this time been thoroughly faithful to your interests?

Employer—Oh, you have been faithful enough and capable enough, but—

New Clerk—But what, sir? Employer—Well, I saw you take a postage stamp out of the drawer yesterday.

New Clerk—Yes, sir, but I put two cents in its place.

Employer—That's just what I can't understand. I guess you'd better go.—Boston Courier.

But He Didn't. Jimson—One thing I'd like to know. Cara Bellows—Yes, you ought to know one thing at least.—New York Herald.

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PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

A New Hypnotic Which is Said to Induce Sleep.

The wonderful discoveries in connection with hypnotics constitute a remarkable feature of modern medicine. From time to time within a few years new hypnotics have been successfully introduced, and now sulphonal, one of the latest and most popular, will be followed, it is claimed, by a still more excellent agent for the production of sleep. This is termed chloralamin, and it resembles chloral hydrate somewhat, but is said to be lacking in a peculiar influence on the circulation which is characteristic of the latter. It is not, however, as unpalatable as the advantage claimed in its use is the production of sound and wholesome sleep.

It cures headache only—Preston's "Hed-Ake."

Lord Lineage—These are all portraits of my ancestors.

Mr. Gotham—You don't say! Who is that young looking chap there?

Lord Lineage—That's my great-grandfather.

Mr. Gotham—And who is the old fellow with the gray beard?

Lord Lineage—That's my grandfather.

Mr. Gotham—Seems to me your great-grandfather looks mighty young to have such an old looking son as your grandfather.—America.

Immediate, harmless—Preston's "Hed-Ake."

No License for Him.

I heard an odd bit of repartee in a barbers' shop on Eighth avenue a few days ago. The barbers were conversing in English with a customer when he broke off and dealt and began talking in German. A third gentleman, as a sort of playful rebuke, remarked, "Don't you know that it is impossible to converse in a language that is not understood by all present?" "What?" said the barber, "don't you understand German?" "No," said the other. "Well," was the response, "you ought to be in this corner barbers' shop!"

Cures while you wait—Preston's "Hed-Ake."

The Honorable Mr. Justice.

"Talk about the power of a Chinaman to imitate," said an East-Side grocery man: "I was in a Fifth-street laundry the other day and the steamed-up celestial, whose quirk customs somehow made you think of a knife, was busy with a paint brush. He was painting a sign reading 'Chinese Laundry,' and painting it as neatly as a professional sign painter. He could not read a word of English and had no copy before him, and when I asked him how he did it simply said, 'See him later.'"—Kansas City Star.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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