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A DISASTROUS COLLISION.

JUNCTION CITY, Ky., Dec. 17.—Fast mail train No. 1, southbound, on the Cincinnati Southern road, due to leave here at 1:20 o'clock p. m., but which left fifteen minutes late, collided with a northbound fast freight one mile south of McKinney. The passenger train was made up of seven coaches. In rounding a sharp curve it dashed into the freight while under full speed. Transportation is blocked and it is difficult to get to the scene of trouble.

Reports as to the loss of life, damage to property and personal injuries are conflicting. Some reports are to the effect that the engineer, fireman and express messenger and from one to a half dozen passengers were killed outright, all of which is denied by the railroad men. The employes of the road are averse to making any statement, and it is impossible to learn the cause of the accident. Physicians of Danville and Somerset were dispatched to the wreck and wrecking trains—both north and south, were called.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—The railway mail service has news that one of the railway clerks has been killed in the wreck on the Cincinnati Southern and that others are seriously injured. The railway mail agents on the train were J. E. Eddington, W. N. Hinckle and M. Cordell. Which one was killed has not been learned.

A MISSING TRUSTEE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An evening paper has the following: "Edward P. Chamberlain, well known in Wall street, and trustee of the estate of the late John M. George, is missing and is supposed to have taken with him part of the funds of the estate—how much is not known as yet. The estate is said to be worth $1,000,000, but Henry Clews says that the amount is nearer correct at $500,000 or $600,000. Joseph George, a son of John M., was in the city about three weeks ago looking for Chamberlain, whom he seemed to have great difficulty in finding. Up to that time George had placed perfect confidence in the integrity of his father's friend, but it appears that rumors had reached George of some disastrous speculations in wheat on the part of Chamberlain. Chamberlain is also trustee for the estate of George Harvey of the firm of Harvey & Searles, who left a fortune of $500,000. Much surprise is expressed on Wall street at the action of Chamberlain, whose honor was esteemed as above reproach."

JOHN J. INGALLS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.— Ex-Senator Ingalls was in the city tonight. Conversing upon the result of the recent election, Mr. Ingalls said: "There were twenty-three distinct 'isms' in the late campaign, either one of which was sufficient to change the existing state of affairs. The Republican party is now at that stage of its history where it is without leaders and without hope. It must start anew and build itself up. It gave no evidence in the past campaign that there was a single politician in its ranks who understood modern politics. McKinley has ceased to be a Napoleon. He is without laurels or a place in the ranks of his party."

CRIMINAL NOTES.

SANFORD, Ky., Dec. 17.—The alleged ravisher and murderer Len Tye was removed to Harrodsburg tonight to prevent a lynching. He will be kept there till the excitement dies out.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 17.—Thomas Murray, a pal of Summers' in the express robbery committed here last week, and who was brought from Chicago this morning, has made a full confession. He was arraigned, plead guilty, and was remanded to jail in default of $5,000, to await the action of the grand jury.

BRISTOL, Tenn. Dec. 17.—News from Shady Valley says that Irvin Roberts, the alleged murderer of Landon Cross-Waite, was taken from the officers last night and hanged to a tree by the mob.

FAILURES.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 17.—The wholesale liquor and cigar firm of Freyburg, Klein & Co., with headquarters at Galveston and a branch here, made a general assignment today. The liabilities are said to be less than the assets, which are estimated to be $400,000. The creditors are chiefly Galvestonians and foreign firms. Mr. Klein says that the failure is due to the general depression. The firm expects to pay dollar for dollar.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 17.—Freyburg, Klein & Co., wholesale whisky and cigar dealers, have made an assignment. The sum due preferred creditors is $140,512. Of this amount $125,000 is held in Galveston, mostly secured by notes due local banks.

BENSON BURIED.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 17.—The body of Charles A. Benson was interred in the potter's field this afternoon at the expense of the county. Rev. Mr. Page of the Presbyterian church read the services of the church for the dead at the undertaker's. No one was present at these services or at the burial, except Rosa, a daughter of the murderer and suicide.

GREEN GOODS PRINTERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The police raided the printing establishment of Eugene M. Marvin at 4,802 Eighth avenue, yesterday, and captured three truck loads of green goods literature. Marvin was not caught, but three of his men were arrested.

COLORED SPOILS-HUNTERS.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 17.—About twenty-five colored men of this state were here today to organize what they call "the Colored Men's Broad of the Peoples party." They propose to have in every county an organized working force. A. B. Cabbell, the colored populist elector, received his certificate this morning, and remained over in Topeka to take an active part in the formation of the new league.

THE WHITTIER ANNIVERSARY.

AMESBURY, Mass., Dec. 17.—The memory of John Greenleaf Whittier was honored today as the custom on the anniversary of his birthday, the day being observed with appropriate exercises. Many writers of national reputation were present. The leading feature was the reading by Professor Churchill of Andover of an original poem, written in honor of the great poet.

NEW MEXICAN GRANTS.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 17.—The United States private land claims court today confirmed the Antonio Sedillo grant. It is more than eleven leagues in area, and is the third such grant confirmed at this term.

A LIFE SENTENCE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—William Kurtz, who has been on trial at Evansville for a week for killing in cold blood Jack Robinson, was this morning found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Kurtz turned deathly pale when the verdict was read and nearly fainted away.

THE HOOSIER GERRYMANDER.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—The Indiana supreme court today decided unconstitutional the apportionment act passed by the Democratic legislature two years ago, under the provisions of which the legislature which meets next month was chosen.

WIGGER BACKS DOWN.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 17.—The controversy between Bishop Wigger of Newark and Father Corrigan of Hoboken was rather abruptly terminated tonight. Bishop Wigger surrenders unconditionally. The trial is stopped and the charge withdrawn. Bishop Wigger has appointed a committee of priests to visit Father Corrigan and endeavor to induce him to apologize.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—Ernest F. Ekert, assistant clerk for H. B. Rea & Co., pork packers, was arrested this evening, charged with the embezzlement of between $10,000 and $20,000. The thefts are said to extend over a period five of years.

THE WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

	Decrease	Increase.
Reserve	$ 64,775	.....
Loans	739,500	.....
Specie	719,100	.....
Legal tenders	.....	101,700
Deposits	7,831,300	.....
Circulation	.....	53,100

The banks now hold $5,445,729 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

TURF WINNERS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Turf winners: Barker Harrison, Ansle Jr., Beeswing, Blaze Duke, Sight Draft.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—The spring meeting of the St. Louis Jockey club will open on April 29, next, continuing forty-eight days. The money to be added to the stakes and purses will amount to $150,000. All stakes are to close on Jan.

SPECIE MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week ended today were $4,778,426, of which $4,259,092 in gold and $498,289 in silver went to Europe and $20,469 in gold went to South America.

A MINING STRIKE.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 17.—Six hundred coal miners of this city will strike on Monday for increased wages.

Ex-Councilman Glaze was reported better last evening with hopes of his ultimate recovery.

Judge Glenn was reported to have suffered a relapse yesterday morning but was resting easier in the evening.

Captain B. C. Payne, the Democratic war horse of South Haven, Sumner county, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

James L. Admire of the Kingfisher Free Press was in the city last night on business and gave the EAGLE office a pleasant call.

Mrs. Anna Weigand, teacher of German and French in Lewis academy, has been very ill for a few days, but is convalescing now.

Ed Borlas, of the Wichita Ball club, will have an entertainment at the Garfield hall Monday evening, at which a good athletic exhibition will be given.

Lieutenant C. H. Lyeth, United States navy and his mother, Mrs. H. Lyeth, arrived last night and will visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyeth over the holidays.

The opinion of the court of Spanish land claims in the Alameda case, mentioned in yesterday's dispatches, was rendered by Justice H. C. Sluss, the full bench concurring.

The West Side and South Side Presbyterian churches have engaged Professor Barber of Lewis' academy to assist them in their Christmas entertainments by giving one of his stereopticon lectures at both churches in connection with their other exercises.

John McMillen and Miss Josie F. Vaughn were married Wednesday evening by Father Tiben. They went to housekeeping at once in a nice home already furnished by the groom, at 904 North Topeka avenue, where they are receiving the congratulations of their friends.

Misses Millie and Gertrude Hays will give a masquerade party to their young friends next Friday evening at their home, 204 South water street. These young ladies are known as excellent entertainers, and their party will be one of the leading society events of the week.

ANNOUCEMENTS.

Dean Rhames, the chaplain of Wichita council No. 29, United Commercial travelers will hold special service for traveling salesmen at St. John's church at 11 o'clock this morning, to which all commercial travelers are invited to attend.

Meet at Manhattan hotel at 10:30 o'clock sharp.

B. E. ZARIMAN, Sec'y. E. E. BEACH, Senior Con'c'l'r.

A. F. AND A. M.

Regular communication and annual election of officers of Wichita Lodge No. 99, Monday night Dec. 19, at 7:30 sharp.

H. L. SMITHSON, W. M. L. G. WHITTIER, Sec'y. Acting Master.

HUMANE SOCIETY MEETING.

The special attention of the directors of the Humane society is called to the adjourned meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the society's office in the City building. This will be an important meeting and the presence of each member of the board will be needed.

H. L. MAHER, Pres.

There will be a special meeting of the board of directors of the Garfield Post association on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1892, at 4:30 p. m. sharp, to consider some very important business. Each member of the board is urgently requested to be present at the office of the secretary, under the Citizens' bank.

W. W. SWEET, Secretary.

First Unitarian church, Sedgwick block, Eugene R. Shippen, minister. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject for today, "Unities."

N. B. Evening service discontinued.

THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian church—The pastor, David Winters, will conduct Lords day service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The subject of the morning sermon will be, "Life's strongest contrasts." The evening service will be all about Heaven. The subject of the discourse will be, "Heaven seen from the inside, or a look within the gates of the New Jerusalem." Mr. Strawer will have charge of the music at both services. The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 a. m., and the Junior Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:15 p. m. Come to all the services. The orchestra will play at the morning service.

"Brotherhood" at 10:45 and "law and liberty" at 7:30 are Pastor Sim's themes at the Central church of Christ, corner of Market and Second. Come on time.

Reformed church, corner of Topeka avenue and Lewis street—Services at 11 a. m. Subject of discourse: "Jacob's Vision, or the Mystic Ladder." Evening subject: "Who is on the Lord's Side?" Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Reformed league of C. C. at 6:30 a. m. Visitors welcome to all services.

St. Paul's M. E. church, corner of Thirteenth and Lawrence avenue, D. M. McCormack, pastor—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Class meeting at 12 m. and Epworth League prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m. You are cordially invited to all these services.

First Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. A. O. Enright of Winfield will fill the pulpit both morning and evening. Epworth song and praise service at 6:30 p. m.

Lincoln Street Presbyterian church, Rev. George Smith, pastor—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Come and worship with us.

First Baptist church, corner of Topeka avenue and First street, in Y. M. C. A. auditorium, Rev. Elias M. Jones, pastor—Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Universal Brotherhood of Man." Evangelistic services in the evening. Mr. James Hobbs will assist the choir with his cornet. Sunday school at 12 m., Dr. Everett superintendent. The Baptist Young People's union meets at 6:30. The public invited to all these services.

St. John's church, North Lawrence, Rev. R. W. Rhames rector—Services at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. The United Commercial Travelers have accepted an invitation to attend the morning service in a body. Dean Rhames has chosen the subject "Success," which he will treat from the business and religious points of view. Business men generally are invited to attend. Sunday school at 9:30. Y. P. C. at 5 p. m. The Christmas program will be announced.

West Side Presbyterian—There will be the usual service at 11 a. m., conducted by the pastor, L. H. Shane. Sabbath school at 3 p. m. and the Y. P. S. C. E. praise service at 6:45. In the evening, 7:30, there will be a union of the Presbyterians and Baptists of the West Side. The service, conducted by Secretary Baird, will be in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. work. Addresses by E. L. McClure, C. P. Coffin and Professor H. B. Scott of the Garfield university. A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

Olivet Congregational church on South Topeka.—Preaching on Sunday at 11 a. m. by C. T. Young of the Fairmount institute. Sunday school at 12 m. Prayer meeting Thursday night. Come.

Church on Fairmount.—Preaching on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev Charles N. Severance. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by C. T. Young. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. on Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

Plymouth Congregational church, cor. of Lawrence and Second.—Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, F. A. Bissell. Subjects, "The Earthly Life and The Heavenly," and "The Battle Against Temptation." Sunday school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Y. M. C. A.—Mr. T. E. B. Mason will speak on "sowing and reaping," at the young men's meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Singing by male quartette.

The United Presbyterian church, corner Ohio and First, Rev. James A. Lawrence, pastor—Public worship at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m., Y. P. S. C. E., at 6:30 p. m. The Christian Endeavor society will have charge of the evening service. The evening will be spent with the map of Egypt. The pastor will preach a short sermon and the evening will be very profitably spent considering the mission in Egypt. Junior Christian Endeavor Thursday at 4:15 followed by the prayer meeting of the congregation at 7:30. You are invited to worship with us.

BURNING COAL.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 17.—A fire broke out at the wharf of the Staples company tonight, and at a late hour was still burning. The wharf property and coal slides have been damaged about $40,000. The three-masted coal schooner Ellwood Harlow, tied to the wharf, is burning and will be damaged about $15,000.

SAVED BY A BEAN.

The Club Liar Relates a Lion Hunting Experience in Africa.

"Some years ago," said the club liar, speaking rapidly (if he speaks rapidly, with no pauses, he thus avoided interruption), "some years ago a gentleman and his two attendants were treed by a Nubian lion. They were journeying by the third cataract of the Upper Nile, in what would have been the "garden spot" of the earth but for its fertility. It was so fertile that things planted there grew, matured and withered away to nothing before one could get time to harvest them.

"Starvation stared at this gentleman and his two attendants, trapped as they were by the raging lion. Their old-fashioned muzzle-loading muskets were useless. They had dropped their bullet pouch and dared not climb down.

"It was the commencement of the rainy season and the rain clouds were gathering. They were starving. There was nothing for them to eat—absolutely nothing—except a seer—except a single bean—a bean which the gentleman had found in his pocket, where he had put it months before as a souvenir—a souvenir of Boston. Now this gentleman knew beans. He noted the fast approaching rain. Then, close to the foot of the tree, he dropped the bean into the soft soil. Instantly, such was the fertility of the soil, it took root and grew.

"It grew seventeen feet six and one-eighth inches each second, and as it shot up by the treetop those there had but just time to gather its crop (two bushels of the best pea beans) before it withered away and died. And they used beans for bullets and peppered the lion with them. They couldn't mortally wound him, but they did literally fill him full of beans.

"The clouds gathered fast, and just as they exhausted their ammunition down came the rain and wet the lion through and through. And the way those beans absorbed water was wonderful. Ten minutes after the first drop fell the lion was as big as an elephant and couldn't move. The beans, as thick as maggots in cheese, just under his skin, had swelled, and he died of heart failure before the man in the tree could climb down to shoot him."—N. Y. Herald.

Rays from an Arc Light.

The curious phenomenon of a Greek cross in fire, the arms radiating from an arc light in the center, has often been noticed by scientific people, and the numerous attempts at explanation serve but to show how little is really known about the science of optics, even in spite of the extensive researches and developments of the present century. The singular appearance is not seen save when the light is viewed through a pane of glass or a wire screen such as may be found in any street car, and the absence of the peculiar rectangular radiation under other circumstances suggests that it is in some way connected with the polarization of light, for when an electric light is looked at without any intervening medium save the air the rays dart off in every direction. The pane of glass must, therefore, as scientific people have suggested, serve the purpose of detaining some of the rays and intensifying others, for the Greek cross of light is much brighter than the rays of the lamp when seen otherwise.—Ohio Valley Manufacturer.

Must First Raise the Wind.

Mrs. Suburban—Do you raise your own vegetables?

Mrs. Howson Lott—We can only afford to pay the rent of the cottage and grounds this year; but next year we shall be well enough off to be able to raise a few tomatoes and such things.—Philadelphia Item.

Shakespeare as a Plagiarist.

Scribendus—I've got a beautiful dramatic idea for a story.

Editor—Then, why don't you write it up?

Scribendus—Well, the only trouble is that it has been done before by Shakespeare.—Boston Globe.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

FAMOUS'
Sweeping -:- Out -:- Sale.

In order to sweep it out before the Winter season is over we have begun reducing stock—to blindfold our eyes against Everything: Cash value, selling price—everything, except the all-important object,

To Sell While Yet We can.

—THE—
SUITS

We shall offer this week for $8.75 are the richest and most elegant made-up garments ever exhibited in any Clothing House. They are made from the finest Imported and Domestic Suitings—Clay Worsteds, French Thibets, Huddersfield Chevoits, Hockanum and Globe Worsted, etc. Styles are Cutaways and Single or Double-Breasted Sacks, all colors and sizes. Every stitch in these suits is carefully taken, and they are better made and will fit more perfectly than nine out of ten suits merchant tailors produce. We guarantee to sell you ANY DAY THIS WEEK Men's Suits positively worth $12, $15, $18 for only

$8.75.

In order to prevent small dealers from buying up all the finest suits, thus preventing our regular customers from getting the best values, we shall refuse to sell more than one suit to a customer.

Buck, Seal Calf, Angora Goat and Hog Hide Gloves and Mitts at less than it would cost to buy the leather.

Gents' Fine Merino Half-Hose, all sizes, six pairs for 90c; manufacturers' cost $1.69.

Suits and Overcoats
—For—
$9.85.

Camel's Hair,
Natural Grey,
All-Wool,
Balbrigan,
Switz Conda,
Fancy Stripe
And Merino
Underwear.
Silk Hankerchiefs,
Initial Silk Handkerchiefs,
Fine Silk Embroidered Neckwear,
Fine Silk Embroidered Suspenders,
Silk Mufflers,
Fine Silk Embroidered Four-in-hand Ties.

In the Sweeping Out Sale the above Goods are included and will be sold for less than one-half the Manufactuoers' Cost.

Children's Clothes.

$2.75 Buys Children's Suits and Overcoats that cost to manufacture $3.82, and usually retail at $5.00.

$1.35 Buys a Child's Cape Overcoat that cost to manufacture $1.98, and usually retails for $2.50.

$3.35 Buys an elegant All-Wool Jersey Suit; cost to manufacture $4.85, and usually retails for $5.

—THE—
OVERCOATS

That we offer THIS WEEK for $8.75 are of the finest quality—Carr's Meltons, Globe Kerseys, Vicuna Cheviots, Schnabel Chinchillas, Fur Beavers, and genuine Irish Frieze. Styles are Single or Double-Breasted Long-Cut Box Coats, Top Coats, Storm Coats, Fur-Trimmed Coats, and Ulsters. All colors and sizes. The price we ask for many of these Overcoats is less than the manufacturers' cost. Never before and never again will such an opportunity occur. We guarantee to sell you ANY DAY THIS WEEK Men's Overcoats actually worth $12, $15 and $18, for only

$8.75.

In order to prevent small dealers from buying up all the finest Overcoats, thus preventing our regular cutomers from getting the best values. We shall refuse to sell more than one Overcoat to a customer.

If after purchasing and taking home, you are not satisfied that you have saved from $5 to $8 on the suit bring it back and get your money.

FAMOUS CLOTHING CO.,
112 East Douglas Ave.

MONTE CARLO'S GREAT INCOME.

An Enormous Sum Taken In at the Gambling Tables by the Company.

The Monte Carlo Gambling Co., at its semi-annual meeting, reported that gambling was paying better and better every year. The total revenue from tables during the last year was over 20,000,000 francs, an increase of 1,000,000 over the year before. The expenses of running the thing are: First, 1,250,000 francs paid to the prince of Monaco for the privilege of gambling; second, all expenses of governing the municipality; third, the cost of bribing European newspapers and correspondents; fourth, pensions to formerly rich men who have lost their fortunes at the tables, and amounts lent to plungers who get broke and have not money enough to get back home. As for bribing newspapers, 800,000 francs are spent this way from year to year. One newspaper in Paris alone gets 75,000 francs for keeping quiet. That is all the management asks of newspapers—to keep quiet and not say anything. As for pensioners, an Englishman who lost 2,000,000 francs gets a regular income of 250 francs per week.

The gambling company pays all the expenses of the principality. It pays the governor-general, judges of courts and municipal officers, feeds and clothes an army of 120 and maintains eighty police. Then it repairs roads, waters streets, lights them and acts as general scavenger to the place. The people have free education. They pay no rates or taxes, but, on the other hand, they have no liberty, no voice in the management of affairs. They do as they are told and take all they can. In addition to these expenses the society has the cost of maintaining its own establishment. It pays £10,000 to the manager of the theater each season and gives most of the seats away. The orchestra costs another £10,000 per annum. There are over one hundred croupiers and as many more employes of one sort and another in the rooms. One hundred are in offices and in the detective department. This costs in all £60,000 per annum.—Chicago Herald.

EARLY MARRIAGE IN ENGLAND.

Curious Statistics Collected by the Labor Commission on the Subject.

Students of sociology will find food for reflection in some recent figures presented to the labor commission showing the ages at which different classes in the community marry. From these it appeared that, of a thousand miners, 704 married under the age of 25 and 169 under the age of 21, while in the professional and independent classes, 151 per 1,000 married under 25 and only 7 under the age of 21. Of the miners' wives 439 per 1,000 were under age when they married, and in the professional and independent classes 127 per 1,000. In the textile trades the case was pretty much the same as among the miner; shoemakers and tailors very much the same; artisans and laborers a little bit older; clerks a little bit higher. In the case of shopkeepers and shopmen the age of marriage was still more advanced; with farmers and farmers' sons even more, and, last of all, came the professional class.

The difference between the marriage age of miners and members of the independent and professional classes was seven years on an average for the man and four years for the woman. In addition to this a much smaller proportion of the former class remain unmarried. Early marriages meant early families, but this was somewhat hampered by the enormous mortality among the children of the working classes.—Chicago Herald.

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FOR ALL
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Such as Sick Headache, Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, Constipation, Liver Complaint, and Female Ailments.
Covered with a Tasteless & Soluble Coating. Of all druggists. Price 25 cents a box. New York Depot, 365 Canal St.

Marsh-Hawks.

Most country boys, I fancy, know the marsh-hawk. It is he you see flying low over the fields, beating about bushes and marshes and dipping over the fences, with his attention directed to the ground beneath him. He is a cat on wings. He keeps so low that the birds and mice do not see him till he is fairly upon them. The hen-hawk swoops down upon the meadow-mouse from his position high in air, or from the top of a dead tree; but the marsh-hawk stalks him and comes suddenly upon him from over the fence, or from behind a low bush or tuft of grass. He is nearly as large as the hen-hawk, but has a much longer tail. When I was a boy I used to call him the long-tailed hawk. The male is a bluish slate-color; the female is reddish brown like the hen-hawk, with a white rump. Unlike the other hawks, they nest on the ground in low, thick marshy places. For several seasons a pair have nested in a bushy nest a few miles back of me, near the house of a farmer friend of mine, who has a keen eye for the wild life about him. Two years ago he found the nest, but when I got over to see it the next week it had been robbed, probably by some boys in the neighborhood.—John Burroughs, in St. Nicholas.

How She Knew.

Miss Fosdick—Listen! Mr. Gilley has proposed.

Miss Ricketts—How do you know?

Miss Fosdick—Don't you hear Nellie's ringing laugh?—Detroit Free Press.

A Matter of Patience.

She—Engaged to two girls at the same time! Well, what are you going to do about it?

He—O, I am all right, but what are they going to do about it?—Life.

He Was the Man.

Ricketts—Who are you sneezing at, sir?

Skidds (with repeated sternutatory paroxysms)—At chool at chool—Judge.

"ONLY COMMON FOLK."

The Dignity and Heroism of the "World's Ordinary People."

External appearances are no basis for sure judgment. Many a noble heart is covered by humble habiliments, and often it is that the latest fashion is only a showy exterior for villains of the deepest dye. Some one once remarked in Lincoln's hearing that, "considering he is the great president, he is quite a common-looking man." We are almost glad the speech was made, in spite of its rudeness, for Lincoln's happy reply is a rich memento: "Friend," said he gently, "the Lord loves common people best. That's why He made so many of them."

Some who deem themselves very rare specimens are all too free with this, to them, derogatory criticism. Common folk! Why, that is what most of us are. Few lips have kissed the altar of eloquence, and only solitary minds like Webster's and Gladstone's are really great, in all that word should mean. Common folk build our houses, cook food, comfort us in sorrow, shield us from adversity and love us with unquenchable affection. Such are they, as commonplace as the sunlight we bask in or the air we breathe. But take them away—folk, sun and air—what is left? Really, good critic of the common folk, you slight nearly one hundred per cent. of the race.

Recent events have shown the dignity and heroism of men whose names were never heard of until the circumstances referred to called them into the light of public fame. But for the fire at New York's Metropolitan opera house Frank Reilly may never have been chronicled in the press and revered by our hearts. A simple fireman, he died in upholding the honor of that gallant brigade which has never faltered in duty or paused before peril.

Kellar Anderson, the guardian of his country's honor amid lawlessness, was prepared to die, although a commonplace soldier, as the heroes of all ages have ever died.

Two simple cases taken from the rush of daily life, and yet with enough of truest manliness therein contained to supply a second Homer with his themes. The heroical is rather fond of carks and now, and does not always dwell in poets' rhapsodies or the legends of the past. That patient woman toiling at the keep of mending, striving "to make old clothes as guide as new"—a frequent sight—but tell us of aught more lofty and god-like than her love and service! The fact is, if we saw miracles or angels every morning before breakfast, they would become common as the hot rolls and coffee. But frequent observation of the good and the beautiful should never breed contempt for them.—N. Y. Ledger.

Through a Gas Glass.

Teacher—Of what use is the sun to man?

Johnny Williams—Dunno; fadder says daughters is for keep a man in hot water.—Once a Week.

No Hope for Him.

He—Will you marry me if I stop smoking cigarettes?

She—No, Mr. Sappy. I can't bear the idea of marrying a man who does nothing.—Brooklyn Life.

The Modern Method.

Teacher—I have told you of Louis Kossuth, and what he did. I have also just said that he recently received a congratulatory address from the Hungarian Diet. Now, who can tell me what the Hungarian Diet is?

Little Boy (formerly of Hazleton, Pa.)—Most anything they can lay their hands on.—Good News.

Evidence That He Was Overworked.

Laura—I just knew that my dear husband has been overworking while I was away.

Anna—What makes you think so?

Laura—His eyes seem overtaxed. Sometimes it takes him a good half hour to get the door unlocked when he comes home late.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

In Lexicographic Shades.

Boswell—I find that I have omitted to make a note of your very felicitous definition of a picnic. Will you oblige me by repeating it?

The Doctor—Sir, with pleasure. A picnic is the stupidity of several and the misery of all.—Puck.

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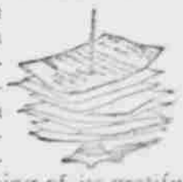

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