

TYPEWRITERS' REVOLUTION.

Odd Devices of the Past and Ingenious New Inventions.

Some Curious Contrivances That the Present Effective Machines Superseded.

Type-writing machines in common use are limited practically to the makes of two more than half a dozen companies. The failures that blazed the way for the event-

ually successful machines are thicker than autumn leaves in Vallombrosa, and looked at from the practical standpoint of to-day they seem nearly as futile as at-

tempts to attain perpetual motion, or the Keely motor. There are scattered about in this city, principally in the offices of dealers in second-hand typewriters, some very curious machines which were introduced and which did not without possibly a thousand people ever passing on their merits.

One of the most curious of these, says a writer in the New York Sun, was called the book-keeper's writing machine. It was intended to be used by a book-keeper in posting his books. This machine was like a turtle to look at, having a smooth

upper surface and an upper surface slightly rounded, and speckled with twenty-six upper holes and sixteen lower ones, which controlled the alphabets, numerals and punctuation. The size was about four inches by three, and it used the ledger or day book had to be placed on a desk and clamped with two bands of steel, which reached from side to side of it.

Another narrow strip of metal ran across the page, and this was to be adjusted so that the lower edge should be on a line. Then, when the turtle was slipped into a spring groove on the upper edge, the lettering was produced on a line of the book above.

To operate the machine the book-keeper covered the shell with his right hand, while his left kept tab of the record book, and pressing a finger on the type keys, the letters as the turtle crawled along, but it failed to be popular because in actual use the work was irregular, and it took too many times to supply the dropped letters and to move the clamps around than it did to write the entire entry by hand.

Then a machine has been invented which is designed to produce typewriting in a ledger, and it is said that before long it will be upon the market.

One of the first machines to supersede the old printer machines that ruined so many people's eyes was the Columbia wheel, and although it was a failure, it was the ancestor of the Odell, the Bar-lock, and other similar types, it had not a lasting career.

man—That's not his fault, so; it's his misfortune.—Hoxbury Gazette.

MRS. DATHE'S DEATH.

The Coroner's Jury Find It Was a Case of Suicide.

Justice of the Peace S. E. Gandy of Oak Park, acting for Coroner Miller, last evening held an inquest on the body of Mrs. Robert Dathe, who committed suicide at her home on the Lower Stockton road Tuesday afternoon by shooting herself with a shotgun.

Her husband testified that he last saw his wife alive about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. She had been ailing for about two months, and during that time gave out a number of being considerably worse over her condition. He knew of no reason why his wife should have killed herself, although a number of times he had heard her say she would rather be dead than alive.

Once she said she wanted to die so that she could be with her mother. Dick Whittington, a neighbor of the Dathe family, testified that on Tuesday morning, about the time Mrs. Dathe is supposed to have shot herself, he heard a noise coming from within the house, and he asked a neighbor what he thought it was, and he replied that it sounded like the report of a gun or pistol. Mr. Blom then went to the house, where he discovered Mrs. Dathe's body. Witness had considered Mrs. Dathe slightly feeble-minded, having on a number of occasions seen her acting in a manner indicating that she was not of sound mind.

Joseph Foss, another neighbor of the Dathe family, testified that he was with one of the neighbors a considerable distance from the house, when they both heard the shot. Mrs. Dathe's little girl told him that her mother had dropped the gun and shot herself, but the little girl was not in the house at the time.

The coroner's jury found that Mrs. Dathe had shot herself with suicidal intention.

AMUSEMENTS.

A large audience in the Metropolitan Theater last night witnessed the production of De Koven and Smith's comic opera, "The Fencing Master." Expectation had been raised for high concerning the opera. It had, therefore, not an enthusiastic reception. Nor was the audience cold; it was generous with applause and quickly recognized the genius of the composition. It is a very dramatic, vigorous and historical interest of "Robin Hood." But it is very tedious, and it is not very enjoyable. The two serenades, the quintet in the second act, the rose song by Miss Langan, and the solo by Mr. Stephens and by Miss Bayliss and a solo by Miss Langan won the most hearty encore.

The choruses are all spirited and charming, with the exception of a quartet to impress themselves firmly upon the memory. The several humorous songs are good, strong, indeed, and the choruses have just enough of prominence. They do not, as in some comic operas, absorb the spirit of the piece. One of the operas, one that addresses a very large theatrical change, but not the most exacting taste. With its fine costuming, the romantic situations, the tender love passages, the glitter of blades and the soft and luxurious atmosphere of the land of song and romance enveloping it, it is not surprising that it is so popular.

At the Clunie Opera-house "Two of a Kind" is drawing well. It is a musical farce, full of fun and song and dance and comic opera. It will be played for a number of nights, and then give way to the farce comedy opera, "A Strange Family."

"Tribby," the story Du Maurier has made famous, and the philosophy and moral of which have created so much debate, and that is so full of original and strong characters, is to be the subject of an excellent musical production, to be given Monday evening by the Kingsley Art Club and the Saturday Club, to raise money to enlarge facilities and privileges in the School of Design and aid it to broaden its work and enhance its usefulness.

A stage has been erected on the corner of the street, and to this end there should be some organization; not separate, but all interested in the welfare of the community, and to this end there should be some organization; not separate, but all interested in the welfare of the community, and to this end there should be some organization.

From such machines was evolved the three-piece lever, with the advance of the machines of to-day. The advance is so great that some enthusiasts wonder if the devices considered so perfect to-day will in the next few years be relegated to the same gallery of back numbers.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT.

They Arrive in This City on Their Way to New York.

A young man 19 years of age, named Dick Whittington, arrived in the city last evening, having walked from Dillon, Yolo County, during the day.

He started from San Francisco Saturday night, carrying a sack containing a large yellow cat, and bearing painted on it the inscription, "Dick Whittington and His Cat—San Francisco to New York on Foot."

The inscription tells the story, for, as he states, he has a wager to walk across the continent, carrying his feline companion, and arriving there within six months. He carries with him an autobiographical book, in which he expects to chronicle the adventures of his journey along the way. He also carries a small book in which he keeps a list of places passed through, and the distance traveled each day, and the names of the postmasters in each town as he passes through to sign and affix the date.

TERRIBLY INURED.

A Child Mangled by a Vicious Dog in Yolo County.

A telephonic message from the Woodland Mail to the Record-Union last night states that a child of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brit—who are well known in Sacramento—was terribly injured yesterday by a vicious dog.

The brute sprang upon the child and fastened its teeth in the child's face, cutting through and splitting its nose, also tearing open its under lip and removing a piece of it.

The family were visiting fourteen miles from Woodland, Yolo County, Sunday, and were brought in for surgical treatment. The child being but 2½ years old, it was decided not to administer an anesthetic, therefore the operation of sewing up the wounds was terribly painful. It required two men to hold the child while the surgeon used his knife.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: E. Highman, A. M. Fisher, Oakland; George Hughes, Salem; W. W. Herington, Yuba; J. C. Case, Colusa; H. Greaves, John B. Petrie, I. Greenberg, Miss D. Morton, A. M. Holbrook, F. C. Langley, Miss E. Lawrence, David Torrence, Signor A. Tomasso, Mr. and Mrs. C. Woolly, New York; W. J. Gillespie, Redding; J. W. B. Montgomery, Colusa; J. Park, Berkeley; J. W. Spillman, San Diego; Edward T. Pierce, Los Angeles; Martin Koenig, Elmer E. Ford, Charles F. Joy, Boston; Miss N. Byers, J. D. Matthew and wife, Newcastle; T. H. Wadsworth and wife, Chicago; H. W. Langston, Woodland; W. S. Perkins, Modesto; L. Lawrence, Boston; F. Edler, Chicago; H. K. Boynton, Kewanee, Kas.; Rev. J. J. Clair, D. Graham, Yuba; J. C. Smith, Yuba; C. J. Lewis, Arthur Loupe, W. J. Andrews, R. T. Allen, W. T. Hawley, B. S. Hubbard, W. H. Dimond, J. C. Rothin, T. G. Lyons, A. H. Thurston, San Francisco.

Arrivals at the Capital Hotel yesterday: George A. Wilcoxson and wife, Miss Mattie Wilcoxson, position in musical circles here. As an understudy she took the place of Oscar Grand last night, who was sick. He was entirely successful, and has another engagement to be an actor of strong comedy qualities. The company, under the direction of Fred C. Whitney, scored a success certainly, and has another engagement to be an actor of strong comedy qualities.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

The ideal party would be one steering between these two, but such a thing can not be. The Republican ship is not likely to go any further, and the Democratic ship is not likely to go any further, and the Democratic ship is not likely to go any further.

Home industry, home traffic. There is nothing like it. Everything in the world that can be produced at home should be so produced, and on dollars and cents goods ought to be bought of home merchants. The home merchants ought to be given the surplus of every kind of product at the best possible price, and to this end there should be some organization; not separate, but all interested in the welfare of the community, and to this end there should be some organization.

The monuments of war. "Twelve years ago last month," said Mr. Holtzner of Pennsylvania, "I had a most interesting experience in the House over a term used by me in the course of debate. I had been criticizing General Hazen, who was at that time Chief Signal Officer of the army. I referred to him 'as wearing the monuments of war,' and in other ways depicting himself in public places. Hazen was offended by my brazenly quoting of men as ever sat in the House. They were Ezra Taylor, Garfield's successor; Ben Butler, Governor of Cincinnati; Judge C. W. of Columbus, all three Ohio men; and Major Calkins of Indiana. Judge Taylor ridiculed my use of the term 'monuments of war.' While he was speaking, I slipped out to the Congressional Library and asked Ainsworth Spofford if it was correct. He replied that it was, and I picked up a copy of Shakespeare which lay on my desk, he opened it at the second act of 'Coriolanus' and pointed to the passage which contained it. It was quite correct. It showed the thoroughness of Mr. Spofford's literary training and enabled me to get back at my opponents in a manner particularly gratifying to myself."—Washington Times.

Oak Park dances. To-night the Foresters' Band will inaugurate its third season of dances at Oak Park. The dances will continue from 8 to 11:30 p. m. No questionable characters will be admitted.

Saloon at Auction. The Lee Silvey saloon at 722 K street will be sold at auction on Saturday, at 10 a. m., by D. J. Simmons & Co., including everything connected with it.

New Zealand commemorates the love of the Dutch explorers for their native country. There is a district in Holland known as Zealand.

Coronado Water. McMorry, sole agent, Groceries and provisions, 581 M street.

THE NONPAREIL.

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