MISCELLANEOUS.

—In Texas the cowboys utilize steers for steeds. One man recently rode 140 miles astride one of these animals.

—A little Austin boy saw his mother take off her switch one day, and called out: "O, mamma! Let us take your scalp out in the yard, so that we can play Indians."—*Texas Siftings.*

—Scotland is to have a national portrait gallery and museum of antiquities through the generosity of some one unknown, who last year established a fund of $50,000, and now offers $100,000 more for the building. The British Government has accepted the trust and added $25,000 to the fund.

—A few days since a Sacramento (Cal.) merchant received a letter from a gentleman in the State of Nevada inquiring the price of certain articles. The correspondent wrote that he did not know whether the merchant was still in business, as he could not find his advertisement in the papers, and no one over there could inform him. He concluded: "If you do not get this letter please write and let me know."

—The inquiries of United States Consuls in the various countries of the world seem to establish beyond question the fact that business is pretty generally done on the credit system. In some countries the system seems to be carried further than in others, but all resort to it, whether their government is stable or unstable, and whether the country is rich or poor.

—It often happens that a clergyman will forge the name of a child at baptism, but the case of a minister in South Carolina who purposely miscalled a child is peculiar. The child's godparents had bestowed the name "Letitia Adelina Angelin." The parson calmly said "Mary," and so baptized her. "I hope you will not mind the alteration I have made. I hope it will prove useful to the child's afterlife; so many names are a mistake," exclaimed the clergyman, coolly.—*Chicago Times.*

—The Salt Lake *Tribune* says: "Not every one knows the fact, but Utah just now has three mines which are yielding more, with less noise, than any other three mines in any other State or Territory of the Republic. One of them, too, has the best record of any mine in the world except the Eureka Consolidated. It has never levied an assessment and has paid some $5,000,000 in dividends.

—O woman! thou knowest the hour when the good man of the house will return, when the heat and burden of the day are past; do not let him at such time, when he is weary with toil and jaded with discouragment, find upon his coming to his habitation that the foot which should hasten to meet him is wandering at a distance; that the soft hand which should wipe the sweat from his brow is knocking at the door of of other houses.—*Washington Irving.*

—Professor Stelle, agricultural editor of the Mobile *Register*, thinks the Southern States admirably adapted to raising hogs, and that by the new refrigerating inventions pork may be saved at the South as well as anywhere else. The long-continued warm weather is favorable to rapid fattening and cheap pork, since hogs can not be kept up and warmed by stoves and wood fires in cold weather, and it is expensive to warm them by heat-producing food like corn and peas. He thinks pork can be made at less cost in the South than in the North.

—An American traveling in England once asked the meaning of some quaint customs, and with great difficulty obtained information even of university dignitaries. "And the liumor of the whole thing," he says, "was the fashion in which the college dons took his inquiries. Apparently they had accepted those meaningless customs for an indefinite term of years without a thought of challenging them, as part of the scheme of things, and woke up to the question of their origin and meaning with as much bewilderment as though it had been suddenly demanded of them why two and two make four."

ARTIFICIAL EYES.

How They May be Made to Move in Their Sockets, the Same as Those Which Nature Placed There.

A very important surgical operation was performed in this city yesterday, the ultimate results of which promise to make a stir in medical and surgical circles. Heretofore the best that surgery has accomplished in replacing destroyed natural eyes with false ones has been to put in the injured member's place a glass eye, which, however skillfully made, can always be detected because it has no motion, but remains stationary while the healthy organ is gazing from point to point. The purpose of the new operation is to give to the artificial eye the same motion as that of the natural eye.

The operation was performed yesterday morning by Dr. Roland D. Jones, of No. 1932 Green Street, upon Benny Irwin, seven years old, of No. 808 Noble Street, whose eye was nearly torn out by an accident on Saturday last. Dr. Jones was assisted by Doctors J. F. Whitten, H. N. K. Swank, Edward Nunez and J. P. Boyd. The conjunctiva was first severed from the eyeball; the muscles of the eyeball were then taken up and cut from the ball, the optic nerve cut and the eyeball taken out. The severed muscles were then caught up again, and sewed to the under surface of the conjunctiva, and when this had been accomplished the conjunctiva was allowed to fall back into the cavity. It thus forms a sack, in which when the healing process has been accomplished the artificial eye will rest. Dr. Jones' theory is that when the muscles have become permanently attached to the conjunctiva, as they will in the healing process, they will respond to the movements of the muscles of the healthy eye, move the sack, and consequently the artificial eye in conformity with the movement of its natural companion. Owing to the badly inflamed condition of young Irwin's wounded eye, the result of the operation will not be so perfect as might otherwise have been the case, but it is confidently expected that enough was accomplished to demonstrate the value of Dr. Jones' theory.—*Philadelphia Record.*

BILL NYE AS A LAWYER.

The Tragic Death of His Client—The Sorrow and Sadness Incident to an Active Practice.

A dear friend in Pennsylvania writes me that he has learned casually that some years ago I was a member of the legal profession, and he asks me to state, if I will, publicly, whether that is true, and, if so, why I abandoned the profession.

It is true that I did practice law in the West for a short time, in a very quiet kind of a way. After a few months, however, I abandoned my lucrative practice to accept the portfolio of the Laramie City Postoffice. During my brief but tempestuous career as an attorney, I paid out $120 for rent, and drew a chattel mortgage, which I was never paid for, as near as I am able to judge.

My principal reason, however, for abandoning the profession, was the sudden death of my client. When a young lawyer has assiduously sat and looked out of his office window for two months and a client comes in and shows signs of intrusting business to him, there springs up at once between the two a warm friendship. Such was the case with me. A middle-aged gentleman came into my office one day and said he had been referred to me by a party in town, and asked me if I had leisure to attend to him. I said that I would lay aside other matters and attend to him at once, if he wished. He said it would be a great accommodation if I would allow my other clients to accumulate in the hall for a few moments, and in the meantime do the business that was on his mind. He had asked Charlie Kitchen, at the Thoresburgh House, to give him the name of some poor young lawyer, and Kitchen had told him that I was about the poorest lawyer he knew of, so he had come right to me.

I saw at once that he was a shrewd business man, and I did all I could to please him. He was delighted with the promptness with which I had done the work, and said he would have more for me to do very soon, as he had purchased the controlling interest in a new silver mine over at Jelm Mountain. On the strength of this revival in trade, I went down town and bought a half ton of coal.

I then opened a set of double entry books, which I still retain, and which are almost as good as new. I had just got my new client fairly on the books when he was killed by falling down a shaft a distance of 200 feet in a perpendicular direction. I then said that the practice of the law was invested with too much sorrow and sadness for me. I could not endure the constant sundering of pleasant, friendly ties which an active practice demanded. I sold my Revised Statutes to a new Notary Public at Last Chance, and gave my other law books to a warm personal friend. Having thus disposed of my library, I retired from the practice of my profession by taking down my tin sign and nailing it to the front door of the pesthouse at the close of a beautiful summer day. There is nothing that will dam up the flood of professional business so quickly as a course like this. A young lawyer may be ever so popular and overworked; no matter, he can remove his library to the small-pox hospital, and in a week he will have all the physical relaxation and intellectual repose he wants.

So like the swift flight of a brilliant meteor across a black sky, I flashed through the heavens, lighting up the wide realms of space and then disappeared forever. With thousands of other people to select from, death sought out the only client I ever had and gathered him in. With a world full of the aged and the sick, to say nothing of Chinamen and Indians not taxed, the grim reaper struck his sickle into a man in whom I felt a wonderful interest. No one knows, who has not seen his sole client cut down before his face, the great sorrow that settles down upon the heart at such a time. How lonely my office seemed after that. How still it seemed. I could not endure it. I at once abandoned the profession to its fate.

Contrary to my fears, however, it soon rallied. Young blood entered into the practice, and in three months after I had turned the key in my office door one would hardly notice that so recently a bright light in the legal profession had been squelched, and a clarion voice that had always rung out for eternal justice and equity, at so much per equity, had ceased to vibrate.

I was clear-headed and cool, but a normally conservative attorney. I was not only conservative in my practice, but in my gross receipts. I saw at once that I could not afford to pay forty dollars per month rent and depend upon a book account of two dollars and fifty cents to offset it. While I may say that I was passionately fond of the study and the practice of the law, I felt most keenly the ostracism and the depressing isolation which it seemed to engender.—*Bill Nye, in Louisville Courier-Journal.*

Fish in Monterey Bay.

A notable fact in connection with the counting up of the year's products is the unusual quantity of fish and marine animals with which Monterey Bay has been crowded during the entire season. School after school of herring, sardines, smelt and other small fish have swarmed the waters, breaking the nets of the fishermen and furnishing food to swooping clouds of sea-gulls. The larger food fish—rock-cod, baracuda, flounders, skate, etc.—have been taken in the greatest abundance and in the last few weeks whales, large and small, have spouted and plunged and floated, to the delight of all admirers of these great marine mammals. Latterly great schools of seals and sea-lions have visited the bay, and last night a bevy of seals came in around the piers and kept up a constant barking like so many dogs after a chicken thief. This morning they kept well in shore and saluted everybody they saw with a friendly bark. Whalers report an unusually severe season in the north, and this cause, combined with a bountiful yield of their food supplies in the way of sea vegetation, has probably sent them to the friendly feeding grounds or waters of our bay.—*Santa Cruz Surf.*

FARM AND FIRESIDE.

—Rye Breakfast Cakes: Two cups of rye meal, one-half cup of molasses, a little salt, a cup and a half of sweet milk, to be mixed very soft, and one teaspoonful of saleratus. Bake at once in a roll-pan or muffin-rings.—*Boston Globe.*

—Broiled Tomatoes: Select firm, ripe tomatoes, cut them in two, and place them upon a well-greased double broiling iron. Put them over a clear fire and broil, first on one side and then on the other. Now place on a hot dish and pour over them melted butter, seasoned with cayenne pepper and salt. Serve immediately.—*Toledo Blade.*

—The pasture system does not do away the necessity for mowing. The stock eat only the best grasses, leaving the coarse stuff and weeds to grow without check. Unless mowed at mid-summer to prevent weeds seeding the pasture will soon become very foul, especially with Canada thistles, the seed of which will be blown all over the neighborhood.—*Chicago Times.*

—Coal ashes are becoming very popular as a remedy against insect pests. Mr. Swan, of Geneva, put them about the stems of currant bushes to the depth of six or more inches, spreading them over a space three or four feet in diameter. He has no trouble from the currant worm. Quince trees similarly treated are not attacked by borers. Mountain ash trees on the lawn are protected in the same way.—*Buffalo Express.*

—When grapes are closely packed in boxes, and a number of these boxes are closed and packed in other and larger boxes, and these are put away in a dry, cool place, the fruit will keep for months; Even pears are thus kept several months, and peaches nearly as long. These "fruit houses" are attached to every fruit growing establishment.—*Prairie Farmer.*

—Cheese Potatoes: Select large potatoes of even size, bake, and when done cut a piece from each end and remove the inside and rub through a fine sieve or mash thoroughly; put on the fire with half an ounce of butter and one ounce of grated cheese for every four potatoes, add boiling milk, pepper and salt as for mashed potatoes, fill the potato shells and put in a hot oven and brown.—*Boston Budget.*

—No matter how sloppy the food given to pigs, they should have daily a good supply of clean, fresh water. This is especially needed in summer for pigs kept in pens and with little green food. But there is scarcely a place where pigs can be kept where more or less green food can not be had as part of their daily ration. Weeds from the garden are excellent, especially the pig-weed and purslane, both of which are very nutritious.—*N. Y. Times.*

—If the covers of the cushions in a baby's carriage have faded they may be upholstered at home at small expense. One of the most satisfactory coverings is of sateen, the cotton sateen. Do not remove the old cover, but take the braid off, and after tacking the sateen to its place put a new braid over the edge, or the old one if not worn may be turned wrong side out. If you are careful to put the tacks in the same places that they were in before it will look about as well as new. A pretty wrap to spread over the baby's lap is made of open-work curtain lace. Line it with blue or pink cambric and put narrow lace on the edge.

WELLS.

Advice to Farmers on Securing a Good Water Supply.

The well of the house should be situated near the kitchen door. Don't place it a few rods away simply because "grandfather" or somebody else had a well at that distance. Remember, this age has done away with the "old oaken bucket" and thirty-foot sweep. If a suction pump is to be used, then place one in the kitchen sink, extending the pipe diagonally or on a curve to the water in the well. It will usually be found economy to have a pump of some sort in the same well out of doors.

It sometimes happens that when a well is dug the water is found to be clear and of good flavor, but soon after being stoned up a disagreeable taste is detected. This is often thought to be caused by a new vein of water discharging into the well, but nine times in ten the cause could be traced to the dissolving or chemical action of impurities in the stone composing the wall. This trouble may usually be removed by pumping the well dry two or three times at intervals of several days.

For wells less than twenty feet to the surface of the water, a rubber-bucket chain pump is perhaps best, the action of the chain passing rapidly through the water thoroughly aerating it—a point of no small importance. But there is great liability to freeze unless the well is protected, making the use of an anti-freezing pump or windlass almost a necessity. In an article of such universal use as a pump or water-drawer improvements are looked for, and are made every year by the hundreds, as the Patent office record shows. But somehow they fail to present points of value of sufficient importance to induce their universal adoption. Nearly every farm has relics of some inventor's scheme for raising water. But for shallow wells the general verdict is that the old-fashioned wooden or chain pump is the best. Where a great amount of water is to be pumped, especial for stock or irrigating purposes, a power of some kind should be employed, the cheapest of which is the wind-mill. If favorably placed, they readily raise water from deep wells.—*L. D. Snork, in N. Y. Examiner.*

—Color perception is referred by Dr. Swan Burnett to certain centers in the brain. He holds that it is time to do away with the idea of supposing the retina a differentiating organ; he regards its function as that of merely receiving and transmitting luminous vibrations.

—Black walnut sawdust, formerly thrown away, is now mixed with linseed gum and molded into heads and flower pieces for the ornamentation of furniture. When dried and varnished, it is handsome and much stronger and more durable than carved work.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

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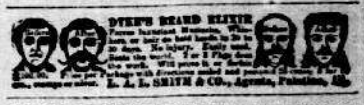

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