WESTERN APPEAL.

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THE *Medical World* wants to have all physicians put in uniform.

IT is said that the marriage of the young Emperor of China will cost some $6,000,000.

THROUGH the death of an elder brother the husband of Nellie Grant has gained abundant riches.

"UNCLE REMUS" Harris has two bright boys whom their intimates nickname "Br'er Fox" and "Br'er Rabbit."

STILLSON HUTCHINS proposes to buy and present to the State Horace Greeley's birthplace and early home in New Hampshire.

EVANGELIST MOODY advises young men who desire to be revivalists to start out as book agents and study human nature.

THE largest market for the purchase and sale of mules is St. Louis, where the trade reaches $6,000,000 a year. Atlanta comes next with a trade of $2,000,000.

DR. HOWARD, of Tullahoma, Tenn., has a clock over one hundred and fifty years old. It had some slight damages repaired recently and now keeps as good time as ever it did.

A WAGON road to the top of Pike's Peak, which has been in course of construction for some time past, was completed a few days ago, and tourists may now ride all the way to the top.

OF the 37,778,000 inhabitants of Japan 19,200,000 eat rice, 10,500,000 wheat, 4,910,000 other cereals, 1,880,000 sweet potatoes, 377,000 potatoes, and 755,000 greens, sea-weed, fruit, etc.

THERE are four matrons in Media, Pa., who are the mothers of eighty-four children. Mrs. William Wright boasts of fifteen, Mrs. Samuel Field of twenty-eight, Mrs. Joseph Chandler of twenty-five and Mrs. Barrett of sixteen.

A MASSACHUSETTS man offers to prove by statistics that seven-tenths of the marriage engagements that are broken are broken by women; that three widows remarry to one widower, and that two wives elope to one husband.

THE aged scientist Chevreul celebrated his one hundred and second birthday recently. A deputation of Paris students who called upon him that day were received by his son, who is a promising young man of seventy-nine years.

JOHN MCCUNE, the largest single oil producer in the world, landed at Castle Garden less than twenty-five years ago with scarcely a dollar in his pocket. He drifted into the oil country, became an oil-well driller, and his estate is now worth $1,000,000.

MR. GLADSTONE says he can hold out no hope that he will be able to take part in any political work after the settlement of the Irish question. His one aim in life is to secure home rule for Ireland. That done, he believes his public work will be ended.

IT pays in various ways to be renowned for superiority. The new steamer City of New York made $1,520 simply by standing in her dock. Such was the desire to see her that a price of admission was charged and a sum obtained which will be divided equally among three charities.

THE estate of the late Edward Richardson, of Jackson, Miss., comprising thirty-five cotton plantations, was recently divided by lot among his five heirs, each receiving seven plantations. Still a large amount of the property remains to be divided. He was the richest cotton planter in the world.

MRS. CAPTAIN TOM is the name of the richest Indian woman in Alaska. She is worth twenty thousand dollars, and lives royally at Sitka, surrounded by slaves. She supported two husbands until lately, having to give up one when she joined the Presbyterian mission. Mrs. Tom is ugly, fat and over forty, and is a shrewd trader.

A FEW years ago General Alger, at that time Governor of Michigan, gave to General Sheridan $10,000 in money upon condition that it should be invested in a life-insurance policy, and that that policy should be kept up for the benefit of his widow. The money was invested in a policy for $25,000, and inquiry since the death of the General at the office of the company showed that there had been no default in the payment. The intention of General Alger was, therefore, carried out, and the policy remains to the benefit of the widow.

RELIABLE information regarding the yield of wheat crops in all parts of the world is encouraging for the American producer. There is increasing evidence of the bad quality and light weight of the crops in Western Europe. A terrific storm ended all chance of a decent crop in England, and that country will import at least 170,000,000 bushels, while the shortage in France is estimated at 96,000,000 bushels. There is also a failure of the potato crop in England and Ireland, and the United States will be expected to export at least 80,000,000 bushels.

THE mathematical fiend has recently been at work upon the human heart. His calculation is based upon the presumption that the pulsations of the cardiac organs are sixty-nine each minute, and the assumption that the force of each pulsation is nine feet. Computed according to his figures the mileage of the blood through the body would be 207 yards per minute, seven miles per hour, 168 miles per day, 61,320 miles per year, or 4,292,400 in a life of 70 years. The number of beats of the heart in the same long life would reach the grand total of 2,538,848,000.

Epitome of the Week

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

FRIDAY, Aug. 31.—In the Senate the Fortifications bill was passed. A bill was introduced authorizing the President to take all necessary steps to prevent the spread from one State or Territory to another of cholera, yellow fever, small-pox or plague. A bill was reported favorably to give soldiers who served ninety days or more and were discharged on account of disease contracted in the line of duty the same bounty they would have received if discharged for wounds. Adjourned to the 3d. In the House nearly the entire session was spent in considering the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. At the evening session twenty-seven private pension bills were passed.

SATURDAY, Sept. 1.—The Senate was not in session. In the House the time was occupied in discussing the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill.

MONDAY, Sept. 3.—The bill for the admission of Washington Territory as a State was considered in the Senate. A message was received from the House with the bill for the absolute exclusion of Chinese immigration, and it was discussed and laid over. In the House Mr. Scott (Pa.) introduced a bill which excludes Chinamen of all grades from this country and revokes outstanding certificates, and it was passed without a dissenting vote. A bill was also introduced providing for the punishment of all persons connected with trusts by imprisonment from one to twenty-five years, or by a fine ranging from $1,000 to $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, Sep. 5.—In the Senate the time was occupied in discussing the House bill to prohibit Chinese immigration, but no action was taken. In the House the Retaliation bill was considered.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE Government sold and gave away 28,485,833 acres of land during the year ended June 30 last.

THE total number of applications received at the Patent Office in Washington during the last fiscal year was 40,177; the total number granted, 22,101, against 23,217 the previous year; total receipts, $1,192,944, a decrease of $27,102; total expenditures, $953,730, a decrease of $27,914. There were 7,227 cases on hand awaiting action.

THERE were 136 business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 31st ult. against 157 the previous seven days. The total of failures in the United States since January 1 to date is 6,721, against 6,412 in 1887.

THE exchanges at twenty-six leading clearing-houses in the United States during the week ended on the 1st aggregated $806,578,149, against $807,802,087, the previous week. As compared with the corresponding week of 1887 the decrease amounted to 16.4 per cent.

THE statement of the public debt issued on the 1st showed the total debt to be $1,723,008,805; cash in Treasury, $107,673,320; debt less cash in Treasury, $154,122,683. Decrease during August, $7,324,675. Decrease since June 30, 1888, $21,461,974.

AT the mints the total coinage of all denominations of gold, silver and nickel during the month of August was 4,759,257 pieces of the value of $5,850,418.

THE EAST.

IN New York Elias Kohn, aged sixty-two years, cut his wife's throat on the 31st ult. and then shot himself through the head. Domestic trouble was the cause.

WITHOUT any known cause John Fillhart, aged ninety-three years, hanged himself in his son's barn at Depauville, N. Y., on the 31st ult.

CHARLES L. DEBAUM, assistant cashier of the Park National Bank of New York, who stole $110,000, was arrested on the 31st ult. in Canada.

ON the 3d nine members of a gang of thieves and burglars who had been operating for months in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Utica, N. Y., were arrested by Rochester officials.

W. P. DILLINGHAM was elected Governor of Vermont on the 4th by a majority of about 28,000, indicating large Republican gains. Congressman Stewart and Grout were re-elected by increased majorities. The Senate would be solidly Republican, while the House showed an increased Republican membership.

THREE laborers were killed on the 4th at St. Johnsbury, Vt., by the caving in of a bank.

LUCIUS J. HENDEE, for twenty-two years president of the Ætna Life Insurance Company, died on the 4th at Hartford, Conn., aged seventy years.

HOWARD MILLS, aged seven years, of Olcott, N. Y., who is demented, choked to death his baby sister, aged thirteen months, on the 4th.

DEMOCRATS of Connecticut met in State convention at New Haven on the 4th and nominated a ticket with Luzon B. Morris for Governor. The platform approves the President's tariff message and the Mills bill.

THE New Hampshire Republicans held their State convention at Concord on the 4th and nominated David H. Goodell for Governor. The resolutions indorse the Chicago platform; ask that all patriotic citizens vote for protection and the tariff, and ratify the nominations of Harrison and Morton.

PROF. BARNARD, an astronomer at the Lick Observatory in Rochester, N. Y., discovered a new comet on the 4th.

WEST AND SOUTH.

A MOB lynched Archer Cook (colored) on the 31st ult. at Farmville, Va., for assaulting a white girl.

EARLY on the morning of the 2d the American House at West Superior, Wis., was burned and three guests lost their lives. The fire was started by a lamp explosion.

ADVICES of the 1st from Denver, Col., state that a fight had occurred between the Piute and Ute Indians, during which over one hundred were killed.

ON the 1st the wife of a Mr. Steinlee, at Delhi, O., drowned her two little children and herself. She had been demented for years.

FOR the week ended on the 1st the percentage of the base-ball clubs in the National League was as follows: New York, .643; Chicago, .558; Detroit, .535; Philadelphia, .525; Boston, .524; Pittsburgh, .471; Washington, .380; Indianapolis, .359. American Association: St. Louis, .681; Philadelphia, .624; Cincinnati, .622; Brooklyn, .604; Cleveland, .409; Baltimore, .398; Louisville, .380; Kansas City, .311. Western Association: Des Moines, .658; St. Paul, .640; Omaha, .581; Kansas City, .530; Milwaukee, .456; Sioux City, .413; Chicago, .400; Davenport, .314.

ON the 2d a fire started in a toy warehouse at Baltimore, Md., and an explosion of fire-works wrecked the building, the falling walls burying seven firemen, who were all killed. The fire destroyed every thing in the block, entailing a property loss of $1,500,000.

WILLIAM A. SWART, who conducted a private bank at Roseland, a Chicago suburb, disappeared on the 1st, taking with him nearly $50,000 belonging to depositors.

CONGRESSIONAL nominations were made on the 1st as follows: Eighteenth district, John Baker (Rep.) renominated; same district, James Wickline (Union Labor). Tennessee, Second district, S. G. Heiskell (Dem.). Wisconsin, Fourth district, Henry Smith (Labor) renominated. Indiana, Tenth district, W. H. H. Carter (Rep.).

A PARTY of vigilantes in the public land strip in Colorado surrounded a band of seventeen horse-thieves on the 1st, and in the fight which occurred all of the thieves were killed and the vigilantes had three men killed and nine wounded.

ON the 1st Samuel Bliss, a Chicago wholesale sirup dealer, failed for $150,000.

NEAR Delphi, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClintock were struck by a train on the 1st while crossing the track, and both were killed.

ON the 1st John Baker, a farm hand, threw a boy into a threshing machine near Guide Rock, Neb., and his enraged companions lynched him on the spot.

NEAR Booneville, Mo., a freight train jumped the track on the 1st, killing six laborers who had stepped aside to let the train pass.

THREE laboring men were struck by a train at Hammond, Ind., on the 3d, and all were killed.

A BOILER exploded on the 3d in the Perry stove works at South Pittsburg, Tenn., killing five men.

JUSTICE FIELD of the Supreme Court of California was reading the decision in the celebrated Sharon divorce case on the 3d at San Francisco when Sarah Althea Hill jumped up in court and accused him of having been corrupted. The marshal who attempted to take her was knocked across the court-room by her present husband, Judge Terry. Both were finally arrested, and the Judge sentenced Terry to six months' imprisonment and his wife to thirty days in jail.

NOMINATIONS were made on the 3d as follows for Congress: Henry Stockbridge, Jr., by Fourth Maryland district Republicans; A. B. Montgomery (renominated) by Fourth Kentucky district Democrats; Anthony Joseph by Montana Democrats, and Mark Smith by Arizona Democrats.

ON the 3d a circular was issued at Detroit to all G. A. R. posts of the country soliciting ten cents each from all veterans for the fund to be used to erect an equestrian statue in Washington to General John A. Logan.

FRIENDS of opposing candidates who were conducting the campaign in Monroe County, Ark., came together on the 3d at Clarendon, and a general riot ensued in which three men were killed.

ALONZO SMITH, Henry Tanner and John Tanner, all colored, were taken from the jail at Oxford, N. C., on the 3d, and hanged by a crowd of masked men for murder.

IN Cleveland, O., on the 3d a band of Anarchists displayed a red flag at a labor picnic, and refused to acknowledge the stars and stripes. The Anarchists were at once attacked and severely handled, and their flag torn to shreds

AT the State election in Arkansas on the 3d, Eagle (Dem.) was elected Governor by about 20,000 majority, and the Legislature would be Democratic in both branches.

On the 4th Samuel Scanlan, of Louisville, Ky., shot and killed his wife because she refused to live with him, and then killed himself.

THE Ohio centennial exposition, to commemorate the first one hundred years of the State's history, was opened on the 4th at Columbus.

THE failure of Charles C. Holton, a wholesale furniture dealer of Chicago, occurred on the 4th for $95,000.

CONGRESSIONAL nominations were made on the 4th as follows: Iowa, First district, J. J. Seerley (Dem.); Sixth, J. B. Weaver (Dem.) renominated. Michigan, Second district, C. M. Fellows (Pro.). Missouri, Seventh district, W. W. Edwards (Rep.). Virginia, Second district, G. F. Bowden (Rep.) renominated. Nebraska, First district, J. W. Edgerton (Union Labor); Second, R. H. Roher (Union Labor); Third, I. O. Jones (Union Labor).

KLAUSEN & LEVI, of San Diego, Cal., wholesale grocers, were burned out on the 4th. Loss, $245,000.

THE Union Labor party in State convention at Hastings, Neb., on the 4th nominated David Butler for Governor.

NEAR Durant, Miss., a train ran into a hand-car on the 4th killing three colored boys.

THREE men walking on the Chicago & Atlantic tracks near Hedgewisch, Ill., were run down by a fast passenger train on the 4th and killed.

ON the 4th the schooner Colonel Cook sprang a leak off Lorain, O., and Captain Henderson and his wife while attempting to enter a small boat were drowned.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

AT Amiens, France, six Socialists were arrested on the 31st ult. for inciting workmen to strike.

DISPATCHES of the 31st ult. say that China had refused to ratify the American treaty restricting immigration.

ADVICES of the 31st ult. from London say that a hurricane in Algoa bay wrecked numerous vessels and many persons were drowned.

BRITISH steamers collided on the 1st near Gibraltar and eleven seamen were drowned.

ADVICES of the 3d say that Sylvester Garcia Bango, a wealthy sugar planter and mayor of Matanzas, Cuba, had been kidnaped, and that his captors demanded a ransom of $20,000.

THE floods in Bohemia had reached alarming proportions on the 7th. At Budweis fifteen thousand persons were homeless. Six villages in the valley of Poprad were submerged, and crops and granaries had been swept away.

FLOODS in Japan have destroyed one hundred and eighty houses at Mayosagori and drowned forty-six people.

LATER.

TEXAS fever appeared among the cattle at St. Louis, Mo., on the 6th.

THE spinners in the Narragansett mills struck on the 6th because they were compelled to work over time to make up for lost time.

LESTER WALLACK, the noted actor and manager died at his home at Stamford, Conn., on the morning of the 6th, aged 69 years.

[SPARKS from a locomotive set fire to grain stacks near Mina, Dak., on the 6th. Several thousand dollars worth of grain and buildings were burned.

A SAW mill and salt block, owned by Samuel Foster, at East Saginaw, Mich., were burned on the 6th. Loss $20,000.

A COLLISION occurred on the Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs railroad between two freight trains near St. Joseph, Mo., on the 6th. The trains came together at a rapid rate, the train men jumped in time to save themselves. Every car was demolished. Loss $100,000.

CHARLES and George Aultman, aged sixteen and fourteen were met near Cameron, Mo., on the 5th by a tramp umbrella mender. The tramp assaulted Charles Aultman to rob him. The younger boy drew a revolver and fired six shots at the tramp, three of which took fatal effect, one of the other shots hit Charles Aultman and he died in a few hours.

ADVICES from Havana, Cuba, dated the 6th, say the cyclone that passed over the Gulf of Mexico on the 4th foundered the gunboat Lealtad, lying at Batabona, drowning the commander and nine of the crew. The village of Pueblo Nuevo was literally wiped out.

GENERAL SHERMAN was re-elected President of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee at Toledo, O., on the 6th.

THE business portion of Jennings, La., was destroyed by fire on the 6th.

A TELEGRAM from Hazelton, Pa., reports a serious fire in progress in the Lattimore mine and all attempts to drown the fire have proved futile.

A DISPATCH from Little Rock, Ark., dated the 6th says that ten of the ballot boxes have been stolen from the office of County Clerk. The safe was blown open to get them and were the work of experts.

BY the explosion of the boiler of a steam thresher near Seymour, Ind., on the 6th, William A. Bennette was instantly killed, two other men were terribly crushed and scalded. Five men were bruised and scalded. One man was hurled 100 feet but escaped injury.

ON the 6th, Mayor Hewett, of New York, issued a call for aid for yellow fever sufferers.

DUTY CALLED TO DEATH.

Seven Baltimore Firemen Meet Their Fate While Fighting a Furious Conflagration in Which the Loss Is Estimated at $1,000,000.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 3.—Fire broke out in the toy warehouse of E. A. Pryor & Co., 107 South Sharp street, about 4 o'clock Sunday morning, and before the firemen could get to work an explosion of fire-works wrecked the building and caused the flames to spread with alarming rapidity to the drug house of J. H. Winkelman & Co., on the north, and the hat house of M. S. Levy & Co. on the south. Scarcely had the firemen entered the building occupied by the drug firm when the inside of the building seemed to suddenly drop in, a terrific explosion followed, and the immense building collapsed. The entire fire department had by this time reached the scene, and, as the attention of the men was concentrated on the building under which their comrades were buried, the flames had a chance to spread, and spread they did with frightful rapidity. In an incredible short space of time the entire block, running from Lombard to Pratt streets, wag a seething mass of flame. At the drug house the firemen worked bravely. Holes were cut through the pavement and every effort was made to reach the imprisoned men, but they were buried under a great mass of brick and iron, and fierce flames were roaring around the spot. Awful groans came from the pile, which seemed to make the working firemen put forth superhuman efforts. After more than an hour's work it became evident that some of the men were still alive and that they were being roasted to death. John Kelley, of truck No 2, managed to crawl out from the rubbish, and of the men who entered the building he was the only one to escape with his life. He was cut and bruised, but his injuries are not serious.

The names of the men known to have been buried in the ruins are: George Bowers, Thomas Wagner, John A. Combs, Perry Ryan, Harry Walker, George Kerins, Hiram McAfee. It is certain that these men have lost their lives, and it may be that others were with them when the crash came.

The origin of the fire will probably never be known. No fire was used in the Pryor establishment, and it is supposed that spontaneous combustion was the cause. A system of electric lighting was introduced in the building recently, and it was only tried last night, and it might be that defective insulation started the flames and the combustible nature of the contents of the building served as food for the destroying elements. The fire was discovered by a drunken man who stopped to rest on the steps of a building opposite. There was considerable delay in getting the alarm, and when the engines arrived the building was in flames from cellar to roof. The fire-works in the upper floors at once began to explode, with the rapidly spreading flames, presented the grandest spectacle ever seen in this city.

The intense heat several times drove the firemen from the building where the bodies of their unfortunate comrades were lying under tons of brick and iron, but they persisted in the search, and shortly after noon the first body—that of Wagner—was brought to light. Near the spot was the body of Harry Walker standing erect, as if packed in. Near him was found what was left of George Bowers, but no other bodies were found until nearly 6 o'clock, when that of George Kerins was uncovered. The bodies were terribly disfigured, the flesh being burned off in many places.

In the hardware store of Tabb Bros. & Dimmock there were stored large quantities of cartridges, and as they exploded several men were slightly injured by the flying bullets.

The firms that are completely burned out are Wylis, Bruster & Co., wholesale shoe dealers; J. H. Winkelman & Co., drugs; Tabb Bros. & Dominick, hardware; Pryor & Co., toys; M. S. Levy & Sons, hats; H. S. King & Sons, hardware; Dobler, Mudge & Co., paper, and Hirshberger, Hollander & Co., paints and glass. The row of buildings was one of the finest in the city, none of the warehouses being less than five stories high. Nearly all of them had been recently erected. Among the buildings partly burned was the Maternite on Lombard street, and its inmates were removed only with great difficulty.

The loss and insurance on the properties that were totally destroyed, as far as can be ascertained, are as follows:

NAME	*Loss.*	*Insurance.*
E. B. Pryor & Co	$200,000	$160,000
J. H. Winkleman & Co	75,000	63,000
M. S. Levy & Sons	50,000	50,000
Dobler, Mudge & Co	70,000	59,000
Steppacher & Stern	20,000	20,000
Hirschberg, Hollander & Co	50,000	40,000

The total losses, on which the insurance can not be ascertained, were:

H. S. King & Sons, hardware, $40,000; Wylie, Brustar & Co., dry goods, $80,000; Coffin, Altemus & Co., dry goods, $20,000; Tabb Bros. & Dimmock, hardware, $45,000; W. F. & E. Damman.

These are the only total losses, and, as the row of small stores and dwellings on Pratt street, between Sharp and Hanover, on Lombard street between Sharp and Hanover, and on Hanover between Lombard and Pratt were more or less damaged, additional losses aggregating $75,000 are reported. The block of five-story warehouses Nos. 107, 109, 111, 113 and 115 Sharp street, were recently erected by John King, president of the Erie Railroad Company, at a cost of $180,000. The other buildings were owned by individuals whose names could not be ascertained. They are believed to represent a valuation of at least $200,000. They are said to be pretty well covered by insurance.

Well-posted parties estimate the entire loss at over $1,000,000.

BURNED IN THEIR BEDS.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 3.—Fire was discovered in the American House, on the corner of Third and Tower avenues, about 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Very soon the hook and ladder company and hose companies were at the scene, and four streams were turned on the fire. Before this could be done, however, the building was enveloped in flames, and the screams of frantic men and women escaping from the burning building, some in only their night-clothes, lent horror to the scene. The charred bodies of three men were found, one of which is supposed to be that of Paul Claire, a Canadian. The others have not been identified.

An Important Decision.

WATERLOO, Ia., Sept. 3.—Justice Shields has directed the return of the $1,100 worth of liquors seized from Pfeifer's drug store at Cedar Falls. The sheriff gave up the liquor, which was immediately shipped back to the parties from whom it was originally purchased. There was no question as to the proof of the sale of liquors by the druggists without conforming to the formalities of the law, and it is understood that the justice based his decision upon the ruling of the Supreme Court allowing transportation of liquors into Iowa, which, he holds, carries with it the right to sell. If this decision should be upheld it will tend to destroy the effect of all State prohibitory laws.

Took All the Cash.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—The little town of Roseland, a suburb of Chicago, whose population is chiefly composed of Hollanders, is in a state of excitement over the disappearance of the officers of the savings bank of the village. The president of the bank, William Swart, its teller, L. H. Johnston, and the business solicitor, Elijah Beckler, have left town, taking with them the entire assets of the bank, amounting to between $25,000 and $30,000. The vault when opened Saturday afternoon was found to contain $1.16. The depositors are mostly small tradesmen and farmers. Swart had been speculating.

FOOD FOR FUN.

"DID you tell the ladies I was not at home?" "Yes, ma'am." "And what did they say?" "They said, ma'am, as how it was terribly lucky."

"WAIT till my spurs grow out," sang ambitious young Shanghai, as he ducked his head into a tomato can to escape the persecutions of the "ruler of the roost."

MINISTER—"My dear brethren, in this warm, oppressive weather, I can excuse a little drowsiness during my sermon, but I do wish you would try to keep awake while the collection is being taken up."

HE was loath to go. "It isn't so awfully late yet, is it, Laura?" he asked, anxiously. "No, George," she replied, "it's early. Papa won't begin yelling at the hired girl to get up for more than an hour yet."

"DO you think I could mold public opinion?" asked an aspiring young politician of a veteran in the profession. "Perhaps you might," said the other; "some of the stories you introduced in your speech seemed a little moldy."

"I NEVER can be more than a sister to you," said a buxom widow, tenderly, to an old bachelor who had proposed. "Ah, madam, yes you can," he responded, gallantly, "I am not a man to lose hope." "Yes, but I can not," she persisted. "But," he said, "you have daughters; you may yet be my mother-in-law."

THE venerable wife of a celebrated physician, one day casting her eye out of the window, observed her husband in the funeral procession of one of his patients, at which she exclaimed: "I do wish my husband would keep away from such processions: it appears too much like a tailor carrying home his work."

A NERVOUS and somewhat excitable deacon, after talking for some time in a meeting at his church, finally said: "And not one tit or jottle of His word shall fail." Noticing the smiles on the faces of his audience and conscious of his blunder, he attempted to mend matters by saying: "No, I mean not one tottle or jit."

"MAMMA," said a city girl, just returning from a visit to a Maryland farm, "you are always talking about nice country milk and how much better and richer it is than the milk you get in the city, but I think you are mistaken." "I don't think I am," replied the mother. "Well, I know you are, for they used to water the cows twice a day while I was at Aunt Ann's." The poor mother went up-stairs and shed a few scalding tears

EDUCATIONAL IMPORT.

THE question of introducing culinary instruction into the public schools of Chicago is being agitated.

IN the college and schools in connection with the Free Church of Scotland Mission at Madras there are eighteen hundred students.

ALONZO STEELE, of Grinnell, Ia., has given $20,000 to endow the chair of mathematics and natural philosophy of Iowa College, the chair to be called in memory of his daughter, the "Myra Steele" chair.

REFORM is the watchword at Harvard. The police have seized all the liquors in one of the college clubs, and now comes the faculty and dismisses several students who were caught in their rooms playing poker.

THE average expense of the Cornell graduating class of 127 members through the course was $575 a year; highest, $2,500, and lowest, $250. The two extremes must have represented a great variety in living, and especially in amusement.

How to Overcome the Dangers of Exposure.

Francis O'Reilly, the well-known livery man of No. 18 Prince street, New York, says of ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS:

"For the last forty-two years I have been engaged in the livery and hacking business. I am greatly aided by my four boys. We are much exposed to the weather, and we have found ALLCOCK'S PLASTERS of very great service. We use them as chest protectors, placing one on the chest and one on the pit of the stomach. They not only ward off the cold, but act as a tonic.

We are frequently affected with rheumatism, kinks in the back, and pains in the side; but one or two of ALLCOCK'S PLASTERS quickly cure us. My wife and daughter have been using ALLCOCK'S PLASTERS for weak back and think the world of them. I have now been using them for twenty years, and always have a box in the house."

PASTE diamonds are so called because people get stuck on them so often.—*San Francisco Examiner.*

Special Harvest Excursions.

The Northern Pacific R. R. announces a series of special Harvest Excursions from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and Ashland to principal points in Minnesota, Dakota and Montana during September and October. Parties contemplating a trip for pleasure, business, or with a view of selecting a new home can avail themselves of rates lower than ever before announced to visit the wonderful country tributary to the Northern Pacific R. R.

Tickets will be on sale at St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and Ashland on September 11th and 26th, and October 9th and 23rd, limited to thirty days from date of sale, and good for stop-over on going passage. These rates to Montana points are about one cent per mile each way, and in some cases about half of the one way fare for the round trip.

Connecting lines east and south of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth will sell tickets in connection with these excursions at one fare for the round trip.

The dates named will be a very opportune time to visit the wheat fields of Minnesota and North Dakota; also to see the cattle ranges of Montana. Everybody should bear in mind that the Northern Pacific R. R. is the short and direct line to principal points in Montana, and the only line running either dining cars, Pullman sleeping cars, or colonist sleeping cars to Fargo, Grand Forks, Fergus Falls, Wahpeton, Jamestown, Helena, and principal points in Northern Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana.

For rates and other information apply to CHAS. S. FEE, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

ONE thing can be said in favor of Chinese drama—the actors never forget their queues.—*New Haven News.*

WHICH is the most powerful, the earth or the sea? The sea, of course, it has such heaps of muscles.

IT is said that the lawn order society is responsible for the "Keep off the Grass" edict.—*Boston Transcript.*

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A KILLING affair—to be struck with an idea.

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A PARTY "hemmed in" by the Indians is likely to be basted.—*Pittsburgh Chronicle.*

THERE are thousands of people who devour the continued stories in the magazines who invariably decline cereals for breakfast.—*Harper's Bazar.*

A YOUNG authoress being asked to define osculation, said it was one of those things that the more in the dark you were the more light you obtained on the subject.—*Illustrated Pacific States.*

IT is the man who pulls for the shore who wants the earth.

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